

Prayer request from Pastor Search Team

On Sunday, March 5, Tim Van Soelen announced that the search team has started the interview stage in the process of searching for a new pastor. I have written several messages encouraging you to pray for the search team. In light of that, let's take a look at the way Jesus prepared Himself before He called the twelve men He would disciple. These men would become the leaders of the first New Testament churches.

"During those days he (Jesus) went out to the mountain to pray and spent all night in prayer to God. When daylight came, he summoned his disciples, and he chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles" (Luke 6:12-13).

Stop and think about that for a second. Before Jesus selected His twelve apostles, He spent an *entire night* praying about His selection. This is simply amazing! If the Lord of the universe found it necessary to pray *all night long* before selecting those who would lead His church, how much more do you and I need to.

Prayer is powerful - but you must commit to making it a priority as we search for our future pastor. Pray also for the leader God has already chosen to lead us:

Pray that God would increase his passion for the Word of God.

Pray that God would give him a love for our church families.

Pray for his family, that they develop positive relationships with the people of BOH.

Thank you for partnering with us in this amazing journey!

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