

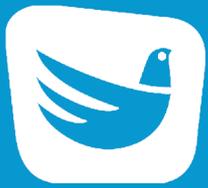


Pastoral Search

PRAYER GUIDE

A 31-day prayer guide for our church, ourselves,
our Search Committee, and our future pastor.





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DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for your willingness to commit to pray with us for our new lead pastor at Frederick Church of the Brethren (FCOB). We have the honor to come before God to seek His will and ask for His wisdom for the future leader of FCOB.

We ask that you utilize this prayer guide to pray for the Search Committee, the congregation, and the future pastor of this church.

The goal is to bring this topic before God, build unity, and have a clear knowledge of God's will for our future pastor.

We thank you for trusting our leadership and the Search Committee.

To the left you will find a list of their names and we ask that you pray for each one diligently.

Thank you for praying as we seek wisdom and discernment.



31-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

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PRAY FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

DAY 1

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 by name.

DAY 2

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 3

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

DAY 4

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 5

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.



PRAY FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

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DAY 6

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 7

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 8

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 9

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 10

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

PRAY FOR THE CONGREGATION

DAY 11

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 12

Psalms 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 13

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 current 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 14

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 15

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.

PRAY FOR THE CONGREGATION

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DAY 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 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 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 servant of God and a great leader.

DAY 18

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 FCOB to be the church God has called us to be.

DAY 19

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 doing a new thing in the congregation and accept His perfect will above our own desires.

DAY 20

Hebrews 13:17 – Pray that the 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 person God is bringing to FCOB and there would be no division.



PRAY FOR THE NEXT PASTOR

DAY 21

2 Timothy 4:1-5 — Pray that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God and that they 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 their current position. Pray that God would make His will known to them and their 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 FCOB. 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 their ministry. Pray for God's strength in their weakness and may they be faithful in prayer.

DAY 25

Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16 — Pray for the future pastor and their family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. They must know God's direction. Pray also for protection from the evil one and for our future pastor and his family.





PRAY FOR THE NEXT PASTOR

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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 they are currently ministering would trust God’s plan in leading them 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 FCOB 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 their spouse and children (if married) 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

Psalms 133 – Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the church staff, leadership, and deacons that are already serving at FCOB.





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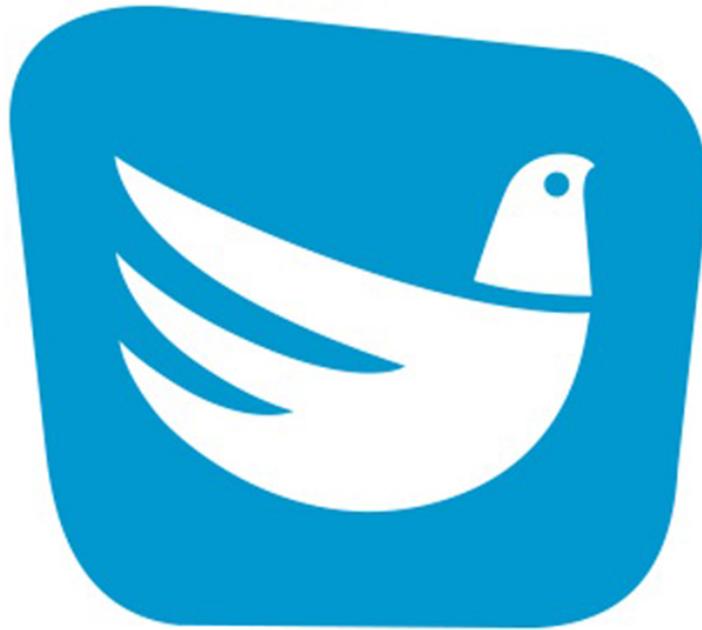
DAY 30

Joshua 1:8-9 — Pray that God would protect the new pastor's heart as they prepare to leave their current ministry and move to a new ministry. Pray that the stresses of moving, meeting new people, maintaining relationships, etc. would not interfere with their need to continually develop their relationship with God. Pray that God would give everyone involved a sense of peace knowing they are following 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 FCOB. 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 the Frederick Church of the Brethren.





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