



## **FAQ, Pt 2: Retirement and Pulpit Committee Process**

Since the last question and answer session, I've had a few follow ups that are important to address. Take a minute to read below and see if I might be able to answer one of your questions.

### **Question: When will the Pulpit Committee be selected?**

Answer: You will have the opportunity to make **up to 7** nominations on Sunday, October 31. They will be tallied by the Personnel Committee that day. The 21 candidates receiving the most nominations will be submitted to the ECC. The ECC will select the 7 committee members on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and announce them to the church on Sunday, November 7. The Pulpit Committee will immediately begin their work.

These dates changed slightly from the previous answer. We moved the ECC meeting from our typical Wednesday date (November 3<sup>rd</sup>) to Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. This gives more time for the final 7 nominees to be contacted, gives them time to pray about their decision to commit their time and energy to the Pulpit Committee, and to prepare the final announcement to the church on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to keep all of these important dates in mind, and we'll be sure to remind you as we get closer to them.

### **Question: What will be the Pulpit Committee member's expected time commitments?**

Answer: To begin, I would expect the Pulpit Committee to have standing meetings twice a month. There may also be times further on in the process where they may travel to hear a candidate preach.

### **Question: Who qualifies to be on the Pulpit Committee?**

Answer: Any member of the church, except those on church staff or an immediate family member church staff, is qualified to be on the Pulpit Committee.

**Question: How can I nominate people for the Pulpit Committee? Will I have to be in-person on October 31<sup>st</sup>, or can I also vote online?**

Answer: We will have nomination forms available both in-person and on-line. In-person ballots will be passed out during the Worship Services on October 31<sup>st</sup>, and available to turn into receptacles placed around the Sanctuary and Welcome Center that morning.

Online nominations will be open from 9:30am—12:30pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The form will be viewable here, once made live that morning: [Pulpit Committee Nominations](#). The link will be distributed in the eBeacon, and available in the MyFBCA app as well.

You will be required to provide your own name as the nominator on both the paper and on-line ballots to ensure members only vote one time. We wouldn't ordinarily do this, but because we need to do it for the online folks, we are doing it for the inhouse people too to be fair and consistent to everyone.

**Question: Who will run the day-to-day operations of the church between when Pastor Don leaves and a new Senior Pastor is selected?**

Answer: We have a wonderful and dedicated staff who are more than capable of running the daily operations of the church. I have asked Pastor Roger McGee to be responsible for planning our Sunday morning worship services, including who will fill the pulpit each week until and if an interim supply preacher is selected by the ECC.

I have asked Pastor Wayne Jenkins to be responsible for the daily ministries of the church. I have full confidence you will continue to be blessed by the hard work our staff undertakes each week to serve our church family.

**Question: Where are you and Audrey living right now?**

Answer: We are moving out of the house we have dearly loved this week. For the final two months of our ministry in Alexandria, we will be staying in a friend's condo while they are out of town. It is perfect for our needs. After Christmas we will be living in Daytona Beach, FL and Richmond, VA.

Keep those questions coming. If you are wondering about something, it's likely someone else is too. I want this process to be as transparent as possible.