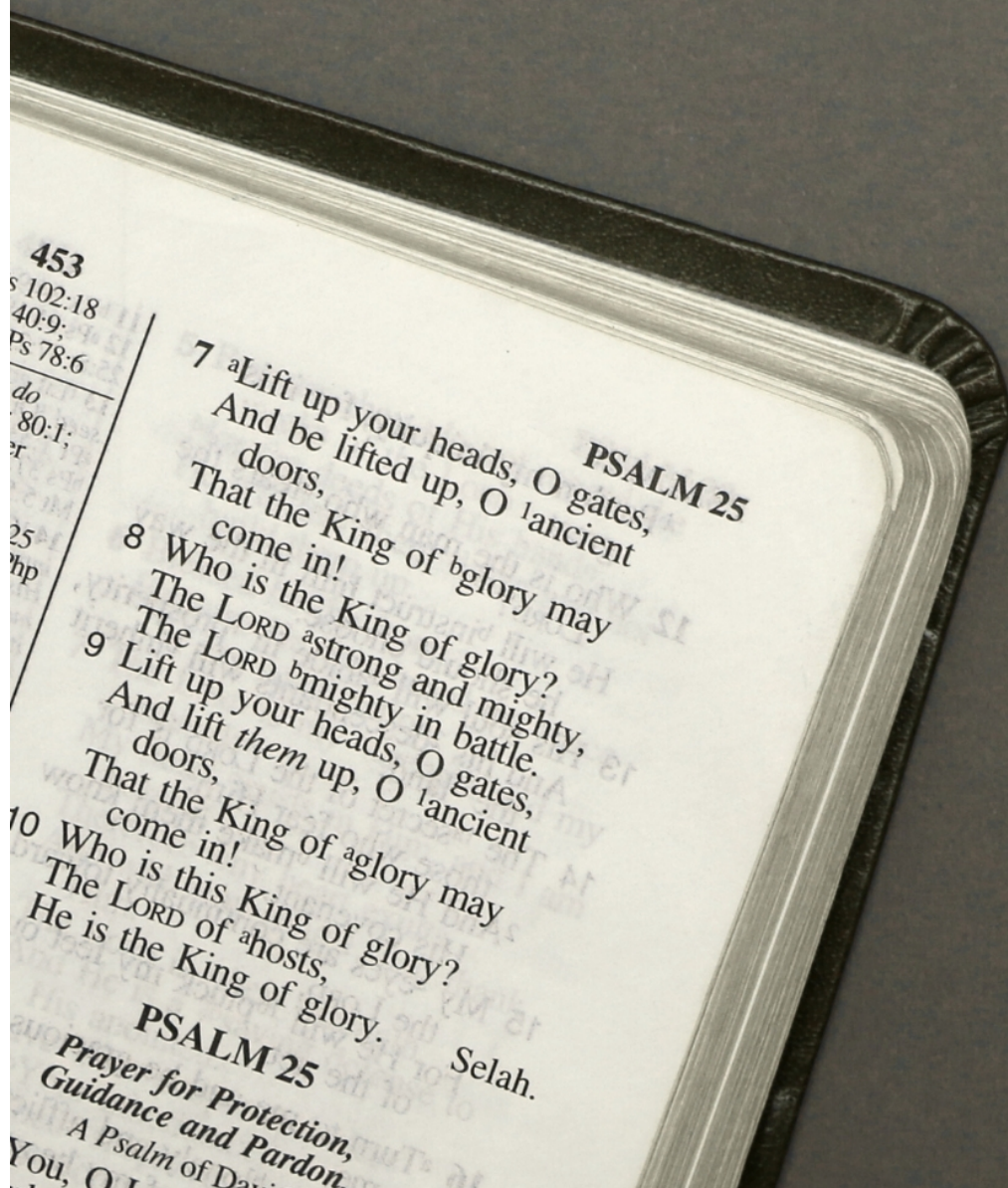


2025 Pastor Search Prayer Guide

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21



Dear Church,

Thank you for joining us in this 6 weeks of guided, focused prayer. As we seek God's will for the next pastor of FBC Liberty City, our goal is for the entire church—Pastor Search Committee, staff, elders, deacons, and congregation—to come together in unified prayer and dependence on the Lord.

Each day offers a Scripture to reflect on and a prayer to guide you. Our hope is that every member, every home, and every group in our church family will participate, asking God to lead us clearly and powerfully in this important time.

We encourage you to pray with your spouse, children, and Sunday school classes. Involving your family in this process will deepen your walk with the Lord and theirs. Be faithful. Be expectant. God hears and moves when His people pray.

Please also pray by name for each member of the Pastor Search Committee, listed at the end of this guide.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

—James 5:15

God, prepare our hearts—and prepare the way. Do what only You can do.

With love,
The Pastor Search Committee

WEEK 1: SEEKING GOD’S GUIDANCE AND CLARITY

Focus: That we will trust God wholeheartedly and follow His leading throughout the process.

Day 1 – Jeremiah 29:13

“And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Prayer: Lord, help us to seek You above all—more than we seek a pastor. Make us ready to hear and obey You.

Day 2 – James 4:8

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Prayer: Cleanse us, Lord, and draw us near. Give us ears to hear Your voice in this process.

Day 3 – Psalm 139:23–24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.”

Prayer: Reveal anything in us that hinders Your will. Make us a clean vessel for Your work.

Day 4 – Proverbs 3:5–6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

***Prayer:** We surrender our ideas and timelines. Direct every step of the process, Lord.*

Day 5 – Colossians 3:12–17

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

***Prayer:** Let Your peace and Word rule our hearts as we seek Your man for our church.*

Day 6 – Isaiah 55:8–9

“‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,’ says the Lord. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.’”

Prayer: We choose Your way over ours. Help us recognize Your will even when it surprises us.

Day 7 – Jeremiah 33:3

“‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’”

Prayer: We call out to You, Lord. Do what only You can do in FBC Liberty City.

WEEK 2: PRAYING FOR UNITY AND DISCERNMENT

***Focus:** For humility, wisdom, and spiritual oneness among the Pastor Search Committee and the church.*

Day 8 – Ephesians 4:3

“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

***Prayer:** Bind our hearts together as one—committee and congregation—in peace and purpose.*

Day 9 – Philippians 2:3–5

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

***Prayer:** Give us Christlike humility to seek not our own agendas but Your will alone.*

Day 10 – 1 Corinthians 1:10

“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

***Prayer:** Unite us in calling the man You’ve chosen. Remove every root of division.*

Day 11 – John 17:21

“That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

***Prayer:** May our unity be a testimony of Christ to the world around us.*

Day 12 – James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

***Prayer:** Give the committee wisdom in every resume, every interview, every decision.*

Day 13 – Colossians 1:9

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”

***Prayer:** Fill the committee with discernment. Let them see with spiritual clarity.*

Day 14 – Ephesians 4:2–3

“With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

***Prayer:** Help us to walk in patience and gentleness as we listen, pray, and decide together.*

WEEK 3: PRAYING FOR THE MAN GOD IS CALLING

Focus: That God would prepare our next pastor—his heart, family, and calling.

Day 15 – 2 Timothy 4:2

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

Prayer: Prepare his heart to love, preach, and lead Your people with boldness.

Day 16 – Philippians 1:6

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

Prayer: Confirm his calling. Complete the good work You’ve started in his heart.

Day 17 – Colossians 1:10–11

“That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.”

***Prayer:** Strengthen our future pastor and his family. Give them peace and courage to follow You.*

Day 18 – Romans 12:1–2

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

***Prayer:** Let him clearly discern Your will as he considers the call to our church.*

Day 19 – Luke 12:29–31

“And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Prayer: Remove every worry. Let him and his family trust fully in Your provision.

Day 20 – Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Prayer: Fill him with courage and peace as he prepares to lead a new people.

Day 21 – Psalm 133:1

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

Prayer: Prepare him to lead in unity, working well with staff, leaders, and congregation.

WEEK 4: PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Focus: For spiritual renewal, unity, readiness, and growth as a body during this transition.

Day 22 – Revelation 2:4–5

“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.”

Prayer: Lord, bring revival to our hearts. Restore us to our first love—You.

Day 23 – John 13:34–35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Prayer: Let our love for one another shine brightly in this season.

Day 24 – Hebrews 6:12

“that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

***Prayer:** Give us endurance and faith to wait on You and support Your man when he comes.*

Day 25 – Ephesians 4:1–6

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

***Prayer:** Prepare us to grow, serve, and support our new pastor with joyful unity.*

Day 26 – Romans 12:9–13

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Prayer: Fill our church with sincere love, joy, and faithfulness in this season.

Day 27 – John 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Prayer: Remind us that You are our true shepherd and head. Keep us abiding in You.

Day 28 – Revelation 3:15–16

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”

Prayer: Deliver us from lukewarmness. Set us on fire for Your Kingdom.

WEEK 5: PRAYING FOR GOD’S TIMING AND DIRECTION

Focus: That we trust and wait patiently for God's perfect timing and placement.

Day 29 – Ecclesiastes 3:1

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:”

Prayer: Help us to walk in step with You—not ahead or behind.

Day 30 – Lamentations 3:25–26

“The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul who seeks Him.
It is good that one should hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord.”

Prayer: Grant us patience and confident trust in Your perfect timing.

Day 31 – Galatians 6:9

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

***Prayer:** Renew our strength and resolve to serve while we wait.*

Day 32 – Psalm 27:14

“Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord!”

***Prayer:** Give us courage to wait. We trust You're at work even when we cannot see.*

Day 33 – Isaiah 40:31

“But those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.”

Prayer: Renew us, Lord, as we wait. Let us thrive in this season of trust.

Day 34 – Ephesians 5:17

“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Prayer: Help us not to rush, but to discern clearly Your will for this moment.

Day 35 – Psalm 37:5

“Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.”

Prayer: We commit this entire process to You. Do Your work, Lord.

WEEK 6: PRAYING FOR SPIRITUAL PROTECTION AND PEACE

***Focus:** That God would protect our church, committee, and future pastor from the enemy's schemes.*

Day 36 – Ephesians 6:10–12

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

***Prayer:** Shield us from every spiritual attack. Guard the hearts of our leaders and members.*

Day 37 – James 4:7

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

***Prayer:** Help us walk in submission and spiritual alertness. We resist the enemy's schemes.*

Day 38 – 1 Peter 5:8–9

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

***Prayer:** Make us watchful. Strengthen us to stand firm in the faith together.*

Day 39 – Acts 2:1

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”

***Prayer:** Bring us into one accord. Fill our gatherings with Your Spirit and unity.*

Day 40 – Philippians 2:3–11

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Prayer: Give us the mind and heart of Christ. May humility, obedience, and love define us.

Day 41 – Psalm 126:3

“The Lord has done great things for us,
And we are glad.”

Prayer: *Thank You, Lord, for all You’ve done and all You are preparing. Fill our hearts with gratitude and expectancy.*

Day 42 – Matthew 9:37–38

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”

Prayer: *Send us, Lord. As You send our new pastor, also send us into Your harvest with boldness and love.*

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Please pray regularly by name for those serving:

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