Pastor Search Team
Prayer Guide

Day 01
John 15:5 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and the fullness of the Holy Spirit in each team member. Pray this for each member of the team by name.

(There is no end to the Godly wisdom our church needs; no end to our need for God's work among us; no end to our need for more of Christ as we walk together in faith in Jesus.)

Day 02
2 Timothy 1:14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

Pray for keen supernatural discernment, wisdom and strength for the Pastor Search Team chairman.

Day 03
Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

Ephesians 4:1-6 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,nbeseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Pray for powerful unity and oneness of spirit wihin the team.

(During a time of transition it can be easy to think of yourself and your own agenda for the church. Take time to intentionally serve others in our body.)

Day 04
Proverbs 14:12 There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says 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.

Pray for God's clear direction during the process of collecting and examining resumes along with conducting inteviews. Ask God to bring the right man to the team's attention.

Day 05

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Pray for the Search Team to have God's wisdom in all the questions they ask of the candidates and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

Day 06

1Timothy 3:1-7 This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1: 6-9 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

1 Peter 5:2-3 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

Pary for the team to rely on the Biblical qualifications for a pastor to guide their steps.

Day 07

Ephesians 5:17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is.*

Pray for the team to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time.

Day 08

(Participation in the life of the church during this time demonstrates your love for Christ's body and care for it's members.)

(Seek to create and nurture unity within the body and actively pursue it.)
Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search team. (One of Satan's wiles is deception.) Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the team and their families.

Day 09

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church.

Day 10

Philippians 2:3-11 *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pray that the pastor search team will seek what God desires for our church, above what the church or the team desires.

Day 11

Jeremiah 29:13 And you will seek Me and find *Me,* when you search for Me with all your heart.

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

Pray that the pastor search period will be a time during which 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.

(Continue in regular family prayer and devotion.)

Day 12

Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;
And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Pray that this will be a time of deep healing, cleansing and renewal for our church and the Holy Spirit would move mightly in our congregation.

Day 13

Revelation 2:1-4 "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.
Revelation 3-15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church. Pray for the staff and deacon body as they lead. Pray that God will protect us from any spirit of luke-warmness or losing our first love. Be reminded we serve Jesus and not a pastor.

(The proclamation of the Gospel should not stop in the life of the church. Pray for opportunities to share Christ.)

Day 14

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 17:21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Pray for a glorious sense of love and unity among all members of the church. That we would surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family and seek reconciliation, bearing with one another in love.

Day 15

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *tha* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Pray for great unity in calling the new pastor. That we would receive him and his family with deep love and a renewed commitment. Pray for revival and a spirital awakening as we move into the future.

Day 16

Ephesians 4:1-6 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrance 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.

Day 17

Hebrews 6:11-12 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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 to lead.

(You may feel there are many things to be handled in this time of transition or have a desire to change ongoing ministries. Ask God to help you discern which concerns are truly urgent and which can wait. Are they rooted in the Gospel or in preference?)

Day 18

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Pray that the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity whom God is calling to lead Majestic Baptist Church.

Day 19

Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Pray that we would not make decisions based on preferences or previous experiences. Pray that all would be receptive to God's plan for Majestic Baptist Church not ours.

Day 20

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Pray that the church as a whole would trust the Pastor Search Team through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Team is being led by the Sprirt as they search for the man God is bringing to Majestic Baptist Church.

Day 21

2 Timothy 4:1-5 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Pray that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God.

(Tend to relationships)

Day 22

Philippians 1:3-11 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Pray that God would give our next pastor a love for our church.

Day 23

Colossians 1:9-12 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him,* being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Pray for our next pastor's family. Pray that God, who sees the end from the beginning, would strengthen and guide the new pastor's family as they are led toward ministry at Majestic Baptist Church.

Day 24

Romans 12:9-13 *Let* love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Pray that God would prepare our pastor to better shepherd our flock through the trials and blessings he is currently experiencing.

Day 25

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of calling to our church. He must know God's direction.

Day 26

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's current church. Pray that those with whom he is currently minstering would trust God's plan for his servnat in leading him to a new ministry.

Day 27

Proverbs 29:18 Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint;
But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minster to the people of Majestic Baptist Church and this community.

Day 28

Luke 12:22-31 Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food, and the body *is more* than clothing. Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? If you then are not able to do *the* least, why are you anxious for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more *will He clothe* you, O *you* of little faith? "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

Pray that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church. That they would feel welcomed and loved by our church, this community and neighbors.

(Continue in your time of personal devotion, pursue God through His Word all the more fervently.)

Day 29

Psalm 133 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments. *It is* like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forevermore.

Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the church staff, elders and deacons serving Majestic Baptist Church.

Day 30

Joshua 1:8-9 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

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 enrich his relationship with Christ through his personal time of study in God's Word and prayer.

Day 31

Colossians 3:12-17 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do.* But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Above all, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor for Majestic Baptist Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will grant each of us wisdom and peace. Pray that Christ be exalted and God is glorified in this time.

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