



Westfield

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Prayer Guide

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for taking the time to pick up this monthly prayer guide. We believe that 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 Senior Pastor of Westfield Baptist Church.

We believe that this should be a time of great excitement and enthusiasm for our church, and we know that we are in need of supernatural discernment through this process. We earnestly request your involvement as we start this Pastor Search process by partnering together in prayer for the continuing ministries of WBC, the healing and unity of our Church body, the Transitional Interim during this time, the Search Team, and the man God is calling to be our next Senior Pastor at WBC.

This Prayer Guide has 3 focus sections: 1)WBC ministries and the healing and unity of our Church body 2)The man God has already identified as our next pastor 3)The WBC Pastor Search Team. As you set aside time to pray, take a moment to read through the Scriptures provided and meditate on the truths found in them before incorporating those ideas into your prayer time. We believe that God provides wisdom and guidance as we commune regularly with Him, and we trust that you will take the opportunity to pray for and with us through this season of seeking God's will for our church.

Prayers for the Congregation

DAY 1

Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8

Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the Church.

DAY 2

Psalm 66:18, Psalm 139:23-24

Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. Father, please cause this to be a time of deep healing, cleansing, and renewal in our church.

DAY 3

Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15

Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church. Please grant great power to our Transitional Interim Pastor and to our staff. Protect us from any spirit of lukewarmness or losing our first love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor.

DAY 4

John 13:34, John 17:21

Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. Help us surrender all bitterness, division, and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love.

DAY 5

John 17:21, 1 Corinthians 1:10

Pray for great unity in calling our next Senior Pastor. Lord, help us to receive he and his family with deep love and renewed commitment. Grant us a powerful sense of revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future. Pray for grace, guidance, and strength for the church from which our new pastor comes.

DAY 6

Ephesians 4:1-6

Pray that we will be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means change. Help us to be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity.

DAY 7

Hebrews 6:12

Pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader.

Prayers for the Congregation (cont)

DAY 8

Philippians 2:3-11

Pray that the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead Westfield Baptist Church.

DAY 9

Isaiah 42:9

Pray that we would not react to a previous pastor. Some churches struggle with wanting a pastor who is like their previous pastor. Others desire someone who is just the opposite. Pray that all would be receptive to God's doing a new thing in the congregation.

DAY 10

Hebrews 13:17

Pray that the church as a whole would trust the Pastor Search Team through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Team is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to WBC.

Prayers for the Next Pastor

DAY 11

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Pray that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God.

DAY 12

Philippians 1:3-11

Pray that God would give our next pastor a love for our church and the strength to leave his current position.

DAY 13

Colossians 1:9-12

Pray for our next pastor's family. Of course, the new pastor may or may not have children. God knows all that. Pray that God, who knows who they are, would strengthen and guide the new pastor's family as they are led toward ministry at Westfield Baptist Church.

DAY 14

Romans 12:9-13

Pray that God would prepare our pastor to better shepherd our flock through the trials and blessings that individuals are currently experiencing.

Prayers for the Next Pastor (cont)

DAY 15

Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16

Pray for the future Senior Pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. He must know God's direction. Pray also for protection from the evil one and for our future Senior Pastor and his family.

DAY 16

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Pray for God's strength and guidance in the Senior Pastor's former church. Pray that those with who he is currently ministering would trust God's plan for His servant in leading him to a new location of ministry.

DAY 17

Amos 4:13

Pray that the new Senior Pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of our church and the surrounding community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through our church.

DAY 18

Luke 12:22-31

Pray that the new Senior Pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church. This would include the needs of his wife and children in making new friends. Also involved would be physical needs such as housing, schooling, etc. that must be settled upon moving to a new area. Pray that they will feel they have always been with us.

DAY 19

Psalms 133

Pray that the new Senior Pastor would be able to work effectively with the Westfield Baptist Church staff, church leaders, and deacons that are currently serving at our church.

DAY 20

Joshua 1:8-9

Pray that God would protect the new Senior Pastor's heart as he prepares to leave his current ministry and move to a new ministry. Pray that the stresses of moving, meeting new people, maintaining relationships, etc., would not interfere with his need to continually develop his relationship with God. Pray that God would give he and his family peace, knowing they are in God's will.

DAY 21

Colossians 3:12-17

Above all, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new Senior Pastor for Westfield Baptist Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give everyone involved in this process wisdom and peace. Pray that God will show us whom He is calling to our church.

Prayers for the Pastor Search Team

DAY 22

Psalm 66:18, John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18

Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each team member. Pray this for each member by name.

DAY 23

Colossians 1:9

Pray for God to fill the chairman, with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom & understanding and for strength.

DAY 24

Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:3

Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the team.

DAY 25

James 1:5, Isaiah 55:8-9

Pray for God's clear direction in how resumes are examined, and interviews conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the team.

DAY 26

I Corinthians 2:10-16

Pray for the Search Team to have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective Senior Pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

DAY 27

James 1:5-6

Pray for the team to have wisdom and discernment as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church in a Senior Pastor.

DAY 28

Ephesians 5:17

Pray for the team to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time.

DAY 29

Ephesians 6:10-12

Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search team. One of Satan's tactics is deception. Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the Team and their families.

Prayers for the Pastor Search Team (cont)

DAY 30

1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:1

Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. Pray that there would be no division among the Pastor Search Team or the congregation, only unity.

DAY 31

Philippians 2:3-11

Pray that the Pastor Search Team will seek God's will for the church above their own desires.

Please continue to pray after the 31 day devotion is finished by starting again at the beginning of the prayer guide with Day 1. If you decide not to start over with Day 1, please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Team, the Congregation and the future Senior 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 Team and for the future Senior 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.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. "

- Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

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