

Better Together...

...A Note from Randy Beck from Water's Edge Community Church

- 18 *“Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.*
- 19 *Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:18–19

From the first days of God's wonderful idea called Water's Edge, He has been the guide. He called us to a place to start a brand new thing with just a handful of others. Those early leaders overcame two big concerns that cripple – fear and hurt. We had fear of things unknown or out of our control, and we struggled with a concern if we'd endure hardship and hurt. I can confess we encountered both of those. For over 11 years, the families of Water's Edge have held an ambition to Love God more, Serve People in their community, and Share Christ as their hope in the risky adventure of life.

A new conversation began in September with a spiritual question, could our two churches accomplish more for the Kingdom together than apart? Might we reach our community better together? After months of prayer and consideration, both churches believe a spiritual answer has been given to that spiritual question.

We are excited to share this new vision God has affirmed within your church's leadership, and it is our belief that God is calling Water's Edge Community Church and Bethel Bible Fellowship into a merger of two great congregations into something BRAND NEW. This marriage of churches will provide a gospel catalyst where each church finds complementing strengths in areas of growth. We see an adventurous step of faith for God's Kingdom over one church's brand. Though neither church HAS to do this, we believe God's call is that both churches GET to do this – to sacrifice for a BRAND NEW thing.

In the weeks ahead, we invite you to pray and consider this fresh vision ahead as something NEW God is doing to reach a city, not simply to merge two churches. This vision ahead is a joyful, risky, long-range, beautifully God-dependent work that we are calling on you to join. We pray you might just catch a glimpse at the kind of church that has excited our hearts these last few months – A church passionate to **provide real equipping for the believer, offer healing to the hurting, and take a risk for the world.**



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