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Over the next 40 days, we ask that you join the Pastor Search Committee in prayer as we seek God's will for our church and our next Senior Pastor.

We know that prayer is powerful, especially when we pray together as a church family. Throughout scripture, we are reminded of how God hears the prayers of His people. May this time of pastoral transition be one where we seek God earnestly and ask Him to lead, guide, and direct our steps as a church.

Please use this daily prayer guide to pray with us in the coming days. You may choose to pray alone, as a family, or with a study group. You may use this guide repeatedly until we find a pastor! However you choose to use this guide, please remember that God is faithful and has a plan to use Erwin's First Baptist Church to help bring His love, grace, and mercy to our community. We hope this time of transition will allow us to learn and grow in new ways as we seek to follow the call of the Holy Spirit.

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and persevere in supplication for all the saints.” - Ephesians 6:18

DAY 1

Proverbs 3:5-6

Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust in the mighty power of God while we are in a season of transition. Pray that our Pastor Search Committee – Logan, Mike, Becky, Clarissa, and Greg – will trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

DAY 2

Revelation 2:1-7

Pray for our church to remember that Christ is the cornerstone of our faith. Pray that the church will hear the Spirit clearly throughout our transition.

DAY 3

Ephesians 4:1-6

Pray for unity and peace while we search for a pastor. Pray for powerful unity among our Pastor Search Committee as they review and discuss pastoral candidates.

DAY 4

John 15:1-8

Pray for our church to abide in Christ and produce fruit that glorifies the Father during our period of transition. Pray for our Pastor-in-the-Interim Buddy Corbin.

DAY 5

John 15:9-15

Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another. Pray that our deacon body can continue to show care to our church family during our transition.

DAY 6

John 15:16-17

Pray for a season of fruitful ministry for Dr. Corbin and our church. Pray that this will be a season of preparation. Pray that the Pastor Search Committee will be prepared for the days ahead.

DAY 7

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee and the church to find our hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly. Pray that we will realize that He is in control of our church's future.

DAY 8

Psalms 139:23-24

Pray for our Pastor Search Committee to have pure hearts as they work through the process of discerning our next pastor.

DAY 9

Ephesians 6:10-11

Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is a spiritual process, unlike a secular job search. Pray for God's protection on the Pastor Search Committee and our church.

DAY 10

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Pray that our next pastor and family be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ.

DAY 11

James 1:5-8

Pray for God's clear direction in how resumes are examined and interviews are conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the committee.

DAY 12

Colossians 1:9-12

Pray that God will give our next pastor and family a love for our church and the strength to leave their current position. Give them peace in knowing God's will.

DAY 13

Acts 2:41-47

Pray for the church to be healthy. Pray that our staff (Buddy, Preston, Leslie, Guillermo, and Sherry) will be uplifted during this time.

DAY 14

Revelation 3:1-6

Pray for our church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for the church to be equipped as we carry out our mission to be In Christ for Community and In Community for Christ.

DAY 15

John 13:34-35

Pray for our Pastor Search Committee to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Pray that the Christ-like love we share be seen by the community and the world.

DAY 16

Ephesians 3:20-21

Pray that the power of Christ would be known in and through the church. Pray that all glory will be given to God throughout the entire search process.

DAY 17

Psalms 51:10-12

Pray for Logan, Mike, Becky, Clarissa, and Greg to stay close to the Lord throughout the search.

DAY 18

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Pray that our future pastor will faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray that the church will have a hunger to be taught by Dr. Corbin and our future pastor.

DAY 19

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee to have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

DAY 20

Joshua 1:9

Pray for each member of our Pastor Search Committee to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence, guidance, and peace as they work through the needed steps of a pastor search.

DAY 21

Proverbs 2:2-6

Pray that our Pastor Search Committee would be attentive to the Lord's wisdom and that God would give them the wisdom they need to discern who our next pastor may be.

DAY 22

James 4:1-12

Pray for our Pastor Search Committee to submit to God's will. Pray that our future pastor will follow the will of God - even when it may not be easy to do so.

DAY 23

John 17:20-23

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee to be unified in their decision-making. Pray for a total sense of love and unity among all members of our church.

DAY 24

2 Timothy 2:15

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they listen to the sermons of potential pastoral candidates. Pray that their eyes might see, their ears might hear, and their hearts might open.

DAY 25

Jeremiah 33:3

Pray that deep and fervent prayer permeates our church as we seek God's will for a pastor as well as a future vision for our church. Pray that we might be empowered to lead our church forward.

DAY 26

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Pray that our future pastor will exhibit Christlike character in all aspects of life. Pray that our future pastor's family will be ready and able to transition to our community when the time comes.

DAY 27

Colossians 3:12-17

Pray for our church to grow in love toward one another. Pray that we will embrace Dr. Corbin in love while he is with us.

DAY 28

Ephesians 1:15-23

Pray for our future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. Pray for our church to look to Christ in all things.

DAY 29

Revelation 3:14-22

Pray for the church to fight against apathy. Pray for zeal for Jesus and His kingdom work that we are called to do.

DAY 30

Hebrews 10:19-25

Pray for the church to be committed to worship that glorifies God. Pray for Preston & Sherry, who faithfully lead our worship each week.

DAY 31

1 Peter 5:1-4

Pray that our future pastor will shepherd our church in a Christ-exalting manner.

DAY 32

1 Peter 5:5-7

Pray for mutual respect and humility between our church and our future pastor.

DAY 33

1 Peter 5:8-9

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee to remain humble before God. Pray that they will not become anxious, trusting in God's leadership.

DAY 34

Ephesians 5:15-16

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee to have no timetable except God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time.

DAY 35

Isaiah 55:6-9

Pray that, in times of discouragement, the Pastor Search Committee and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is working to bring our church and our next pastor together. Let us be mindful that we sometimes can't see the ways that God works and allow us to trust Him in all things.

DAY 36

Colossians 1:24-29

Pray that when the time comes to extend the call to our next pastor God will make it unmistakably clear to the pastor and the church. Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

DAY 37

2 Timothy 2:24-26

Pray for our search team to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the qualities of a servant of the Lord. Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in our next pastor.

DAY 38

Galatians 6:9

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee not to grow weary in their work. Pray that both the committee and the church will see God's hand at work bringing us together with a pastor.

DAY 39

Philippians 2:1-11

Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the Pastor Search Committee and the church during the search.

DAY 40

Matthew 28:18-20

Pray for our church to embrace the Great Commission. Pray for our future pastor to lead us in this effort to make disciples of all people.

Ministry Leaders

Dr. Buddy Corbin	Pastor-in-the-Interim
Sherry Hendrix	Accompanying Artist
Preston Holley	Minister of Music
Dr. Guillermo Mendoza	Minister to Students
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