

Covenant Prayers for the Pastor Search Committee

- 1) Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each team member. (Psalms 66:18; John 15:5; Ephesians 5:18). Pray this for each member by name.
- 2) Pray for keen supernatural discernment, wisdom and strength for the team chairman. (Matthew 15:14)
- 3) Pray for powerful unity and oneness of spirit within the team. (Amos 3:3; Matthew 18:19)
- 4) Pray for God's clear direction in how resumes are collected, examined and interviews conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the team. (Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 55:8-9)
- 5) Pray for the search team to have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential! (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)
- 6) Pray for the team to have supernatural wisdom as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church.
- 7) Pray for the team to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time. (Ephesians 5:17)
- 8) Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. (He must *know* he has God's direction)
- 9) Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search team. (*One of Satan's wiles is*

deception). Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.

- 10) Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. Pray for the church to have a supernatural unity in his call to FBC. (1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:1). Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church.

Covenant Prayers for the Congregation

- 1) Pray that the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the Church. (Jeremiah 29:13; James 4:8)
- 2) Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. Father, please cause this to be a time of deep healing, cleansing and renewal in our church. (Psalms 66:18; 139:23-24)
- 3) Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church. Please grant great power to our interim pastor and to our staff. Protect us from any spirit of lukewarmness or losing our first love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor. (Revelation 2:1-4; 3:15)
- 4) Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. Help us surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love. (John 13:34; 17:21)
- 5) Pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy

in giving us a true man of God and a great leader. (Hebrews 6:12)

- 6) Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means changes. Help us to be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- 7) Pray for great unity in calling the new pastor. Lord, help us to receive him and his family with deep love and renewed commitment. Grant to us a powerful sense of revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future. Pray for grace, guidance and strength for the church from which our new pastor came. (John 17:21; 1 Corinthians 1:10)