

Pastor Search Prayer Guide

Kittiwake Baptist Church

A 40 day prayer guide as we pray for our church, our future, our Search Team, and our next Pastor.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually. (1 Chronicles 16:8, 11)

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1. Focus your prayers on the daily topic listed in this guide. Meditate on the day's biblical passages and let the Holy Spirit speak to you through them.
2. Pray through this guide until God unmistakably provides our church with the pastor He has chosen to lead His people.
3. Continue to pray for the members of our pastor search committee (listed below).
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40 DAYS OF PRAYER:

March 2 - Day 1

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor.

Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

March 3 - Day 2

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ.

Pray for the church and search committee to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.

March 4 - Day 3

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor.

Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

March 5 - Day 4

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

Prayer Prompts: Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period.

Pray for members of the search committee to remain close to Christ.

March 6 - Day 5

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-15

Prayer Prompts: Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ.

Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

March 7 - Day 6

Scripture Reading: John 15:16-17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for her next pastor.

Pray for the search committee to be blessed with answered prayers.

March 8 - Day 7

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee and the church to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the church's future.

March 9 - Day 8

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer Prompts: Pray for members of the search committee 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.

March 10 - Day 9

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-11

Prayer Prompts: Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present.

Pray for God's protection on the search committee and the church.

March 11 - Day 10

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your 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.

March 12 - Day 11

Scripture Reading: James 1:5-8

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates.

Pray for church leaders to seek God's wisdom in the interim period.

March 13 - Day 12

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-12

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.

March 14 - Day 13

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:41-42

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to reflect the six elements of a healthy church both in the interim period and when the new pastor is called serve (worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and prayer.)

March 15 - Day 14

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the church to be strengthened to carry out the vision God has for her.

March 16 - Day 15

Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee and the church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another.

Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.

March 17 - Day 16

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

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.

March 18 - Day 17

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:10-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for each member of the search committee to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him.
Pray for our next pastor to keep a cleansed heart before the Lord.

March 19 - Day 18

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God.
Pray the Lord gives the church a hunger of the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that are preached by the new pastor.

March 20 - Day 19

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to willingly and joyfully place themselves under his servant leadership.

March 21 - Day 20

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:9

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

March 22 - Day 21

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:2-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision making.
Pray for the search committee to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom.

March 23 - Day 22

Scripture Reading: James 4:1-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for church members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come.
Pray for the search committee to continually submit to God's will.

March 24 - Day 23

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-23

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified.
Pray for the search committee to be unified in their decision making.

March 25 - Day 24

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:15

Prayer Prompts: Pray for a pastor who is able to rightly divide the Word of God.
Pray for the search committee as they listen to sermons of potential pastoral candidates.

March 26 - Day 25

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:3

Prayer Prompts: Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as we seek God's will for a pastor, but also as we seek God's vision for the church.

March 27 - Day 26

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

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 a new work.

March 28 - Day 27

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.

March 29 - Day 28

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ.

Pray for the church to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

March 30 - Day 29

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to fight against lukewarm spirituality.

Pray church members repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

March 31 - Day 30

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship.

Pray for the search committee to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding our future pastor.

April 1 - Day 31

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Prayer Prompts: Pray that our future pastor shepherds the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner.

Pray for our future pastor's walk with Christ.

April 2 - Day 32

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and our future pastor.

Pray for the church to follow the leadership of our future pastor.

April 3 - Day 33

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:8-9

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership.

Pray that the church will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

April 4 - Day 34

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-16

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to make wise use of their time during their meetings.

Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to our future pastor.

April 5 - Day 35

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Prayer Prompts: Pray that in times of discouragement, the search committee and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing the church and future pastor together.

April 6 - Day 36

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:24-29

Prayer Prompts: Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to our next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the future pastor and church.

Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

April 7 - Day 37

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord.

Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in our future pastor.

April 9 - Day 38

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:9

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to not grow weary in their work.

Pray that the search committee and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing us and our future pastor together.

April 10 - Day 39

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer Prompts: Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search committee and the church during the pastor search process.

April 11 - Day 40

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples.

Pray that our future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.