

Good morning, Fellowship Church!

I am Bob Grove, one of the Elders here. I want to share with you a few things about our Lead Pastor Transition.

Back in April, our Lead Pastor Rick Dunn and the Elders announced that we were beginning the process of calling the next lead pastor at Fellowship Middlebrook. If this is news to you, please go to the Fellowshipknox.org website – go to “About” and then “Lead Pastor Transition” for the announcement and updates.

My purpose this morning is threefold: to say “thank you”, to give an update, and to invite you to join us in the next season of prayer and discernment.

1. First, thank you! In April, we called you to continue the work of the Kingdom here and to engage with us in preparation and discernment through prayer and fasting. We are grateful for how you responded as you were led by God. We have seen the Kingdom work progressing here and all of us engaged in the process have felt the effect of your prayers joining with ours.
2. Second, by way of update, we have developed and are progressing through a process for gathering information, performing interviews, and discerning God’s leading.
 - We have confirmed what we believed from the start – that God already has placed our next lead pastor on our staff.
 - The candidates in whom God has stirred a response to the call are pastors who we know and love, and whose families we know and love. We are in the final stages of interviewing them and confirm that they are well qualified to lead.
 - Now we are entering a new phase of the process – for the Elders to consider the information and to pray for God’s leading. At a future time, we will present a candidate for a membership vote.
3. Finally, we call you to join us again in intentional, consistent prayer and fasting – in whatever way God leads you – for the rest of August and into September. **The focus of this is for God to give the Elders ears to hear His voice and wisdom to discern His choice for our next Lead Pastor.**

God is good all the time! We are His and He is watching over us at Fellowship now as in the past—for the praise of His glory.

Let’s pray.

Father, you are Almighty God and you have brought us to this place and time at Fellowship Church. We give you the praise and the glory for all that you have done in and through us. We cry out to you – give us ears to hear your voice and hearts to discern your choice. You love this Church more than we could ask or imagine and you will never let us down. Where there is anxiousness and uncertainty, let us breathe deep and know that you are God and you are good. In your everlasting arms, Fellowship Church is safe and secure. Father, we are yours and we ask that you use us for the praise of your glory, in Christ’s name. Amen.