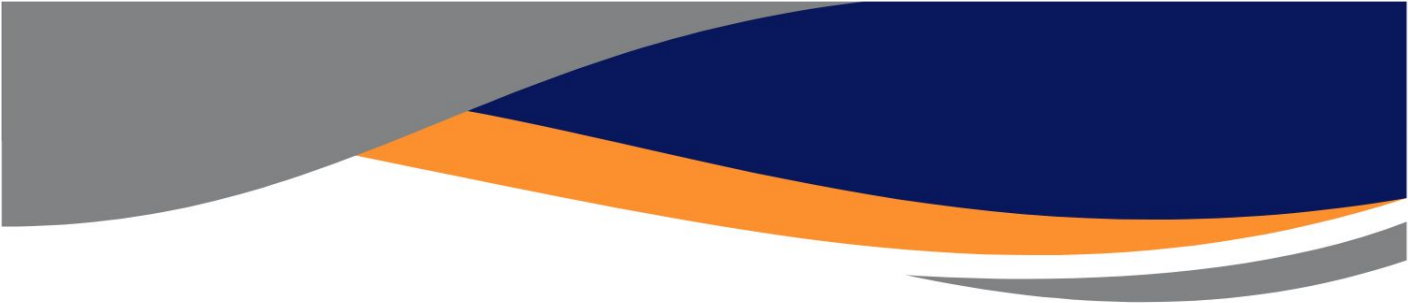




40 days of **PRAYER**

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We, as a Body of Christ, have been given the opportunity to seek God's face and ask for His wisdom in determining who it is that He has called to be the next pastor to Jefferson City's Concord Baptist Church. Thank you for praying specifically for Concord Baptist Church, the Pastor Search Committee, and for the future Senior Pastor of our church for the next 40 days.

As you enter these 40 days of prayer, the key will be prioritizing your time with the Lord.

- It doesn't matter what it looks like.
- It doesn't matter when you do it.
- It doesn't matter where you do it.
- It just matters that, at some point, every day, over the next 40 days, you pray!

The goal of our 40 days of prayer is to seek God's direction and wisdom for the next Senior Pastor in a unified effort. Throughout this plan, you will find that each day will bring your attention to the Word of God. We ask you to read and meditate on the passage(s) for that day. And then, join others in our congregation as we pray over the particular daily passage, asking God to guide our hearts, the collective spirit of our church, and the man that He has chosen to serve Him as our next Pastor.

Praying together, as a congregation, will keep us focused and unified as we grow individually and corporately in our intimacy with Christ. We are confident that you will be abundantly blessed to experience these 40 days with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are encouraging the committed membership of Concord Baptist Church to spend the next 40 days fasting and praying for the spiritual protection of the church and for the spiritual discernment of the Pastor Search Committee. If your health will allow, we are asking you to consider fasting one meal a day; or, you may choose to fast an entire day, once a week. In whatever way the Lord leads you, we are asking that you take that time of fasting; or simply take the time that you would normally use for one meal a day (thirty minutes to an hour); and spend that time, everyday, in prayer, for our church, our future Senior Pastor, and your Pastor Search Committee. ***"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."***

This is, indeed, a time of great importance for Concord Baptist Church. We desperately need the guidance and direction, the voice and the hand of our Lord today more than ever in the history of our church.

CBC Pastor Search Committee: Chairman Mike Miller, Secretary Susan Braams, Caleb Knapp, Steve Frazier, Mindy Moss, Caleb Steffen, David Tolliver

Daily Prayers for the Church

Day 1 – August 10: *Matthew 6:9-13, Philippians 4:19*

As we begin these 40 Days of Prayer, begin with fervent prayer for our church and for the needs of the members of our church.

“Father, we come to You asking that You would, indeed, “...give us this day our daily bread”. Please meet the needs of the members of Concord Baptist church; physical needs as well as spiritual needs.

Day 2 – August 11 : *Psalm 41:3, Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 9:35*

Pray for the physical healing of the many people in our congregation who stand in great need of healing. Pray that God would divinely touch their bodies and heal their diseases.

“Lord, we ask You today, as the Great Physician, please touch the people in our congregation who are suffering with serious illness, infirmities, and otherwise broken and bruised bodies. In the name of Jesus, heal cancer, heart disease, and other serious illness as they arise among the people in our congregation. Please, lay Your healing hand upon the sick in our church.

Day 3 – August 12: *Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8, Psalm 139:23-24*

Pray the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself for more than just a new pastor. Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal.

“Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in any man. 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 4 – August 13: *1 Corinthians 2:16, Philippians 2:5, Ezekiel 36:26*

Pray for the congregation of Concord Baptist Church. Pray that we would seek the “...mind of Christ” individually and as a congregation. Ask the Father to give to each of us and to all of us a new heart for the things of God.

“Father, please give Your church Your heart for new things. Bring us all to the point of acceptance of Your will for each of us and for our church as a Body. Heavenly Father, please give us all the mind of Christ.”

Day 5 – August 14: *Proverbs 4:20-22, II Timothy 1:7*

Pray for genuine and complete spiritual healing in our church.

“Lord, help us to be reconciled to You and to each other as the body of Church in this, Your church. Give us are renewed commitment to You and to each other. Grant us a powerful sense of revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future.”

Day 6 – August 15: *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 7 – August 16: *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 change. 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 8 – August 17: *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.

“Father, we ask for Your patience to permeate our church as we wait for Your will to be done in this matter. Please, enable us to find the godly leader that You have chosen for our church.”

Day 9 – August 18: *Philippians 2:3-11*

Pray that the Pastor Search Committee and all church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead us to be the church God has called us to be.

“Lord, give each member of our Pastor Search Committee the wisdom and the freedom to empty themselves of personal bias. Give them all one mind and one heart completely focused on Your will.”

Day 10 – August 19: *Hebrews 13:17*

Pray that the congregation would trust that the Pastor Search Committee is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to Concord and there would be no division.

“Lord, we pray that You would fill Your church with Your joy as we seek for Your choice for our Pastor. Keep us united in our love for You and for each other.”

Day 11 – August 20: *John 15:9-15*

Pray that the church members will abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ. Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

“Lord please, enable Your church to fulfill the great commandment to love one another as You have loved us.”

Day 12 – August 21: *Jeremiah 33:3*

Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as we seek God's will for a pastor, but also as you seek God's vision for the church.

“Father, we do ask You to show us Your will for this matter. And give us a fresh vision for what it is that You want us to be as a church.”

Day 13 – August 22: *Revelation 3:14-22*

Pray for the church to fight against lukewarm spirituality. Pray church members repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

“Lord, please help each of us to realize that all of our wealth and wisdom is found in our relationship with You, our true Witness. Give us the discernment that we need for this decision.”

Day 14 – August 23: *John 15:1-8*

Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period.

“Father, help us to stay intimately connected to You, the true vine that supplies our every need.”

Day 15 – August 24: *James 4:1-12*

Pray for the church to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power for revival to come.

“Father please, give us more and more of Your grace. Makes us to be humble. Give us your Holy Spirit through which we resist the devil. Enable us all to be doers of Your Word.”

Daily Prayers for the Next Pastor

Day 16 – August 25: *II 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.

“Lord, enable our new pastor for the task ahead of him. Help him to be discerning of Your will, responsible with Your Word, and loving toward Your church.”

Day 17 – August 26: *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 be known to him and his family.

“Father, You who have begun a good work in our new Pastor, please continue to complete it in his new ministry assignment to Concord Baptist Church.”

Day 18 – August 27: *Colossians 1:9-12*

Pray for our next pastor’s family. Pray that God, would strengthen and guide them as they are led toward ministry at our church. Give them peace in knowing God’s will.

“Lord, please fill the new pastor and his entire family with the knowledge of Your perfect for them. Give them wisdom, spiritual understanding, and an abundantly fruitful ministry in Jefferson City.

Day 19 – August 28: *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.

“Father we ask that You fill our new Pastor with fervent hope, gracious patience, steadfast endurance, and Christlike love for Your church.”

Day 20 – August 29: *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.

"Lord, enable our new pastor to be truly transformed by the renewing of his mind. And please, give him the shield of faith to protect him from the assault of Satan."

Day 21—August 30: *II 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.

"May the power of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit rest upon our new pastor and the brothers and sister in the church that he leaves when he comes to us."

Day 22 – August 31: *Amos 4:13*

Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Concord Baptist Church and the Jefferson City area. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through our church.

"Father, You who formed the heavens and the earth, please give our new pastor Your vision for our church and surrounding community."

Day 23 – September 1: *Luke 12:22-31*

Pray that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church. Pray that they will feel they have always been with us.

"Father, please meet all the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our new pastor and his family as they follow You to this new place of service."

Day 24 – September 2: *Psalms 133*

Pray that our new pastor would be able to work effectively with the church staff, committees, deacons, and many others that are already serving at Concord Baptist Church.

"Almighty God, through Your Holy Spirit, and in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, give us complete unity as the true Body of Christ here in Jefferson City."

Day 25 – September 3: *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 setting. Pray that God would give him and his family peace knowing they are in God's will.

"Father, enable our new pastor and his family to be strong, courageous, not afraid, and not down-hearted as they come to this new place of service."

Day 26 – September 4: *Colossians 3:12-17*

Above all, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor. 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.

"Holy Spirit, please, rule in our hearts as a congregation and the hearts of our new pastor and his family. Help us to always remember to encourage one another."

Day 27 – September 5: *Romans 10:15, Matthew 28:19-20*

Pray that our pastor will be committed to personal evangelism and the equipping of our congregation to seek the lost.

"As we call a pastor, help us to remember that, in reality, it is You who does the calling. Enable our church and our new pastor to put first things first; that is the Great Commission."

Day 28 – September 6: *I Corinthians 9:27, Romans 15:18-19*

Pray for a fresh divine anointing on the pastor's ministry as he continues God's work at Concord Baptist Church.

"May the work that began in this, Your church, many years ago continue under the leadership of Your new under-shepherd, our new Pastor."

Day 29 – September 7: *Hebrews 13:17*

Pray for our future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to place themselves willingly and joyfully under his servant leadership.

"Father please, enable us all to joyfully serve under the servant leadership of our new Pastor. Please, make His time at Concord Baptist Church to be a profitable time Your Kingdom."

Day 30 – September 8: *II Timothy 4:1-5*

Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray the Lord gives the church a hunger for the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that are preached by the new pastor.

“Father, enable our new Pastor to be ready on the day of His arrival to lead our church to understand and apply the deep truths of Scripture. Enable us all to be more like Jesus because we have heard and applied the Word of God to our lives.

Daily Prayers for the Pastor Search Committee

Chairman Mike Miller, Secretary Susan Braams,
Caleb Knapp, Steve Frazier, Mindy Moss, Caleb Steffen, David Tolliver

Day 31 – September 9: *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 of the Pastor Search Committee by name.

“True Vine, please enable each member of the Pastor Search Committee to remain intrinsically connected to You.”

Day 32 – September 10: *Colossians 1:9*

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

“Father, please give every member of our Pastor Search Committee Holy Spirit filled discernment to know Your will in this matter.”

Day 33 – September 11: *Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:2-3*

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

“Father God, please give the Pastor Search Committee unity that can only be explained as a move of the Holy Spirit among them.

Day 34 – September 12: *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.

“Heavenly Father, please place Your thoughts in the minds and hearts of each and every member of our Concord Pastor Search Committee.”

Day 35 – September 13: *I Corinthians 2:10-16*

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

"Lord, give the Search Committee the right questions that need to be asked to get the right information that is needed to make the decision that You would have them to make."

Day 36 – September 14: *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.

"Father, Help the Search Committee to know and to always remember that we do not search for our "favorite." Rather we are searching for Your favor on our church."

Day 37 – September 15: *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.

"Lord, give us all patience to wait on You for this decision. Enable us all to continue to believe that You will supply everything we need and just the right man for Your church in Your time."

Day 38 – September 16: *Ephesians 6:10-12*

Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the committee. Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.

"Father please, shield our Pastor Search Committee from every attack of Satan. Remind the Committee members to daily put on the full armor of God."

Day 39 – September 17: *I 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.

Holy Spirit, please keep our Search Committee perfectly, completely, and forever united in the knowledge of Your purpose for your Concord Baptist Church.

Day 40 – September 18: *Philippians 2:3-11*

Pray that the committee will seek God's will for the church above their own desires.

"In Jesus' name, we ask that You give "...the mind of Christ" to every member of Your Pastor Search Committee for the good of Concord Baptist Church and for Your glory."

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11