

Pastoral Search Team Report

Summer 2017

The Pastoral Team spent June and July developing our process, including what we are looking for in our next senior pastor and how we would evaluate potential candidates.

We identified four “must haves” we desire in our next senior pastor:

- Must be a gifted expository preacher/teacher
- Must live a pattern of life that is a Christian example that glorifies Jesus for our church
- Must have a heart for missions
- Must be the leader for our senior staff and for the spiritual growth of our church body

We reviewed several books together including *When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search*, *Next, Side-Stepping Landmines*, and the *Elephant in the Boardroom*.

We have continued to receive nominations from inside and outside CSPC. We reviewed preliminary information of the candidates, researched them and listened to sermons.

In July, we invited members of the CSPC senior staff to come speak with us so we could better understand their needs and thoughts regarding a new senior pastor.

As we continue this work, if you have any questions please contact us at pastoralsearch@cspc.net.

Continued prayer requests

For the Pastoral Search Team

- Pray that we will have the mind of Christ and agree
- Pray for wisdom to choose the right person
- Pray for discipline in our team and our church leadership

For the next pastor

- Pray that God will increase his passion for preaching the Word of God
- Pray that God will give him a love for CSPC and strength to leave his current position
- Pray that he would begin relationships at CSPC in the right way
- Pray that God would prepare our future pastor to shepherd the flock effectively
- Pray for the next pastor’s family

For members of CSPC

- Pray for patience
- Pray that all would place a high priority on biblical preaching
- Pray that we are objective and eager to learn and hear the Word
- Pray that God would give us a deeper love for and dependence upon him as we move through a season of transition

Praying the Psalms

We continue to pray the Psalms together daily. Please join us as we pray this new set of psalms:

Sunday - Psalm 67:1-7 - Make your face shine upon us, O Lord

Monday - Psalm 63:1-8 - Our souls thirst for you, O Lord

Tuesday - Psalm 32:1-11 - You are our hiding place, O Lord

Wednesday - Psalm 16:1-11 - Preserve us, O Lord

Thursday - Psalm 27:1-14 - The Lord is our light and our salvation

Friday - Psalm 62:1-12 - For God alone our souls wait

Saturday - Psalm 40:1-8 - God is our help and deliverer