

Dear Kernville Baptist Church Family,

As your Pastor Search Committee, we believe this is a time of 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 has called to be the next pastor of Kernville Baptist Church.

We thank you for trusting our leadership. This is a task that we do not take lightly. We need supernatural discernment as we journey through this process and are asking you to join us as we pray through this season of preparing 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 Kernville Baptist Church. We appreciate your prayers during this season of transition and change. For this reason we ask that you use this prayer guide to cover the Pastor 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 pastor.

Listed below are the names of the Pastor Search Committee. 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 learn and 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,  
Jason Baughman, Chairperson  
Rick Phillips, Vice Chairperson  
Josh Cain, Communication, Resume, and Social Coordinator  
Jennifer Wagner, Recorder and Secretary  
Jan Fletcher, Prayer Coordinator

## **PRAY FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Day 1 - 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 --- Jason, Rick, Josh, Jennifer, Jan

Day 2 – Colossians 1:9 ----- Pray for God to fill the chairman, Jason, with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom & understanding and for strength.

Day 3 – Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:3 ----- Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the committee.

Day 4 – 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 pastor

Day 5 – Ephesians 5:6 ----- Pray for the committee to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect time.

Day 6 - Ephesians 6:10-12 ----- Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search committee. Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.

Day 7 – Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8 ----- Pray that during the pastor search period, the church will seek God for leadership. "Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in man."

## **PRAY FOR THE CONGREGATION**

Day 1 - Hebrews 13:17 ----- Pray that the church will trust the Pastor Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead Kernville Baptist Church to be the church God has called us to be.

Day 2 – Philippians 2:3-11 ----- Pray that all church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God is calling to lead Kernville First Baptist to be the church God has called us to be.

Day 3 - 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 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 4 - John 17:21, 1 Corinthians 1:10 ----- Pray for a great unity in calling the new 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 5 – 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 6 – 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 the transitional pastor and to our staff. Protect us from the evil one and remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor.”

Day 7 - Psalm 66:18, 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 not us.”

## **PRAY FOR THE NEXT PASTOR**

Day 1 – Philippians 1:3-11 ----- Pray that God would give our next 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 2 – Colossians 1: 9-12 ----- Pray for our next pastor's family. Pray that God, who knows who they are, would strengthen and guide the new pastor's family as they are led toward ministry at Kernville Baptist Church.

Day 3 – Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16 ----- Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of the call to our church. He must know God's direction. Pray also for protection from the evil one for our future pastor and his family.

Day 4 – Amos 4:13 ----- Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Kernville Baptist Church and the surrounding community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through our church.

Day 5 – Psalm 133 ----- Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the church staff, deacons and church council that are already serving Kernville Baptist Church.

Day 6 – 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 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 7 - Colossians 3:12-17 ----- Above all, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor for Kernville Baptist Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give everyone involved in this process wisdom and peace.