

EXECUTIVE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE PRAYER AND FASTING GUIDE

We are at the place in the search process of entering into a focused period of seeking God's will through prayer, fasting and discernment before we reach out to call a candidate. As a team, we have committed to participating in a day of fasting and prayer on October 13th. The purpose of fasting is to be called away from our daily sustenance so that we can more fully engage in prayer. It is an invitation to give up something good for something that is even greater, stepping away from the normal rhythms of our routines to pay more attention to God's Word, prayer and seeking His will.

Some prayer requests for the team:

1. Pray for wisdom and discernment of the team as they evaluate the short list candidates. Proverbs 3: 5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."
2. Pray for the unity of the search committee. Ephesians 4:3 "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."
3. Pray for the endurance and perseverance of the search committee as we are nearing the end of the process. Colossians 1:11 "We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need."
4. Pray for your committee to stand strong against Satan's attacks. Pray for them to seek Christ in the midst of the many distractions, challenges, and hardships they may face in their personal or work lives that could derail their full participation on the team. Ephesians 6:10,11 "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil."
5. Pray for the committee to align their thoughts with God's will for Emmanuel. Colossians 1:9 "We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding."

Prayer requests for the candidates:

1. Pray for the candidates and their families that they'd experience peace as they consider a change in career/ ministry. Pray that they would continually trust in God their eternal Rock for their future. Isaiah 26:3,4 "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock."
2. Pray that the candidates would be seeking God's will and will be strongly led by God along the right path. Psalms 25:4,5 "Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me."
3. Pray that the candidates would be able to rest in whatever decision is made knowing that God will establish the right plan according to his purposes. Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do and he will establish your plans."