

Pastor Search Committee Report to the Church: 10/9/16

Memorial Baptist Church elected a Pastor Search Committee in August. The committee was announced during the Sunday evening service on August 28. The committee soon met and elected officers:

Chairman: Jeff Holt

Vice – Chairman: Christian Merritt

Secretary: Ginny Martin

Prayer Coordinator: Judy Miles

Other members are: Jennifer Roberts, Bill Rothrock, and Jason Smith.

Alternates are: Lee Manke, Chris Birch, and Mark Stein.

We, the members of the Pastor Search Committee, have entered into a covenant with each other. We have agreed to relate to each other in an ethical manner, with honesty and openness. We have agreed to make Bible study and prayer ongoing priorities in our lives and to pray for each other and for the work of this church daily. We have agreed to work in unity, to maintain confidentiality within the committee, and to remain faithful to the ministry of this church.

Serving on the Pastor Search Committee is serious business. Our job is to identify and recommend to the church the person we believe is the Lord's choice for our next Senior Pastor. So we have been carefully considering the process that will lead to that result. We have been discussing the mission and direction of our church going forward and the qualities that will be needed by our next Senior Pastor. We have been studying the Pastor Search Committee Handbook, we have met with a Pastor Search expert from the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, and we have contacted other churches that have recently been through the pastor search process.

Just as the members of the Pastor Search Committee have made commitments to each other, we are making a commitment to the church. We will act prayerfully, patiently, and diligently. We will seek God's will and not our own. In return, we request that the church pray for us and be patient with us. We would all like this search process to end quickly, but it is much more important that it end successfully.

So pray for us and be patient with us. Judy Miles, our Prayer Coordinator, has prepared Prayer Card/Bookmarks. Take one and pray for your Pastor Search Committee on a daily basis.