

## **Lead Pastor Search Update October 2020**

Phase One of our pastoral search, the quiet phase of networking with trusted sources, is progressing. We have been in contact with thirteen potential referral sources from California, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas. We have had a few referrals, but none of them have yet turned into viable candidates. We are trusting in the Lord's provision and timing.

We have also been in contact with several quality seminary alumni offices to solicit potential experienced candidates. It is early in this process, but we anticipate we should begin to receive information related to potential candidates in the coming days and weeks. We covet your continued prayers and patience as we walk through our search for the man God has for us as our Lead Pastor.

### **Transition Prayer List**

*We appreciate your prayers and patience.*

#### **For the Search Process**

1. Pray for patience. Pray that as we search, we would wait on God's timing.
2. Pray we will have the mind of Christ and be unified. Philippians 2:1-5
3. Pray for wisdom to know God's will and choose the right man. Romans 12:1-2
4. Pray for discipline and perseverance for your elders and other church leaders (timely follow through, efficient meetings/discussions, and unity).

#### **For the Body of Believers at The Chapel**

1. Pray that each of us will embrace this challenge trusting our sovereign and good God for the outcome.
2. Pray for patience. The process could take longer than expected.
3. Pray our church family would openly share their insight with The Chapel leadership.
4. Pray our church body would trust the leadership and uphold them in prayer during the entire process.
5. Pray our church family would continue to place a high priority on biblical preaching.
6. Pray our church body would not make comparisons to previous pastors.

#### **For Our Next Pastor**

1. Pray God would increase his passion for preaching the Word of God.
2. Pray God would give him a love of The Chapel and clear direction to leave his current position.
3. Pray God would prepare our future pastor to shepherd the flock effectively.
4. Pray for unity for our next pastor and his wife as they consider leaving their current setting and wisdom in shepherding their family through the transition.

#### **For Eric, Jodie, Caden, and Aubrey Coher**

1. Pray the Lord will continue to lead Eric as he transitions to a new position in the secular workplace.
2. Pray Eric and Jodie will be unified as they prayerfully and joyfully face challenges during their transition.
3. Pray the Lord will give Eric, Jodie, Caden, and Aubrey peace, comfort, and confidence as they transition to a new position, city, church, and schools.
4. Pray God will continue to mightily use the Cohers for His purposes in their new context.

#### **Chapel Elders:**

Dave Anderson, Ben Beswick, Larry Garrett, Scott Horrell, and David Whitaker