

Senior Pastor Search Committee Prayer Guide

Week 1 – For The Committee

John 15:5, Ephesians 5:15-18 | Pray for each member of the Pastor Search Committee, by name, asking God to lead them by His Holy Spirit. (Jim Birdwell, Dale Sloan, Rick Luck, Ken Carter, Mac McLean, Nathan Null, Marthetta White, Brad Rogers, Jim Rock, Carolyn Hiatt, Sumner Spradling, Darin Humbard)

James 1:2-6 | Pray for the Committee to have Godly wisdom as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church.

Week 2 – For The Congregation

Hebrews 13:17-21 | Pray that the church as a whole would trust the Pastor Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Committee is being led by the Spirit as they conduct this search on the part of the Church.

Ephesians 4:1-6 | Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Pray we would be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity.

Week 3 – For Our Future Pastor

2 Timothy 4:1-5 | Pray that God would increase the prospective pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God.

Colossians 1:9-12 | Pray for our next pastor and his family. Pray that God would strengthen and guide them as they are led toward ministry at our church.

Week 4 – For The Committee

Philippians 2:3-11 | Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will place the needs of the church above their own individual desires.

Ephesians 5:17 | Pray for the Committee to find God's perfect will regarding the prospective pastor, in God's perfect timing.

Week 5 – For The Congregation

Isaiah 42:8-9 | Pray that we would not make decisions based on previous experiences with previous pastors. Pray that all would be receptive to God beginning a new work in the congregation.

Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15 | Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church that it would be protected from any spirit of luke-warmness or loss of our first love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor.

Week 6 – For Our Future Pastor

2 Timothy 3:16-17 | Pray that our new pastor would be grounded and rooted firmly in scripture and would use it in every aspect of his ministry at our church.

Psalms 133 | Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with church staff and other leaders that are already serving at our church.

Week 7 – For The Committee

Ephesians 4:2-3 | Pray for powerful unity and oneness of spirit within the Committee.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 | Pray for the Search Committee to have God's wisdom in all the questions they ask of the candidates and information they share with the prospective pastor.

Week 8 – For The Congregation

Philippians 2:3-11 | Pray that the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and seek in unity the shepherd God is calling to lead our church.

Hebrews 6:11-12 | Pray that we will patiently await God's timing. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader.

Week 9 – For Our Future Pastor

Romans 12:1-2 | Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of calling to our church. He must know God's direction.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 | Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church. Pray that those with whom he is currently ministering would trust God's plan for his servant in leading him to a new location of ministry.

Week 10 – For The Committee

Proverbs 14:12, Isaiah 55:8-9 | Pray for God's clear direction during the process of collecting and examining resumes along with conducting interviews. Ask God to bring the right person to the committee's attention.

Ephesians 6:10-18 | Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the Search Committee.

Week 11 – For The Congregation

Psalms 66:16-18, Psalm 139:23-24 | Pray for a powerful move of unity, renewal and revival within the congregation.

Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:7-10 | Pray that the search period will be a time for the church to seek more than just a new pastor, but God's will individually and for the church.

Week 12 – For Our Future Pastor

Romans 12:9-13 | Pray that God would prepare our next pastor to better shepherd our flock through any current trials and blessings he is experiencing.

Philippians 1:3-11 | Pray that God would give our next pastor a love for our church and the strength to leave his current position.