



Pastor Search

40 Day Prayer Guide



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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for joining the Search Team as we seek God's wisdom during the next 40 days. The pastoral search process is first and foremost a spiritual process. Therefore, the primary work must be prayer. It is not unusual for a certain amount of anxiety to occur when a church experiences a pastoral transition. However, scripture is clear regarding this matter.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Our prayer is that this guide serves to unify CAC and turn our hearts to God during this search process and in the years to come. Our trust is in God alone to lead us during this time, and to Him be all the glory forever. Amen!

CAC Search Committee

(This prayer guide has been adapted from a prayer guide written by Scott Setzer of the South Roanoke Baptist Association)

Day 1 - April 12

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for CAC to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for our next pastor.
- Pray for the search team to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

Scripture Reading
2 Timothy 2:1-2

Day 2 - April 13

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the District Office staff as they choose candidates to pass on to the search team.
- Pray for good candidates to submit applications for the position.

Day 3 - April 14

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 4:1-6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for unity and peace in CAC while searching for our pastor.
- Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search team as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

Scripture Reading
John 15:1-8

Day 4 - April 15

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for CAC to continue to show love for each other and produce good fruit during and after the search process.
- Pray for the search team members to remain close to Christ.

Day 5 - April 16

Scripture Reading
John 15:9-15

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the search team is not tempted to use worldly wisdom in recommending our next pastor.
- Pray the search team listens carefully for the Holy Spirit's leading.

Scripture Reading
John 15:16-17

Day 6 - April 17

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as CAC prepares for our next pastor.
- Pray for the search team to be blessed with answered prayers.

Day 7 - April 18

Scripture Reading
Jeremiah 29:11-13

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team and all of CAC to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of our church's future.

Scripture Reading
Psalms 139:23-24

Day 8 - April 19

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the members of the search team to have hearts that are pure as they work through the pastor search process.
- Pray for our future pastor to maintain a pure life before God.

Day 9 - April 19

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 6:10-11

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the CAC family to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glories the Father during the search process.
- Pray for God's protection on the search team and CAC.

Scripture Reading
2 Timothy 2:1-2

Day 10 - April 20

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor and his family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that our future pastor will be a faithful disciple-maker.

Day 11 - April 21

Scripture Reading
James 1:5-8

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates.
- Pray for church leaders to see God's wisdom in the search process.

Scripture Reading
Colossians 1:9-12

Day 12 - April 22

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor and his family to be certain that it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry.
- Pray the Father will be glorified in the pastor search process.

Day 13 - April 23

Scripture Reading
Acts 2:41-47

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the CAC family would exemplify the early church's devotion to teaching, fellowship, prayer, growth, and generosity both now and in the future.

Scripture Reading
Revelation 3:1-6

Day 14 - April 24

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for CAC to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for CAC to be strengthened to carry out the vision God has for us.

Day 15 - April 25

Scripture Reading
John 13:34-35

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team and CAC to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another.
- Pray our church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 3:20-21

Day 16 - April 26

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the pastor search process.

Day 17 - April 27

Scripture Reading
Psalms 51:10-12

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team, for our next pastor, and his family that they would all remain close to the God and obedient to His leading.

Scripture Reading
2 Timothy 4:1-5

Day 18 - April 28

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God.
- Pray the Lord gives CAC a hunger for the Word of God and prepares our hearts for the sermons he will preach.

Day 19 - April 29

Scripture Reading
Hebrews 13:17

Prayer Prompts:

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

Scripture Reading
Joshua 1:9

Day 20 - April 30

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for each member of the search team to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastor search process.

Day 21 - May 1

Scripture Reading
Proverbs 2:2-6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the search team and our next pastor would humbly and diligently seek God's wisdom throughout every step of the search process.

Scripture Reading
James 4:1-12

Day 22 - May 2

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the CAC family and the search team would choose friendship with God over friendship with the world. Pray that we would remain humble and repentant before God.

Day 23 - May 3

Scripture Reading
John 17:20-23

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that the CAC family is unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified.
- Pray for the search team to be unified in their decision making.

Scripture Reading
2 Timothy 2:15

Day 24 - May 4

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for a pastor who correctly handles the word of truth.
- Pray for the search team to be discerning as they listen to sermons of potential pastoral candidates.

Day 25 - May 5

Scripture Reading
Jeremiah 33:3

Prayer Prompts:

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

Scripture Reading
1 Timothy 3:1-7

Day 26 - May 6

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our next pastor to be a man who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately.
- Pray for our future pastor's family as they transition to new work.

Day 27 - May 7

Scripture Reading
Colossians 3:12-17

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our church to grow in love toward one another.
- Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 1:15-23

Day 28 - May 8

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for the CAC family to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

Day 29 - May 9

Scripture Reading
Revelation 3:14-22

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for our church to fight against a lukewarm spirituality.
- Pray the CAC family repents of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

Scripture Reading
Hebrews 10:19-25

Day 30 - May 10

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for CAC to be committed to Biblical worship.
- Pray for the search team to be confident they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding our future pastor.

Day 31 - May 11

Scripture Reading
1 Peter 5:1-4

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that our future pastor will shepherd CAC in a Biblical and Christlike manner.
- Pray for our future pastor's walk with Christ.

Scripture Reading
Colossians 1:24-29

Day 36 - May 16

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to our future pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to him and to CAC.
- Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in CAC to make disciples.

Scripture Reading
1 Peter 5:5-7

Day 32 - May 12

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for mutual respect and humility between CAC and our future pastor.
- Pray for CAC to follow the leadership of our future pastor.

Day 37 - May 17

Scripture Reading
2 Timothy 2:24-26

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the Biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord.
- Pray for CAC to affirm these qualities in our future pastor.

Day 33 - May 13

Scripture Reading
1 Peter 5:8-9

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership.
- Pray that CAC will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Scripture Reading
Galatians 6:9

Day 38 - May 18

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team to not grow weary in their work.
- Pray that the search team and CAC will be able to see God at work bringing us our our future pastor together.

Scripture Reading
Ephesians 5:15-16

Day 34 - May 14

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for the search team to make wise use of their time during their meetings.
- Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to our future pastor.

Day 39 - May 19

Scripture Reading
Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search team and the CAC family during the pastor search process.

Day 35 - May 15

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 55:6-9

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray that in times of discouragement, the search team and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing our church and future pastor together.

Scripture Reading
Matthew 28:18-20

Day 40 - May 20

Prayer Prompts:

- Pray for CAC to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples who make disciples.
- Pray that our future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.

The CAC pastor search team members are:

- Jon Murphy, Elder, Chairman
- Kevin Hileman, Elder
- Brad Wick, Elder
- Shannon Billante
- Avery deGruchy
- Michelle Kiser
- Lorraina Mosko
- Jen Wick

The Eastern Pennsylvania District leaders are:

- Nate Howard, Superintendent
- David Dixon
- Alan Rathbun

Pastor Search Process

- The District staff reviews resumes and interviews candidates
- The District forwards resumes of qualified candidates to the CAC Search Committee
- The CAC Search committee conducts two-three rounds of interviews
- CAC hosts the recommended Pastor and his family for a candidating weekend
- CAC members and attenders are invited to give feedback on the candidate via anonymous survey
- The CAC Elders pray and consider feedback before extending a call to our next Pastor