

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 Associate Pastor. We have the honor to come before God to seek His will and ask for His wisdom for the future Associate Pastor of Camano Chapel.

We ask that you utilize this prayer guide to pray for the search committee, the congregation, and the future Associate 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 Associate Pastor.

We thank you for trusting our leadership and the Search Team 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
- Annelle Martin
- Christy Headrick
- John Gildow
- Natalie Bennett

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 & 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate Pastor is presented to the church. Pray that there would be no division among the Pastor Search Committee or the congregation – only unity.

Day 10 - Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that the Associate Pastor Search 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 Associate Pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new Associate 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 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 — 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate Pastor who is like their previous Associate 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 Pastor Search Committee through the process of finding a new Associate 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 Camano Chapel and there would be no division.

Pray for the next Associate Pastor:

Day 21 - 2 Timothy 4:1-5 — Pray that God would increase our next Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate Pastor and his family.

Day 26 - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 — Pray for God's strength and guidance in the Associate Pastor's former ministry. 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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 Associate 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***