

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Prayer Guide

“Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not.” —Saint Augustine

Pray for God's appointing of the next pastor.

In January 2005, while Bellevue's search committee was asking God to guide them to the new pastor, Dr. Adrian Rogers asked the church to pray the following passage of Scripture: “May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the LORD will not be like sheep which have no shepherd” (Numbers 27:16–17). God answered that prayer then. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. While you are encouraged to pray over all the following areas, Numbers 27:16–17 is the focus of our prayers for the Pastor Search Committee (PSC) and our new pastor.

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee.

Pray for God's protection.

God's desire for the PSC is to find God's man to lead Bellevue. Satan hates the will of God and does not want the PSC to succeed. Pray that God will give these men and women (and their families) supernatural protection and power.

- “You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property.” Job 1:10a NLT
- “No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their vindication is from Me,” declares the LORD.” Isaiah 54:17

Pray for spiritual diligence.

While the church must engage in prayer for the committee, each PSC member will be stepping into an increased level of spiritual engagement and warfare.

- “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 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.” Ephesians 6:10–12
- “Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8 NLT

Pray for unity of mind and spirit.

The individuals who make up the PSC are wise, godly people with various perspectives, experiences, and gifts. Ask God to grant them unity of mind and spirit.

- “Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” Philippians 1:27
- “Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.” Philippians 2:2 ESV

Pray for supernatural wisdom.

When Samuel went to anoint the next king of Israel he was given this instruction: “But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’” (1 Samuel 16:7 NLT). Pray that the Lord will enlighten the PSC members and give them the discernment to see as He sees.

- “Give me the wisdom and knowledge to lead them properly, for who could possibly govern this great people of yours?” 2 Chronicles 1:10 NLT
- “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” James 1:5 NLT

Pray for the man who will become the new pastor.

God places desires in the hearts of men. Pray God will put a deep desire in our new pastor’s heart to leave his present place of ministry and plant his life in Memphis, Tennessee, at Bellevue Baptist Church.

- “The king’s heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases.” Proverbs 21:1 NLT
- “He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.” Psalm 145:19

Pray for his family.

As God calls a pastor to Bellevue, He also calls that man’s family. May the new pastor’s family sense God’s work in their lives through new friends and opportunities as they move to Memphis.

- “Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4
- “Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.” 3 John 2

Pray for the Bellevue church family.

As we await God’s timing to bring a new Senior Pastor, may we pray with thanksgiving and live in faith, knowing God is working out His will.

- “The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!” Psalm 50:23 ESV
- “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea.” Psalm 46:1-2

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