

# A Message from Your Pastor Search Committee

Friends,

Your Pastor Search Committee has begun our work as we move toward identifying and calling our next Pastor for Woodland Heights Baptist Church. We recognize and appreciate the responsibility we have accepted and the confidence you have placed in us. We ask for your support, your input, your assistance, and most of all your prayers as we undertake this vital task in these challenging times. We will be open to ideas and concerns, transparent in our decisions and actions, and mindful of both our long history here at 31<sup>st</sup> and Springhill and the confidence that God has plans for us into the future. To help begin our work, we are in contact with folks at Virginia Baptists and Richmond Baptists, as well as others from our greater community.

The pulpit will be filled during May and June with a variety of ministers lined up by the Deacons, and beyond that time we may continue that approach or look for an Interim Pastor as we continue our search. If you have thoughts about which approach you would prefer, or have suggestions about future preachers, please let us know.

Beyond the pulpit supply question, please share with the PSC members any thoughts or ideas you might have for us as we begin our work. In the fairly near future, we plan to distribute a questionnaire so that you might share some opinions and preferences, and we will likely have an “open meeting” soon as well to provide some updates and to hear from the congregation in that format.

Again, please continue in prayer for our church and for the pastor search process in the coming weeks and months. As YOUR Pastor Search Committee, we will do our best to hear the thoughts and concerns of the congregation as we also seek to follow God’s leading in finding the next leader for our church.

In Christ,

Your Pastor Search Committee:

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