

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

The Pastor Search Committee has worked diligently for the last ten months looking for our next pastor. While we have had several interruptions, we have continued to pray and trust God's leading us to the man God has prepared. After months of praying, searching, and doing the work that was necessary, we feel confident that God has led us to this good place.

While we will provide some information about the prospective pastor, we are currently not able to release all information at this time to maintain confidentiality. It would not be right for us to reveal all the information now and run the risk of someone in his current church finding out through social media or some other way before he has had a chance to tell them himself.

Here is a short bio of our prospective pastor: he is licensed and ordained in the Gospel Ministry. He has served the Lord for over 18 years as a pastor, associate pastor, and youth pastor. He has served in the following positions: as a member of the Associational Executive Board; as Vice Moderator; as Co-Chair for a Director of Mission (DOM) search committee; as Co-Interim DOM during search for a new DOM; and as the Associational Youth Director.

He has taught both youth and adult Sunday School classes and men's studies. He has preached at various conferences in multiple states, served on mission trips in multiple states, and served at various youth camps. He is currently enrolled in the accelerated dual-degree program at Midwestern Baptist Theology Seminary in Kansas City pursuing his BA in Biblical Studies and a Master of Divinity. He is 38 years old, a native of southwest Missouri, and he and his wife have three children ages 6, 2, and 1.

We have tentatively set Sunday, January 17 for him to come in view of a call. We are currently working on a schedule for Saturday, January 16 where church members can greet him and his family. This schedule will be posted as soon as it is completed. We are excited to tell you more about him, and he is eager to meet you too! We are humbled to see how God has worked through the search process, our committee, and through your prayers. Continue to pray for our church, our prospective pastor, his family, and pray for the church that he will be leaving.

We give thanks to the Lord for what He has done at FBC in the past, what He has been doing in this interim period, and what He is about to do in our future. All praise and honor and glory belong to Him.

Your Pastor Search Committee,

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