

## SEARCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT – MAY

Brothers and sisters, greetings again from the Search Committee. Thanks for your continued prayers – a helpful reminder of God’s faithfulness to us by your sweet moments seeking His guidance and wisdom on our behalf.

We are meeting about every other week. Currently, we are in the final stages of the Church Information Form that is used to announce through our denomination that we are seeking a pastor. We plan to have it completed and available before General Assembly, which is the last week of June and to have a presence there to potentially discuss us with candidates.

Our email address of [pastorsearch@gepc.org](mailto:pastorsearch@gepc.org) is operational, so you may contact all of us there.

This week, information about the committee and the process should be posted on the committee page, which is under the “About” tab at [www.gepc.org](http://www.gepc.org). The [pastorsearch@gepc.org](mailto:pastorsearch@gepc.org) email address is also there as a reminder.

As you may tell from the bulletin insert, we settled upon this passage from I Corinthians 3 to help guide us in our work.

“I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God Who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

We desire to avoid the factions that developed in the Corinthian church regarding successive leaders, as they looked to humans and their talents and gifts, forgetting any success in ministry comes solely from God. The church's growth and health come from God.

The master builder was an exceptionally gifted builder or architect coordinating a construction team on a specific project, yet it must be on the correct foundation to withstand. As John Calvin notes, we "must not venture to lay another foundation, and [we] must not raise a superstructure that will not be answerable to the foundation."

What can you do?

Please continue in your prayers that God grants us His wisdom, discernment, good judgment, and continued kindness.

Continue in prayer for our next pastor that God has for us – to prepare him and his family, as well as to prepare us, to receive and welcome him and his family.

Additionally, be thinking about our new pastor, this period of transition, and what you would like to see, as we will be soliciting your specific input later this summer.

Then, consider God's wisdom and His good plan for us as we meditate on His Word to help us live in a way that brings Him glory.