

August 20, 2023

Katy's First Baptist Church,

I am pleased to announce that the Pastor Search Committee met yesterday and identified the candidate that we will individually pursue as we step into the next phase of the search process. We have sought the Lord's guidance through fervent prayer with the firm conviction that we are fully reliant on the leadership of the Holy Spirit. At the same time, we are also fully committed to the idea that, while this stage includes a face-to-face, in-person interview, we are open and submitting ourselves to the direction the Lord will lead, wherever that may take us. This does not mean that we have a pastor to present to the church, but simply means we are one step closer for God to answer the question we continually ask Him, "whom have You appointed to shepherd our church?"

I know many of you are wondering when we will have a new pastor. This is a question we cannot answer yet. There is still much work to be done and we do not want to try to confine God to a definite timetable. The Lord will provide His man, in His timing, and in His way. In Isaiah 55:8-9, the LORD declares,

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

We appreciate the patience you have graciously given this committee. We ask that you continue to seek the Lord with us in prayer daily for Him to strengthen, provide, and bless our church, as only He can do, far more abundantly than we ask or think (Eph. 4:20).

For His Glory,

Brent Brewer Pastor Search Committee Chairman