

Prayer Guide
for
Pastor Search



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Dear Camano Chapel church family,

Thank you for your willingness to commit to pray with us for our new senior pastor. We have the honor to come before God to seek His will and ask for His wisdom for the future leader of Camano Chapel.

We ask that you utilize this prayer guide to pray for the Search Committee, the congregation, and the future pastor of this church. The goal is to bring this topic before God, build unity, and have a clear knowledge of God's will for our future pastor.

We thank you for trusting our leadership and the Search Committee. Below you will find a list of their names and we ask that you pray for each one diligently. Thank you for praying as we seek wisdom and discernment.

- Rob Berrett
- Geoff Shook
- Don Schultz
- Jake Krestinski
- Ashley Johnson
- Aaron Klesick
- Dana Brown
- Steve Morton

Prayer plan for Sunday, December 19th

1. Pray for our Search Committee

Ephesians 4:1-6, John 15:1-8

- Pray for patience. Pray that our Search Committee would wait upon God's timing. Pray that our Search Committee will have the mind of Christ and agree.
- Ask that the Search Committee would heed Paul's advice for unity, having the humble attitude of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for wisdom to choose the right man. Pray the Search Committee will renew their minds in the Bible so that they can have Word-centered wisdom.
- Pray for discipline for our Search Committee and other church leaders. The search process will require a great deal of follow-through from the individuals.

2. Pray for your next pastor.

2 Timothy 4:1-5, Philippians 1:3-11

- Pray that God would increase his passion for the Word of God.
- Pray that God would give him a love for our church and the strength to leave his current position.
- Pray that he would begin new relationships at our church in the right way.
- Pray that God would prepare him to shepherd our church through the trials and blessings he has faced and currently faces.
- Pray for his family.

3. Pray for our church.

Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 2:3-11

- Pray for patience. The search process can go longer than expected. It is hard work for those doing the search process. Pray for trust in the leadership.
- Pray that our church would learn to place a high priority on the Word of God, the glory of Christ, and a love for His church. It is easy to gravitate towards personality, programs, or an ideal when calling a new pastor. Pray we focus on what matters: a man who loves Christ, His Word, and His church. Pray the new pastor will be a man of Christ-like character.
- Pray our church would not try to compare our new pastor to any previous pastor or personality. Let's trust that God is raising up this new leader to show us a path that is Spirit led for the future. Pray that he will be fully accepted and loved by the church family.

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3** eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. **3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

2nd Timothy 4:1-5

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **2** preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. **3** For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **5** As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Philippians 1:3-11

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. **8** For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. **9** And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, **10** so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, **11** filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make straight your paths.

Philippians 2:3-11

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pray for the Pastor Search Committee

Day 1 - Psalm 66:18-19, John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18 — Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each committee member. Pray this for each member by name.

Day 2 - Colossians 1:9 — Pray for God to fill the committee with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, and for strength.

Day 3 - Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:2-3 — Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the committee.

Day 4 - Isaiah 55:8-9 — Pray 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 — Pray for the Search Committee to have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

Day 6 - James 1:5-6 — Pray 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 — Pray 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 — Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search committee (one of Satan's tactics is deception). Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.

Day 9 - 1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:1 — Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. Pray that there would be no division among the committee or the congregation – only unity.

Day 10 - Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that the committee will seek God's will for the church above their own desires.

Pray for the Congregation:

Day 11 - Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8 — Pray the pastoral search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. “Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in man.”

Day 12 - Psalm 139:23-24 — Pray 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 — Pray for strong consistency and focus on the present ministry of the church. “Please grant great power to our guest pastors and to our staff. Protect us from any spirit of being lukewarm 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 — Pray 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 - 1 Corinthians 1:10 — Pray 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.” Pray for grace, guidance, and strength for the church from which our new pastor comes.

Day 16 - Ephesians 4:1-6 — Pray 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 - Hebrews 6:12 — Pray that we will patiently await God’s timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader.

Day 18 - Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that all the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead Camano Chapel 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 — Pray that the church as a whole would trust the pastoral Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the committee is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to Camano Chapel and there would be no division.

Pray for the next Pastor:

Day 21 - 2 Timothy 4:1-5 — Pray 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 — Pray 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 — Pray 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 Camano Chapel. Give them peace in knowing God's will.

Day 24 - Romans 12:9-13 — Pray that God would prepare our pastor to always have great zeal and passion for serving the Lord in his ministry. Pray for God's strength in his weakness and may he be faithful in prayer.

Day 25 - Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16 — Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our 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 — Pray 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 for his servant in leading him to a new location of ministry.

Day 27 - Amos 4:13 — Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Camano Chapel and the surrounding community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through our church.

Day 28 - Luke 12:22-31 — Pray 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 — Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the church staff, elders, and deacons/deaconesses that are already serving at Camano Chapel.

Day 30 - Joshua 1:8-9 — Pray 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 God. 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, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor for Camano Chapel. 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 Camano Chapel.

****Please continue to pray after the 31-day devotion is finished by starting again at the beginning of the prayer guide***