

NASHUA BAPTIST CHURCH SEARCH COMMITTEE PRAYER GUIDE

FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE. PRAY:

- **Day 1 - Psalm 66:18, John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18** — for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each committee member. Pray this for each member by name—Terry, Bev, Donna, Melinda, Adam and Jacob.
- **Day 2 - Colossians 1:9** — for God to fill the chairman, Terry Thompson, with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom, understanding and for strength.
- **Day 3 - Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:3** — for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the committee.
- **Day 4 - James 1:5, Isaiah 55:8-9** — 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** — for the Search Committee to have God's wisdom and thoroughness in all the questions and information they share with a prospective pastor.
- **Day 6 - James 1:5-6** — 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** — 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** — for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search committee (One of Satan's tactics is deception). Pray a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.
- **Day 9 - I Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:1** — for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. That there would be no division among the Pastor Search Committee or the congregation— only unity.
- **Day 10 - Philippians 2:3-11** — that the Pastor Search Committee will seek God's will for the church above their own desires.

FOR THE CONGREGATION. PRAY:

- **Day 11 - Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8** — for the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. *Lord, teach us to draw close to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in man.*
- **Day 12 - Psalm 66:18, Psalm 139:23-24** — 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** — for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church. *Please grant great power to our interim pastor and to our staff. Protect us from any spirit of being luke-warm 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** — 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 - John 17:21, I Corinthians 1:10** — 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. Give us grace, guidance and strength for the church from which our new pastor comes.*
- **Day 16 - Ephesians 4:1-6** — 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 - Heb. 6:12** — that we will patiently await God's timing & settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God, a servant leader.

- **Day 18 - Philippians 2:3-11** — that all the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead Nashua Baptist 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's doing a new thing in the congregation and accept His perfect will above our own desires.
- **Day 20 - Hebrews 13:17** — that the church as a whole would trust the Pastor Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Pastor Search Committee is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to Nashua Baptist and there would be no division.

FOR THE NEXT PASTOR, PRAY:

- **Day 21 - 2 Timothy 4:1-5** — that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God and he would boldly proclaim the truth.
- **Day 22 - Philippians 1:3-11** — that God would give our next pastor a love for our church and strength to leave his current position. Pray that God would make His will known to him and his family.
- **Day 23 - Colossians 1:9-12** — 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 Nashua Baptist Church. Give them peace in knowing God's will.
- **Day 24 - Romans 12:9-13** — that God would prepare our pastor to always have great zeal and passion for serving the Lord in ministry. Pray for God's strength in his weakness and may he be faithful to the end.

- **Day 25 - Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16** — for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to Nashua Baptist Church. He must know God's direction. Pray also for protection from the evil one and for our future pastor and his family.
- **Day 26 - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10** — for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church. Pray that those with whom he is currently ministering would trust God's plan in leading him to a new place of ministry.
- **Day 27 - Amos 4:13** — that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Nashua Baptist Church and our surrounding community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through the church.
- **Day 28 - Luke 12:22-31** — that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church. This would include the needs of his wife and children 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 - Psalm 133** — that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the other church staff and deacons that are already serving at Nashua Baptist Church.
- **Day 30 - Joshua 1:8-9** — that God would protect the new pastor's heart as he prepares to leave his current ministry and move to a new ministry. Pray that the stresses of moving, meeting new people, maintaining relationships, etc. would not interfere with his need to continually develop his relationship with Jesus. Pray that God would give him and his family peace knowing they are in God's will.
- **Day 31 - Colossians 3:12-17** — Above all, that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor for Nashua Baptist Church. 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 Nashua Baptist Church.