



GPC Next Steps and Transition Process

The elders have been praying and seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit for our church body. This season of prayer has led to Adam being called to H3 Collective, and now we will begin the pastoral search process for a teaching pastor. The steps below outline this process.

1. The elders will initiate the pastor search process by using the services of an established ministry partner, Catapult, to identify pastoral candidates that match our teaching pastor profile. The GracePoint leadership has previously worked with this ministry partner as we clarified our mission and values, and they assisted in the process of becoming GracePoint Church.
2. The elders will select a pastor search team from our congregation to determine which candidates to consider. Choosing a candidate will involve prayer, listening to sermons, conducting interviews and reference checks.
3. If the pastor search team, elders and candidate are in agreement, the candidate will be given an opportunity to meet with church lay leaders, to teach and preach, and to fellowship with the church body.
4. As a congregation, we will move forward in the confirmation process, by using a working definition of “active membership”.

In order to participate in the confirmation process, an “active member” will be defined as:

- a. An active member is a baptized believer.
- b. An active member agrees to our Doctrine/Statement of Faith.
- c. An active member is in good standing at GracePoint.
- d. An active member must be a habitual attendee within the last calendar year. Because of Covid, this will include both in-person or online attendance.

Conclusion

Let us join together by honoring Scripture,

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

I Corinthians 1:10

Let's determine to seek the unity of the Spirit in all things because, if we do, we know He will lead us and we can continue to glorify God!

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact us at: shane@mygracepoint.com

Gratefully serving and leading,

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Things to pray for during this process

Please continue to join us to pray for this next season at GracePoint. We desperately need the Holy Spirit to lead us, guide us and give us wisdom and discernment! We invite you to meditate on and prayerfully consider these passages and prayer points.

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, Ephesians 1:17

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:17-18

Please actively:

- Pray for the next teaching pastor and his family that the Holy Spirit has called to serve at GracePoint.
- Pray for the elders during the pastoral search team selection process and that the Holy Spirit prepares these individuals to follow His will.
- Pray for spiritual protection for all those involved in the search process and for their ability to see and hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for our staff, our lay leaders and our church body as a whole, that we remain united in Christ.
- Pray that God is honored throughout the entire search process.