



THIRTY-ONE

DAYS of PRAYER

**PASTOR
SEARCH
PRAYER
GUIDE**

Prayers for Brookwood's Congregation

Day 1 - Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Pray for our church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while we seek His will for the future.

Day 2 - Jeremiah 29:11-13 - "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days, when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."

Pray for a powerful spiritual renewal and cleansing of our church and that we will be the church He is calling us to be.

Day 3 - Ephesians 4:1-3 I, therefore, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

Pray for unity and peace in all areas of our church during the pastor search process.

Day 4 - John 15:5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce fruit. For apart from me, you can do nothing."

Pray for our church members to continually abide in Christ and continue to labor for Him during this interim period.

Day 5 - Revelation 2:2-4 "I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!"

Pray for Brookwood to return to her first love, Jesus Christ. Pray for us to love each other deeply and continue to grow the relationships within our body even in a time of transition.

Day 6 - Ephesians 6:10-11 "... Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against the strategies of the devil."

Pray for our congregation to understand that spiritual warfare will be present during this interim period and to protect themselves and arm themselves against any divisiveness.

Day 7 - Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pray expectantly and trust that the Lord will answer and provide. Ask Him to guard our hearts and trust Him during the search.

Day 8 - Proverbs 16:9 We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our step.

Pray for our congregation to have patience with the process and to have no time table but the Lord's.

Day 9 - Colossians 3:2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

Pray for our congregation to be flexible, set aside individual expectations and trust the Lord to reveal His purposes to us when He chooses.

Day 10 - Acts 2:41-42 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Please pray for our church to reflect the six elements reflected in these verses (worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism and prayer) both during the interim period and when the new pastor is called to serve at Brookwood.

Prayers for the Search Committee

Day 11 - Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Pray for the search committee members to have pure hearts as they work through the search process.

Day 12 - James 1:5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.

Pray for the search committee to have wisdom and to listen to the Spirit's guidance in all things.

Day 13 - Isaiah 55:8-9 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything that you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

Pray for the Lord to give clear direction and reveal His plan to the search committee.

Day 14 - Matthew 18:19-20 "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.

Please pray for the search committee to have unity in purpose and to feel the Lord's guidance and presence.

Day 15 - Philippians 2:3-11 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father.

Pray that the search committee members will seek God's will for Brookwood above their own personal desires.

Day 16 - John 13:34-35 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Please pray for our search committee members and that our love for one another will grow and our relationships will deepen as we are obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Also, pray that Brookwood's Christ-like love will shine out into our community as it hears about our search process and sees us transition as a church.

Day 17 - 1 Peter 5:8-9 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

Pray for the search committee members to remain vigilant and focused, respecting one another and faithfully following the Lord's leadership.

Day 18 - Ephesians 5:15-16 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

Pray for the search committee to make wise use of its time and for the Lord to reveal His perfect will.

Day 19 - Isaiah 55:6 Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.

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

Day 20 - Galatians 6:9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Pray for the search committee members: to not grow weary in their work and that they will be able to see the Lord's affirmation in all that they are doing.

Prayers for our new Pastoral Candidate

Day 21 - Colossians 1:9-12 So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

Please pray for the future pastor and his family to have clarity about who we are as a church and the direction that we need to go in the future.

Day 22 - Romans 12:1-2 Dear Brothers and Sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

Pray for our future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. Pray for them to clearly sense God's direction.

Day 23 - 2nd Corinthians 12:9-10 ...“ My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That’s why I take pleasure in weakness, and in the insults, hardship, persecutions, and troubles, that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Pray that if conflicts, awkwardness or hardships arise during the process, that our future pastoral candidates have strong faith to face them and are able to see where the Lord is leading them.

Day 24 - Psalm 133:1 How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in Harmony!

Please pray that the Lord will be preparing the hearts of our new pastor, staff and church body to work effectively together.

Day 25 - Proverbs 16:3 Commit your plans to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to our church and our surrounding community.

Day 26 - Luke 12:22-31 Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can’t accomplish a little thing like that, what’s the use of worrying over bigger things?”

“Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

“And don’t be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don’t worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.”

Pray that our new pastor will sense God’s peace during this period of transition.

Day 27 - 2 Timothy 4:1-2 I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: 2 Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach the word of God and for our church to have a hunger for the word.

Day 28 - Hebrews 13:17 Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

Pray for the new pastor to faithfully shepherd our church and for us to willingly and joyfully follow his servant leadership.

Day 29 Proverbs 2:2-6 Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will

understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

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

Day 30 - Joshua 1:8-9 "Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command - Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Pray that the Lord would protect the new pastor's heart as he prepares to leave his current position and move into a new one. Pray that these changes will not interfere with his continually seeking the Lord. Pray that the Lord will give him and his family strength as they trust in God's guidance.

Day 31 - Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Pray that our church will prioritize The Great Commission and that the Lord will bring us a pastor and leader for building Christ's Kingdom.