



**W**e encourage you to pray over the new Lead Minister God is bringing to our church. Prayer is an essential part of a church's faith. We are placing our faith in God to bring the right person to us for leadership through this next decade. Below are some scriptures and prayer points you can use to pray for this process.

- **Pray for our elders and staff as they interview potential candidates.** Pray God gives them wisdom and insight into the candidates, and what our church needs.

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."* James 1:5

- **Pray for a spirit of unity among our leadership.** Not just that we are united in our choice of the right person, but our new lead minister is united in spirit with our leaders and church.

*"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."* Philippians 2:1-2

- **Pray for the character of the new Lead Minister.** Pray they are a person after God's heart, led by the Spirit of God, in love with the people of God. Pray for someone who senses God's leading and helps point the way.

*"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."* Jeremiah 3:15

*"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit."* Romans 8:5 ESV

- **Pray for someone who loves God's words.** Someone who is in love with God's wisdom. Someone who speaks God's words and sets a good example for us.

*"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."* Hebrews 13:7

- **Pray for someone committed to seeking the lost.** As Jesus gave the charge to the Apostle Paul during his conversion, may they be committed to sharing the gospel with those who have not heard it yet.

*"I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26:17-18*

- **Pray for Macomb.** Pray for God to prepare our hearts to accept some fresh ideas, vision, and direction as we head into this next decade.

*"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way." Hebrews 13:17-18*

- **Pray for God to continue to supply all our needs.** As we take on the financial responsibility of supporting a new Lead Minister, may God supply all we need to take care of the leader he sends us.

*"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 ESV*

- **Pray for someone committed to our three-year objectives as a church.** That he will build upon the foundation of what has already begun here.

#### **Be Bold:**

*"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." 1 Peter 2:12*

#### **Be New:**

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19*

#### **Grow The Kingdom:**

*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47*