

# CFBC 24Pray –21 Days of Prayer

## **PRAY FOR THE SELECTION OF THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**

**Ask the Lord to Raise Up Men And Women to Serve on the Pastor Search Team Who Walk Closely with Him, Display the Fruit of the Spirit, and Live Lives Marked by Christlike Integrity, Wisdom, Humility, and Self-Control**

*Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

**Pray That God Will Lead the Church to Nominate Member Who Have a Clear Understanding of the Biblical Qualifications for Pastoral Leadership and Will Be Able to Evaluate Candidates According to Scripture Rather Than Personality, Popularity, Or Preference**

*Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

**Ask God to Lead Us to Nominate Members Who Are Committed to Seeking His Will Through Prayer, Careful Listening to His Direction, and Dependence on His Wisdom Throughout the Process**

*1 Chronicles 16:11 - Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.*

**Pray That God Would Place Individuals on the Team Who Are Willing to Set Aside Personal Opinions, Preferences, and Agendas in Order to Pursue What Is Best for the Church and Most Honoring to Christ**

*Luke 22:42 - Saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."*

**Pray for Nominees Who Are Deeply Invested in the Life of the Church, Faithful in Worship, Active in Connect Groups and Ministry, and Committed to the Spiritual Health and Unity of the Congregation**

*Acts 2:42 - They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

**Pray That Those Nominated Will Approach This Assignment with Seriousness, Faithfulness, and a Desire to Steward Well the Trust and Responsibility Given to Them**

*Colossians 3:23 - Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.*

**Ask The Lord to Build a Pastor Search Team That Works Well Together, Listens Respectfully, Communicates Clearly, and Seeks Unity Under the Leadership of the Holy Spirit**

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. <sup>10</sup> For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.*

**Ask God to Raise Up Nominees with Wisdom, Leadership Experience, Good Judgment, and the Ability to Help Guide This Process Faithfully and Effectively**

*Proverbs 2:6 - For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

## **PRAY FOR THE FUTURE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**

**Pray for the Search Team to Trust the Holy Spirit's Leadership**

*Proverbs 3:5 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.*

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## **Pray for the Search Team to Remain Humble Before God and That They Will Not Be Anxious, But Trust God's Leadership**

*Psalm 9:10 - And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Make Wise Use of Their Time During Their Meetings**

*Ephesians 5:15-16 - Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

## **Pray That in Times of Discouragement, the Search Team Will Seek the Lord Diligently and Have Confidence That He Is at Work Bringing the Church and Future Pastor Together**

*Jeremiah 29:11 - 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Discern if Potential Pastoral Candidates Possess the Biblical Qualities of a Servant of the Lord**

*1 Timothy 3:2 - An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach.*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Not Grow Weary in Their Work**

*Galatians 6:9 - Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*

## **Pray for Members of the Search Team to Remain Close to Christ**

*Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Continually Submit to God's Will**

*James 4:7-8 - Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

## **Pray for the Search Team as They Listen to Sermons of Potential Pastoral Candidates**

*Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.*

## **Pray for Each Member of the Search Team to Have an Overwhelming Sense of God's Presence and Guidance as They Work Through the Steps of the Pastor Search Process**

*Psalm 16:11 - You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.*

## **Pray for God to Fill the Committee with Knowledge of His Will Through All Spiritual Wisdom and Understanding, and to Equip Them with Strength**

*Colossians 1:9 - For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,*

## **Ask for Spirit-Led Unity Within the Committee**

*Matthew 18:19 - Again, I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.*

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## **Pray For God's Clear Direction in How Resumes Are Examined and Interviews Are Conducted; Ask God to Bring The Right Person to the Attention of the Committee**

*1 Samuel 16:7 - But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

## **Pray for the Committee to Have God's Wisdom in the Communication They Have with Each Prospective Pastor**

*1 Corinthians 14:33 - For God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.*

## **Ask for the Committee to Have Wisdom and Discernment as to the Unique Pastoral Characteristics and Traits Most Needed for Our Church**

*Proverbs 3:13-14 - How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding. <sup>14</sup> For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold.*

## **Pray for the Committee to Have Patience and Work on God's Timeline**

*Ecclesiastes 7:8 - The end of a matter is better than its beginning; patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.*

## **Pray for a Powerful Hedge of Protection Around the Committee and Their Families**

*Ephesians 6:10-12 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

## **Pray That There Would Be No Division Among the Committee**

*Psalms 133:1 - Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!*

## **Pray That the Committee Will Seek God's Will for the Church Above Their Own Desires**

*Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*