



LEAD PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Prayer Guide

It is of utmost importance that we, the members and friends of First Baptist Church, lift up the Lead Pastor Search Committee of First Baptist Church in our prayers throughout this monumental time in the life of our church.

This prayer guide is offered as a reminder and a tool to help you be faithful in asking God to guide this process, protect our church and prepare us for a new pastor.

One possible way to use this guide is to follow the outline on the back panel. On each day, read the favorite Bible verse of the committee members for that day and lift them up in your prayers. A brief bio of each member of the search committee is included to help inform your prayer time. This prayer time would be in addition to your regular daily personal worship time.

Thank you for helping us bathe this season in the life of our church with prayer.

-Pastor Bob

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:20-23

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE LEAD PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE TEAM



**Page
Arnette**

Page is married to Jeff Arnette (21 years). They have 2 children, Kennedy (19) and Jack (15). Page and Jeff have been members at FBC for the past 10 years. Page has served and serves FBC by way of the Personnel and Finance Committee, Nursery, and Awana. Page and Jeff attend Why Files discipleship class. Page is Director of Instructional Support, Elementary, with Dawson County School.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:4-10



**Steve
Barnes**

Steve is married to Kim. They have 2 sons, Colby and Campbell. They have been members at FBC since 1990. His family attends the 11:00 AM Service. He is a Co-Teacher of the Courageous Parenting Connect Group. Steve is a retired Teacher and Coach.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. ***”Joshua 1:9***



**Travis
Billingsley**

Travis is married to Brooke (14 years). They have 2 children: Hunter (17) and Anna Rae (12). Travis and Brooke have been members of FBC for the past 8 years. Travis serves FBC by leading out in a connect class "Courageous Parenting", 4th Grade Boys with First Kidz, Personnel Committee Chair, Finance Committee, Journey Group, and Deacon. Travis is the Chief Human Resources Officer for Rogers Electric.

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12



**Allen
Bowns**

Allen and his wife Victoria joined the church in 1999. They were married in 1991 and have 4 kids, Ansleigh, Caroline, Brianna, and Reese and two grandchildren, Ryleighbeth and Teegan Cagle. Allen serves in the choir and FirstKidz. Allen is a Dentist in Johns Creek and Victoria has taught elementary school for over 30 years.

And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25:40



**Tim
Hearn**

Tim is married to Lisa (26 years). They have 3 children, Morgan, Sidney, and John. Tim serves as the 5th Grade Boys Teacher, Journey Group Leader, Acts 1:8 Committee, Thailand Trip leader, Church Moderator, and Finance Team Leader. Tim is the VP of Client Engagement at LexisNexis Risk Solutions.

***The heart of man plans his way,
but the Lord establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9***



**Betsy
Laningham**

Betsy has been married to Brent (23 years). They have four children, Morgan (21), Colton (18), Grady (10), and Bella (6). The Laninghams have attended FBC since 2010 and Betsy has served in several leadership positions including the Finance Committee Middle School and First Kidz, leading a Journey group, and is involved with Night to Shine. Betsy is employed with State Farm as the Property and Casualty Underwriting Director.

***Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.
Colossians 3:23***



**Heather
Otwell**

Heather is married to Joseph Otwell (14 years). They have 4 children: Paislee (11), Micah (9), Parker (5) and Mason (3). Heather and Joseph have been members of FBC for the past 6 years. Heather serves FBC by leading out in a journey group, teaching 4th grade boys, and preschool extended session. Heather is a stay at home mom.

***But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
Corinthians 12:9-10***



**Chris
Roberts**

Chris is married to Brianna (8 years). They have 2 children, Grady (5) and Hatten (2). Chris and Brianna have been members of FBC for the past 8 years. Chris teaches a young married class "Pairs and Parents" and serves as Deacon. Chris is an Account Manager with Livingston and Haven.

***Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14***



**Carla
Sisk**

Carla is married to Vernon. They have 2 adult children Mendy Sisk and Melody McWhorter and 2 grandsons Caleb and Andrew. Carla serves FBC in the classic worship choir and as storyteller at FirstKidz.

***For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for
welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11***

WEEK OF PRAYER

Monday

Travis Billingsley (Personnel) – Search Committee Chairman

Tuesday

Tim Hearn (Elder), Allen Bowns (Finance)

Wednesday

Betsy Laningham, Carla Sisk

Thursday

Page Arnette, Heather Otwell

Friday

Steve Barnes, Chris Roberts

Saturday

Shepherd Staff Consulting Firm

Sunday

First Baptist Church

Ask God to protect and guide their hearts. Ask God to protect their family. Ask God to protect their witness. Ask God to give them unity as a committee. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment. Ask God to help them hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help them place the Kingdom of God above all personal preferences.