

Prayer Guide for Pastor Search



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Dear First Baptist Church Titusville Family,

Thank you for taking the time to pick up this prayer guide. As your Pastor Search Committee, we believe this is a time of great importance in our church's history. We have been given the opportunity to seek God's face and ask for His wisdom in determining whom He has called to be the next pastor of First Baptist Church Titusville.

We thank you for trusting our leadership. This is a task that we do not take lightly. We know we are in need of supernatural discernment as we journey through this process and are asking you to join us as we pray through this season of preparing for our next pastor and his family. James 5:16 states, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." With this in mind, we need to be right with God and come to Him with a clean conscience so that our prayers are not hindered.

We are seeking God's will for First Baptist Church Titusville. We covet your prayers during this season of transition and change. For that reason, we ask that you utilize this prayer guide to cover the Pastor Search Committee, the congregation, and the future pastor of our church. We want to build unity and have a clear knowledge of God's will for our future pastor.

Listed below are the names of the Pastor Search Committee. We ask that you please pray diligently for each member. It is our hope that you will involve your children in this prayer process. If our children can understand the power of prayer in their lives now, it will have a profound effect on their lives as adults. Thank you for praying as we seek wisdom and discernment of God's will.

Pastor Search Committee,

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First Baptist Church Titusville Pastor Search 40 Day Prayer Guide

“What an extraordinary privilege united prayer is! What a potential power it has! Who can say what blessing might be gained, if in every church united, effective prayer were regarded as one of the chief purposes for which they are banded together; if in the universal Church the coming of the Kingdom and of the King Himself were really a matter of unceasing, united crying to God!” Andrew Murray

**For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
Matthew 18:20**

Day 1 - Proverbs 3:5-6 - Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor. Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership. Pray for the pastor God has chosen for us that he will also seek and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Day 2 - Revelation 2:1-7 - Pray for the church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ. Pray for the church and search committee to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process. Pray for our coming pastor, that he desires above all to glorify Jesus Christ in his life.

Day 3 - Ephesians 4:1-6 - Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates. Pray for our coming pastor that he and his family will have unity of heart with God's leading.

Day 4 - John 15:1-8 - Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period. Pray for members of the search committee to remain close to Christ. Pray for the coming pastor and his family that they will each draw even closer to Christ as God prepares them for this calling.

Day 5 - John 15:9-15 - Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ. Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

Day 6 - John 15:16-17 - Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for her next pastor. Pray for the search committee to be blessed with answered prayers. Pray also, that the coming pastor and his family will be blessed as they seek to obey God's calling.

Day 7 - Jeremiah 29:11-13 - Pray for the search committee, the church body, our staff, and the coming pastor to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the church's future.

Day 8 - Psalm 139:23-24 - Pray for members of the search committee to have humble hearts before God that are pure and Christ-like as they work through the pastor search process. Ask God to reveal your heart to you. Ask Him to show you those areas He wishes to work in your life to make you more like Christ. Pray for your future pastor, that his heart remains humble and pure before God.

Day 9 - Ephesians 6:10-11 - Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present. Pray for God's protection on the search committee, the church, and our future pastor and his family.

Day 10 - 2 Timothy 2:1-2 - Pray for your future pastor and his family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that your future pastor will be a faithful disciple-maker.

Day 11 - James 1:5-8 - Pray for the search committee to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates. Pray for church leaders to seek God's wisdom in the interim period.

Day 12 - Colossians 1:9-12 - Pray for your future pastor and his family to be certain that it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry. Pray the Father will be glorified in the pastor search process.

Day 13 - Acts 2:41-42 - Pray for the church to reflect the six elements of a healthy church both in the interim period and when the new pastor is called to serve. (worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and prayer)

Day 14 - Revelation 3:1-6 - Pray for the church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for the church to be strengthened to carry out the vision of the Great Commission. Prayerfully read this passage and let God speak to your heart. Matthew 28:16-20.

Day 15 - John 13:34-35 - Pray for the search committee and the church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen in our community and in our nation.

Day 16 - Ephesians 3:20-21 - Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the pastor search process.

Day 17 - Psalm 51:10-12 - Pray for each member of the search committee to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him. Pray for your next pastor to keep a clean heart before the Lord.

Day 18 - 2 Timothy 4:1-5 - Pray for your future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray the Lord gives the church a hunger for the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that are preached by the new pastor.

Day 19 - Hebrews 13:17 - Pray for your future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to willingly and joyfully place themselves under his servant leadership.

Day 20 - Joshua 1:9 - Pray for each member of the search committee to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastor search process.

Day 21 - Proverbs 2:2-6 - Pray for your future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision-making. Pray for the search committee to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom.

Day 22 - James 4:1-12 - Pray for church members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come. Pray for the search committee to continually submit to God's will.

Day 23 - John 17:20-23 - Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified. Pray for the search committee to be unified in their decision-making.

Day 24 - 2 Timothy 2:15 - Pray for a pastor who is able to rightly divide the Word of God. Pray for the search committee as they listen and watch the sermons of potential pastoral candidates.

Day 25 - Jeremiah 33:3 - Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as you seek God's will for a pastor, but also as you seek God's direction for the church.

Day 26 - 1 Timothy 3:1-7 - Pray for your next pastor to be a man who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately. Pray for your future pastor's family as they transition to new work.

Day 27 - Colossians 3:12-17 - Pray for your church to grow in love toward one another. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

Day 28 - Ephesians 1:15-23 - Pray for your future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. Pray for the church to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

Day 29 - Revelation 3:14-22 - Pray for the church to fight against lukewarm spirituality. Pray church members to repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom's work.

Day 30 - Hebrews 10:19-25 - Pray for the church to be committed to Biblical worship. Pray for the search committee to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding your future pastor.

Day 31 - 1 Peter 5:1-4 - Pray that your future pastor shepherds the church in a Biblical and Christ-exalting manner. Pray for your future pastor's walk with Christ.

Day 32 - 1 Peter 5:5-7 - Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and your future pastor. Pray for the church to follow the leadership of your future pastor.

Day 33 - 1 Peter 5:8-9 - Pray for the search committee to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership. Pray that the church will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Day 34 - Ephesians 5:15-16 - Pray for the search committee to make wise use of their time during their meetings. Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to your future pastor.

Day 35 - Isaiah 55:6-9 - Pray that in times of discouragement, the search committee and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing the church and future pastor together.

Day 36 - Colossians 1:24-29 - Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to your next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the future pastor and church. Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

Day 37 - 2 Timothy 2:24-26 - Pray for the search committee to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the Biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord. Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in their future pastor.

Day 38 - Galatians 6:9 - Pray for the search committee to not grow weary in their work. Pray that the search committee and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing you and your future pastor together.

Day 39 - Philippians 2:1-11 - Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search committee and the church during the pastor search process.

Day 40 - Matthew 28:18-20 - Pray for your church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples. Pray that your future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.

*** Please continue to pray after the 40-day devotion is finished by starting again at the beginning of the prayer guide with Day 1. We covet your prayers every day during the pastor search process. If you decide not to start over with Day 1, please continue to pray for the pastor search team, the congregation, and the future pastor. We ask that you pray for unity, for no division, for protection from the evil one, and for God's will to be done. Please include your children in praying for our church, for the pastor search committee, and for the future pastor. We want everyone to see that prayer works in knowing God's will for our church and for every phase of one's life.

Additional Scripture Passages on Prayer

Hebrews 11:16; Jeremiah 33:3; Ephesians 3:20; Matthew 19:26; James 5:16;
Colossians 4:2; 2 Chronicles 7:14; John 14:13; 1 Timothy 2:1; Psalm 34:4;
1 Thess. 5:17; Psalm 141:2; Psalm 55:17; Psalm 32:6; Psalm 37:4; Ephesians 4:12;
John 17:20-21; James 1:6-7; Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 25:3; Psalm 65:2; James 4:2;
Luke 21:36; Psalm 84:8-11; Psalm 9:10; Psalm 115:1; John 15:7; Romans 15:13;
2 Thess. 3:16; James 1:5, Romans 8:26; Matthew 5:16, Romans 12:21;
Colossians 1:9-12; Mark 3:25; Proverbs 2:6; Isaiah 30:19-21; Psalm 84:7; 1 John 3:8;
Matthew 26:41