

Pray for our Congregation:

Day 1 - Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8 — Pray the pastoral 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 and not in man.”

Day 2 - Psalm 139:23-24 — Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. “Father, please cause this to be a time of deep cleansing and renewal in our church. May we always be the church You have called us to be. It is all about You and not us.”

Day 3 - Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15 — Pray for strong consistency and focus on the present ministry of the church. “Please grant great power to our guest pastors and to our staff. Protect us from any spirit of being lukewarm or losing our first love. Protect us from the evil one and 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, forgiving love.”

Day 5 - 1 Corinthians 1:10 — Pray for great unity in calling the new pastor. “Lord, help us to receive him 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 be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. “Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means changes. Help us to be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity so we can be the church You have called us to be.”

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.

Day 8 - Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that all the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead FBC Chula to be the church God has called us to be.

Day 9 - Isaiah 42:9 — 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 and accept His perfect will above our own desires.

Day 10 - Hebrews 13:17 — Pray that our church, as a whole, would trust the pastoral Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the committee is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to FBC Chula and there would be no division.

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee

Day 11 - Psalm 66:18-19, John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18 — Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each committee member. Pray this for each member.

Day 12 - Colossians 1:9 — Pray for God to fill the committee with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, and for strength.

Day 13 - Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:2-3 — Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the committee.

Day 14 - 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 committee.

Day 15 - 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 — Pray for the Search Committee to have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

Day 16 - James 1:5-6 — Pray for the committee to have wisdom and discernment as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church in a pastor.

Day 17 - Ephesians 5:17 — Pray for the committee to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time.

Day 18 - Ephesians 6:10-12 — Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search committee (one of Satan's tactics is deception). Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.

Day 19 - 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 committee or the congregation — only unity.

Day 20 - Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that the committee will seek God's will for the church above their own desires.

Pray for the next Pastor of FBC Chula:

Day 21 - 2 Timothy 4:1-5 — Pray that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God and he would boldly proclaim the truth.

Day 22 - Philippians 1:3-11 — Pray that God would give our next pastor a love for our church and strength to leave his current position. Pray that God would make His will known to him and his family.

Day 23 - Colossians 1:9-12 — Pray for our next pastor's family. Of course, the new pastor may be married or single, may have children or not. God knows all of 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 FBC Chula. Give them peace in knowing God's will.

Day 24 - Romans 12:9-13 — Pray that God would prepare our pastor to always have great zeal and passion for serving the Lord in his ministry. Pray for God's strength in his weakness and may he be faithful in prayer.

Day 25 - Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16 — Pray for the future 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 pastor and his family.

Day 26 - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 — Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church. Pray that those with whom he is currently ministering would trust God's plan for his servant in leading him to a new location of ministry.

Day 27 - Amos 4:13 — Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of FBC Chula and the surrounding community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through our church.

Day 28 - Luke 12:22-31 — Pray that the new 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 29 - Psalm 133 — Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the church staff, and deacons that are already serving at FBC Chula.

Day 30 - Joshua 1:8-9 — Pray that God would protect the new 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 him and his family peace knowing they are in God's will.

Day 31 - Colossians 3:12-17 — Above all, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor for FBC Chula. 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 FBC Chula.

***Please continue to pray after the 31-day devotion is finished by starting again at the beginning of the prayer guide with Day 1. We covet your prayer every day during the pastor search process. We ask that you pray 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 committee, and for our future pastor.**