

**February 13, 2021**

**Hello,**

**I have been blessed to have known Jonathan Casas for over eight years so far. He is a wonderful Worship Pastor; but more than that, he is a reverent man of God. Once you meet him and his family, you will be very impressed. Very few men in our congregation measure up fully to the attributes that the Apostle Paul prescribed for church overseers, but Jonathan fully satisfies those high ideals. Jonathan truly loves the Lord, and he and his wife have instilled that love into their children also.**

**Jonathan never ceased to amaze me with his knowledge of music and his ability to hear the slightest imbalance in sounds produced by both voices and instruments. I was a member of his worship team, helping with the sound board while he and the artists were performing, not because I had any experience with that equipment but because Jonathan had trained me on how to use it. Jonathan is always gracious when teaching anyone wanting to serve as a musician, singer, or technician.**

**Our Senior Pastor retired some years ago, and during the long search for a replacement, Jonathan was a source of cohesion, holding the congregation together. He guided each of the many guest Pastors and Pastor candidates as they, with their own style of presentation and requests for worship music, needed to interface with our congregation. It was a lot of work and required great diplomacy, and Jonathan smoothly handled it all.**

**Jonathan is multi-talented. He used his technical expertise to provide our church with a website that contained sermon archives, worship musical videos, and other tabs to describe our fellowship. He also produced our monthly newsletter and assisted with the publication of weekly service bulletins.**

**In addition to all of the above, Jonathan himself is an excellent musician and singer. My wife and I continue to play and enjoy recordings of his singing offertories and special musical events.**

**Sincerely,**

**Larry Shields**

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