

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATES

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[Red Box] Jan 26 and **[Yellow Box]** Feb 6

The PST has narrowed down the search from the original 265 resumes to 14 which were sent out questionnaires then to 4 which were individually interviewed with their wives. From the 4 men, we narrowed it down to 2 and with further prayer, interviews and sermon reviews we have narrowed down our focus to one man that we believe God is calling to our church. There are still farther meetings and interviewing to be done. We are diligently working toward completing this process. Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement.

[Yellow Box] Sept 26, 2010

The Pastor Search Team has been working hard, and have narrowed the pastoral candidates down to four men. Over the next couple of months, the team will be conducting interviews and visiting churches. Please begin prayer for them as they travel, and for unity in continuing to follow God's lead.

[Red Box] Sept 12, 2010

From the pulpit Grant thanked the church for the prayers it has lifted for the pastor search team and its members. He then proceeded to tell the congregation that we had narrowed the list of 260+ senior pastor resumes down to 14. We had sent them questionnaires and ask for sermons. Once we receive these and watch/listen and prayed over them over the next couple of weeks we would narrow those resumes down. We would select the 3-5 candidates God has laid on our hearts to pursue further.

[Red Box] May 23, 2010

From the pulpit Grant thanked the church for the prayers it has lifted for the pastor search team and its members. He also stated how the pastor search team had just finished up a Spirit filled time of training with Clint Anderson on the pastor selection process. On Wednesday June 9th, 2010 Clint will come

and share the information collected in the surveys. The same night the pastor search team will share the pastor profile that will be used to screen the candidates for the senior pastor job. The pastor profile was generated by looking at the surveys, staff interviews and prayers. Then Grant ended by saying we are still taking recommendation for the pastorate job and to continue to pray for the pastor search team.

April 4, 2010

Thank you for participating in the church survey last week. It will take several weeks for the information to be compiled and processed. While the Team is waiting for the survey results, we will begin to define the profile and process that will be used to narrow down the candidates for our pastor. Thank you for your prayers as we continue to seek God's will in our search for a pastor.

March 28, 2010

Grant, the chair of pastor church team got up from pulpit and explained the survey. Then lead the congregation in a prayer asking God to help everyone fill out the survey in the way that the He was leading them to do.

March 28, 2010

Today the Pastor Search Team will be distributing a survey at the end of worship services. Please fill out the survey and submit it before leaving. If you have friends who were unable to attend this morning, they can fill out the survey in the church office from Mon., March 29, to Wed., March 31.

March 7, 2010

Grant, the chair of pastor church team got up from pulpit and gave an update from the Pastor Search Team (PST). He stated that we had been working on building a profile and other data to start looking for a pastor. He also mentioned a couple of ways to get information on what the team had done and what the team was planning as far as the search for the pastor was going. One of these ways was for you to look in the bulletin every week. Another way was through an online blog at discovernewhope.com. The final method is through a monthly report on Sunday mornings from the pulpit.

The team also wanted to let the church know that if they need to ask a question of the committee or make a statement to the committee it would be best to do it one of two ways. The first way would be to write a letter and give it to Lori Parker in the church office or give it to a PST member. The other way is to go to the Church's web page and send an email to PST@discovernewhope.com. This way the PST can get all the information first hand and nothing is added or taken away from the submitter's information. Then we can review it as a team.

Another item of business that the PST is working on is a survey for the church on what they feel God is telling them that New Hope needs in a new pastor. The survey will be given on Sunday the 28th in both morning services. If you cannot make it on that Sunday the survey will be available in the church office until Wednesday, March 31st. You will have to set aside the time to answer the survey in the office area because the survey will not be allowed to be taken home. The PST wants your first reactions to the questions. Finally, Grant asked for prayers in several areas, for the PST to listen for God's will, to make the new pastor's heart uneasy in his current situation and open to God's will, pray for the heart of the church.

March 7, 2010

The Pastor Search Team is currently creating a survey that will be distributed to the entire church during the March 28, Sunday morning Worship Services. This survey will allow the church body to express their views on what type of gifts and characteristics they feel the Pastor Search Team should be looking for in our future pastor. If you are unable to attend the March 28 service, the survey will be available to fill out in the church office from Monday, March 29, to Wednesday, March 31. Thank you for your continued prayers for this team!

February 28, 2010

The Pastor Search Team has completed their first phase of training. They are currently creating a survey to distribute to the church as soon as possible. The purpose of the survey is to allow the church body an opportunity to express their views on what type of gifts and characteristics they feel the Pastor Search Team should be looking for in our future pastor. Please

pray for the team as they seek God to guide them in forming a profile of the man God is calling to shepherd New Hope. This profile will be used to evaluate resumés.

January 31, 2010

The Pastor Search Team is meeting weekly working through a Bible study on pastoral character traits and gifts. The team's specific prayer time focuses on our future pastor, unity and discernment. They are currently selecting and planning to attend training for the Pastor Search process. After training, the team will offer church members a survey for feedback. Please continue to pray regularly for this team and our future pastor.