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**Pastor Search  
30 Day  
Prayer Guide**

2024

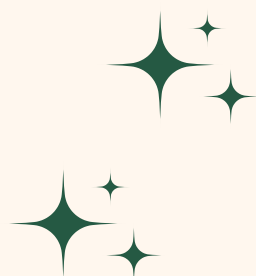


Dear Manley Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for trusting our leadership as your Pastor Search Committee. We believe this is a time of great importance in our church's history. We have been given the opportunity to seek God's face and ask for His wisdom in determining whom He will call to be our next pastor here at Manley Baptist Church.

We do not take this task lightly. We know we are in need of God's guidance and discernment as we journey through this process and we ask you to join us as we pray through this season of preparation for our next pastor and his family. James 5:16 states, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." With this in mind, we need to be right with God and come to Him with a clean conscience so that our prayers are not hindered.

We are seeking God's will for Manley Baptist Church. We covet your prayers during this season of transition and change. For that reason we ask that you utilize this prayer guide to cover the Search Committee, the congregation, and the future pastor of our church. We want to build unity and have clear knowledge of God's will for our future staff.



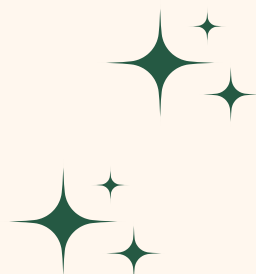


## WHO ARE WE?

Our Search Committee's names are listed below. We ask that you please pray diligently for each member. It is our hope that you will involve your children in this prayer process. If our children can understand the power of prayer in their lives now, it will have a profound effect on their lives as adults. Thank you for praying as we seek wisdom and discernment of God's will.

### **Pastor Search Committee**

Rusty Connelly  
Leslie Grigsby  
Kristen Kramer  
Brittney Wilder Rogers  
Garrett Salansky  
Larry Smith, Chairman  
Steve Standifer, Vice Chairman  
Heather Stubblefield, Secretary  
Deidre Tarr  
Michael Turner  
Marshall White



**Day 1: Ephesians 3:20-21; Joshua 1:9**

Pray that God would be exalted throughout the pastor search process, and that each member of the search committee would have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the search process.

**Day 2: Psalm 66:18; 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 3: Colossians 1:9**

Pray for God to fill all the committee members with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding and for strength.

**Day 4: Ephesians 4:1-3; John 17:20-23**

Pray for the search committee to maintain a strong sense of unity, to walk in humility, and to be strengthened in love to carry out the vision God has for them, and that the church will be unified, so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified.

**Day 5: John 15:1-8**

Pray for members of the search committee to remain close to Christ and rely on the True Vine throughout the search process.

**Day 6: Ephesians 5:15-17**

Pray for the search committee to make wise use of their time during their meetings. Also, pray for the committee to have no timetable but God's.

**Day 7: James 1:5-8**

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



**Day 8: Jeremiah 33:3; John 15:16-17**

Pray for the search committee to purposely and earnestly seek God's will through prayer each day as they proceed through the search process. Pray for them to be blessed with answered prayers as they complete the work God has called them to accomplish.

**Day 9: 2 Timothy 2:15**

Pray for the search committee as they listen to the music and words of the candidates to have wisdom and discernment as they review potential candidates.

**Day 10: Galatians 6:9**

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

**Day 11: 1 Peter 5:8-9**

Pray that the search committee will remain firm in their faith and resist the schemes of the enemy as they search for our new pastor.

**Day 12: John 13:34-35**

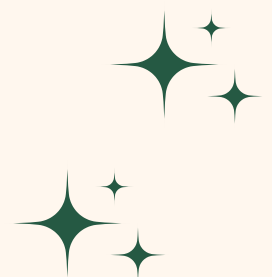
Pray for the search committee and our church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another.

**Day 13: Jeremiah 29:11-13; James 4:8**

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 our church's future.

**Day 14: 1 Peter 5:8-9; James 4:7-8; Ephesians 6:10-11**

Pray for the search committee and the church to remain humble before God and that they not be anxious, but trust God's leadership to withstand the spiritual warfare that will be present during this process.



### **Day 15: Hebrews 10:19-25**

Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship to draw near to God with sincere hearts and confident faith and follow His will in regards to our search.

### **Day 16: Isaiah 55:6-9**

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.

### **Day 17: Revelation 3:14-22; Psalm 139:23-24; Ephesians 4:1-6; Isaiah 42:9**

Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. May we always be the church God has called us to be. Pray church members repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His kingdom work. Pray that Manley be prepared to change and grow with graciousness. 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. Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church, and remind us that we serve Jesus, not a leader.

### **Day 18: Acts 11:24; Philippians 1:3-11; 2 Timothy 4:2, 5; Romans 12:9-13**

Pray for our new pastor to be a man of great faith, and that he will have a love and a vision for our church and a passion for Jesus and His Kingdom work. Give him strength to leave his current position and may he be faithful in prayer.

### **Day 19: Hebrews 13:17**

Pray for our future pastor to faithfully shepherd our church and for our church to willingly and joyfully submit to his servant leadership. Pray that the congregation would trust that the search committee is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to Manley Baptist and there would be no division.



**Day 20: 1 Timothy 3:1-4**

Pray for our next pastor to be a man who exhibits Christlike character.

**Day 21: Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 1:24-29**

Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church.

**Day 22: Amos 4:13**

Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Manley Baptist Church and the surrounding community.

**Day 23: Luke 12:22-31; 2 Timothy 2:1-2**

Pray that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church, and that they will be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ.

**Day 24: Psalm 133**

Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the other church staff and deacons that are already serving at Manley Baptist Church.

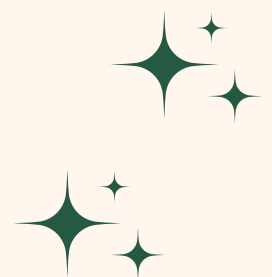
**Day 25: Joshua 1:8-9**

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 God would give him and his family peace knowing that they are in God's will.

**Day 26: Proverbs 2:2-6; Ephesians 1:15-23**

Pray for our future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision-making.

May he grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ.



**Day 27: Matthew 28:18-20**

Pray that our new pastor will be a Great Commission leader and that we will be a Great Commission church that follows Jesus, loves people, and makes disciples.

**Day 28: Colossians 3:12-17**

Above all, pray that God's will would be done throughout the entire process of finding a new pastor for Manley Baptist Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give everyone involved in this process wisdom and peace. Pray that God will show us who He is calling to Manley Baptist.

**Day 29: 1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:1**

Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. Pray there will be no division among the search committee or the congregation - only unity.

**Day 30: Jeremiah 3:15**

Pray for the entire body at Manley Baptist Church, in faith to embrace, support, and encourage the pastor according to God's own heart as He leads.

*Continue to be in prayer for Pastor Tony and Edie Buchanan who have lead us well here at Manley Baptist Church. Pray that their transition be smooth and that the Lord bless their next season of life.*

