

June 20, 2010

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE

What the team is doing . . .

What you can do . . .

What the Pastoral Search Team is doing . . .

Since beginning its work earlier this year, the team has carefully considered the resumes of more than 60 candidates, developed a comprehensive doctrinal / philosophy of ministry questionnaire, listened to scores of messages, and evaluated certain candidates in depth. We continue reviewing potential candidates, communicating with references, and expecting God to identify the man He has ordained to lead our church.

What you can do . . .

First, believe that God's plan is to use you and your brothers and sisters at Woodland Park to advance the Gospel and the Kingdom of God in Chattanooga and around the world.

Second, pray that God will use you and this church to accomplish His plan and, in doing so, will sovereignly guide Woodland Park to the specific person that will lead our church in following Jesus with abandonment to accomplish God's will.

Take advantage of these special opportunities to pray with other believers so that our hearts will be ready and willing to obey God's Word:

Wednesdays - 6 - 7 PM in Room 172 –

Take a break in the middle of your week and pray with other believers for our church, for our next senior pastor, and for your needs. See what God will do to encourage you with this dedicated hour of power during the middle of your week.

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Week of Prayer and Fasting from June 27 to July 3

The Elders, Staff, and Pastoral Search Team at Woodland Park are encouraging all members to participate in a Week of Prayer and Fasting from June 27 through July 3. Fasting can take many forms, including abstaining from food (e.g., fasting from lunch) or entertainment (e.g., fasting from television or recreational internet use). The goal is to use time during this designated week that you would normally be engaged in another activity, and to instead spend extra time in the Word and seeking the Lord in prayer, with special emphasis on the edification of our church and God's provision concerning our next senior pastor.

Not convinced of our desperate need to pray? Consider this from David Platt's book *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*:

“Why would we ever want to settle for Christianity according to our ability or settle for church according to our resources? The power of the one who raised Jesus from the dead is living in us, and as a result we have no need to muster up our own might. Our great need is to fall before an almighty Father day and night and to plead for him to show his radical power in and through us, enabling us to accomplish for his glory what we could never imagine in our own strength. And when we do this, we will discover that we were created for a purpose much greater than ourselves, the kind of purpose that can only be accomplished in the power of his Spirit.”