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From the Pastor' Search Team

10 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor Search Team

by Jeff Mingee December 6, 2022

God is shepherding his people even in seasons of pastoral transition. Unexpected resignations or changes in leadership do not threaten His good purposes or plans. His promises pertaining to prayer remain in uncertain seasons. He continues to work through the prayers of his people.



In fact, God may use a season of pastoral transition to deepen trust in Him. He has worked in churches looking for their next pastor and through Pastor Search Teams. Here are ten ways you can pray for your church's Pastor Search Team.

1. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Begin in prayer by recognizing who God is. Acknowledge that He is God and you are not. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Praise Him for His attributes.

2. Give glory, honor, and praise to God for his work in salvation.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. (Psalm 13:5)

Thank God for your own salvation and the salvation of other search team members. Ask God for more conversions even during the season of pastoral transition

3. Praise God for the various gifts he has given to this local church.

Now there are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit... (1 Cor. 12:4)

Thank God for the various gifts in the church and on this team. Ask God to empower those gifts for fruitful ministry and this process.

4. Plead with God to give unity to the Pastor Search Team

...eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace... (Eph 4:3)

Ask God for a spirit of eagerness to maintain the unity of the Spirit. Recognize the various ways that the devil might foster disunity amidst the team. Present yourselves to God and commit to pursuing and maintaining this unity.

5. Ask God to grant wisdom to the Pastor Search Team

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)

Recognize that wisdom comes from God. Confess your need for wisdom and the search team's need for wisdom in this process. Plead with God to give wisdom.

6. Pray that God would bless and direct the candidates during this process

If anyone aspires to the office of overseer he desires a noble task... (1 Tim 3:1)

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Pray that this process would be a blessing to the candidates. Pray for God to bless their families and current churches. Ask God for his direction in their lives just as he spoke to Samuel that he would speak to them.

7. Ask God for his leadership in identifying the top candidates

The LORD said to Samuel [...] "I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided myself a king among his sons." When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely, the Lord's anointed is before him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD look on the heart." (1 Sam 16:1-7)

Ask God to give the team insight in identifying his candidate for this church. Ask God to help the team look past what they want and to see what God wants.

8. Intercede for the Pastor Search Team knowing that they will face spiritual warfare

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Thank God for his victory over the devil. Ask for God's protection for the Pastor Search Team knowing that this season will bring spiritual warfare. Plead with God to give the team all that is needed in this warfare.

9. Ask God to give the church a spirit of support towards the Pastor Search Team

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Ask God for a spirit of support among the team. Ask God to prevent any spirit of unhealthy suspicion or malice. Pray that God would use the church to practically encourage the Pastor Search Team through the process.

10. Praise God that the future of the church is in his hands

I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)

Praise God for the finished work of Christ which established the church. Praise God for the ongoing work of Christ through the church.

Note: This prayer guide was originally developed for the SBC of Virginia state convention of churches. Jeff Mingee

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TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR

OCTOBER

Is September 15

Send your info / articles / submissions to margo@fpccarsoncity.org

Congregational Giving—General Budget

Contact the church office for information

THANK YOU, ALL!!

Family Ministries

Looking back

Ice Cream Social

Congratulations, Bob,

Jenny and Don!



Randall, Bill and Mary hard at work. It was a difficult, but tasty job!

Jan was happy with her ice cream choices.



Grillers Dale and Joe are overseen by firefighter Mike. Smart move!



Looking forward

Autumn Alliteration Adventure

Saturday, October 21 at 5pm

Casserole Cook-off

Film Festival

Song Soiree

Have your casseroles to the kitchen

By 4:30 for judging

Come to enjoy good food,

fun films, and joyful praise songs!

The band was terrific as always. It was great to welcome them back.



More Upcoming Events

October 28 - Aunt Betty's Studio float in the Nevada Day Parade

November 26-December 24 - Video Advent Devotional: We need YOU to be a part of this!

December 21 - Christmas Caroling



Let's Get to Singing and Remember Our Lord!



The Chancel Choir has begun to practice after taking some time off for the summer. We are always looking for more singers and welcome those who want to join and be a part of our adult choir family. We meet and rehearse every Thursday at 7pm in the church Sanctuary. Choir is such a wonderful way to sing and give praise to our Lord and Savior, while sharing the word of God. We have an exciting year already planned and look forward to sharing it with the congregation, and would like you to be a part of this experience.

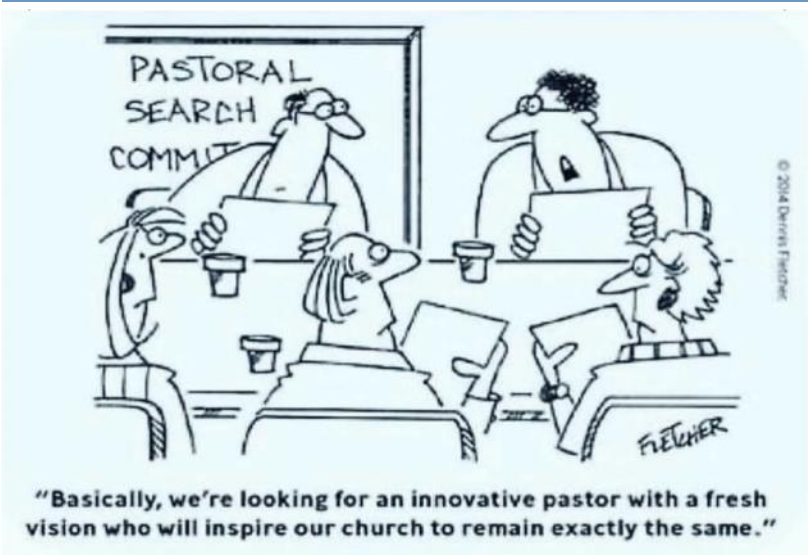
Music selection can be a fun time to come up with a theme to follow for the year and season. This coming fall is no different; I've already been planning the Cantatas that will be performed this year for Maundy Thursday and Christmas. Practice for those Cantatas begins now, along with working on the individual anthems to be sung each month.

One anthem that the choir has started is called "Abide with Me," arranged by Jantz A. Black. This piece talks about how fast the eventide falls, the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. How we need the Lord's presence every passing hour, what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me. Holding Thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. The message from this song and music are powerful and beautiful at the same time! This definitely speaks to what we have all experienced within our spiritual lives with God and live by every day. We look forward to sharing this anthem with the congregation in September.

As we gather in our beautiful Sanctuary on Sunday, let us remember our Lord and Savior. In the fellowship we share, we need to remember why this is possible. In the stillness of the Sanctuary space, we are safe in Love's embrace. Let us turn our hearts to grace and remember the sacrifice that our Lord and savior has endured to save us all.

Blessings,

Stewart



The Search for a New Pastor has Begun!

The Pastor Search Team members are: Mary Berge, David Berger, Jacque Dyer, Wil Euler, Dale Hatchell, Barbara MacSween, and Rob Scanland.

The team held it's first meeting in July. At that meeting Mary and Barbara were assigned to update the pastor Job Description; David and Rob are working together on the Church Information Form (CIF).

Once reviewed and finalized, the Job Description and CIF will be posted on both the FPC and ECO websites. Our goal is to post by September 1.

And then we wait...

Here is where all of you come in: **Pray! Pray! Pray!** We will continue to inform you of our progress. We welcome your questions. If you would like to leave a note with a question or information relevant to the pastor search, feel free to leave it in the Pastor Search Team mail slot in the short hallway by the Library. Look for the orange label on the right hand column of boxes.

NIGHT OFF THE STREETS INVITES YOU TO OUR

SUMMER PARTY!

WHEN:
SATURDAY SEPT. 9TH
2:00P-5:00P

WHERE:
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
314 N. DIVISION ST.

FREE ENTRY!
FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR N.O.T.S.

RAFFLE PRIZES, MUSIC, GAMES AND MORE!

EVERY DOLLAR RAISED DIRECTLY SUPPORTS N.O.T.S. AND OUR MISSION TO HELP THE HOMELESS



NOTS is hosting a summer fundraiser!

Saturday, September 9

Bring your friends and family to St. Peter's Episcopal Church for food, drinks, games, and more! Every penny helps us get closer to our goal of opening a year-round center for our unhoused neighbors. See the flyer (on the left) for more details.

Please feel free to share with everyone and anyone, we need each and every one of you to achieve our goals!

Ladies' Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

Our first meeting this fall will be **September 14 at 1:30 PM** in the Library. We are studying the 23rd Psalm, seeing how God's care for us is like that of a shepherd caring for his flock. We are on lesson 3, "The God Who Guides Us" but you are welcome to join us now! We meet the second Thursday of each month. All are welcome. For more information call Lynne Weaver



Mark your calendar for the next Fellowship Dinners on October 6 & 7
Signups will begin September 17th
See Sandy Ehresman or Diane Young for more information!

You are invited to
The Life Choices Annual Gala

September 15th, 2023
Registration opens at 6 PM

*The Atlantis Casino, Paradise Ballroom
Reno, NV*

Register below by 9.5.23
Or call 775-885-1700

FriendsOfLifeChoices.org

LifeEvents

Our semi-formal **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER GALA** will be on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the Paradise Ballroom of the Atlantis Casino in Reno, NV.

We are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker for this celebration will be **Kirk Cameron!**

Tickets are now on sale at FriendsofLifeChoices.org.



Or scan the QR Code to Register Now!



See or call Charlene Rodman for more information and car pooling plans



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 08-24-2023

Names removed for privacy † Fire and Law Enforcement, First Responders, Front-line Caregivers; our Local, State, and National leaders

Do you have Arts & Crafts items that you make and want to sell? Contact Grace Speicher if you would like to fill out an application to have a booth at the October Arts & Crafts Fair. There is still room available!



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Thelma Roberts



Pann Baltz



Betty Boardman thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits during her time in the ICU. "Because of you all, my family, and God's grace, I am home and getting stronger every day."

Active-Duty Military: Names removed for privacy



Do you have an active-duty military family member or friend you would like to put into our prayer list as well as having their picture posted in the hallway? Contact the office at 775-882-1032.

SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<p>1</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Lib</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Gathering – room by Nursery</p> <p>9:45 am: Grades 1-3 Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am: Communion Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 am: SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Bible Study – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p>9:00 am: Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex</p> <p>5:00 pm: CIRCLES Mtg – FLC & Library</p> <p>7:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am: Wilson Men's Fellowship – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p>7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>	<p>8</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Library</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8:30 am: Adult Sunday School – Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Gathering – room by Nursery</p> <p>9:45 am: Grades 1-3 Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am: Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am: Deacons Meeting – Library</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am: Women's Bible Study – Library</p> <p><i>Bulb Planting Day</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 am: SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies</p> <p>5:30 & 7:00 pm: Cmte Mtgs – all rooms</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Bible Study – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p>9:00 am: Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex</p> <p>5:00 pm: CIRCLES Mtg – FLC & Library</p> <p>7:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 am: Wilson Men's Fellowship – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p>1:30 pm: Women's Monthly Bible Study – Library</p> <p>7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>	<p>15</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Library</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:30 am: Adult Sunday School – Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Gathering – room by Nursery</p> <p>9:45 am: Grades 1-3 Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am: Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 am: Women's Bible Study – Library</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 am: SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Bible Study – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p>9:00 am: Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex</p> <p>5:00 pm: CIRCLES Mtg – FLC & Library</p> <p>7:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am: Wilson Men's Fellowship – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p><i>Mini Golf Day</i></p> <p>7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p>	<p>22</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Library</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Welcome Fall!</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:30 am: Adult Sunday School – Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Gathering – room by Nursery</p> <p>9:45 am: Grades 1-3 Sunday School</p> <p>10:00 am: Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 am: Women's Bible Study – Library</p> <p><i>National Comic Book Day</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 am: SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies</p> <p>5:30 pm: Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Bible Study – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p>9:00 am: Grace Notes Rehearsal – Narthex</p> <p>5:00 pm: CIRCLES Mtg – FLC & Library</p> <p>7:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 am: Wilson Men's Fellowship – Eagle Valley Golf Course</p> <p>7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal - Library</p>	<p>29</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Library</p>	<p>30</p>

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