

Hello Church Family,

This is the first update from the Senior Pastor Elect Search Team (SPEST). Just to refresh your memory, the team consists of the following members: Humberto Saldivar, Todd Baerwald, Kathryn Graham, Karen Hash, Dorothy Jones, Mike Miller-Chairman, Steve Miller, and Bryan Cash-Executive Pastor.

We have met twice: February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduled to meet every month. We may meet more than once a month, if needed. We are in the process of rating 25 resumes. At our next meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will receive another group of resumes.

I want to remind everyone that this process may be long and challenging. The following is how you can help SPEST:

Pray for your search team:

- \* Pray for patience-that we trust God's timing and have the mindset of Christ.
- \* Pray for the team to stay unified and have a humble attitude like Jesus Christ.
- \* Pray for wisdom to choose the right man and not conform to the pattern of the world.

Pray for our next Senior Pastor:

- \* Pray for a pastor that loves Christ, His Word, and His church.
- \* Pray for a pastor who has a shepherd heart and a Christ-like character.
- \* Pray that God will make it clear to him that FBCUC is his next flock to shepherd.
- \* Pray for his family.
- \* Pray for the new relationships between him, his family, church staff and the church body.

Pray for our church:

- \* Pray that we welcome our new pastor with love, encouragement, and support.
- \* Pray that FBCUC will seek God's will for the future of our church and community.

SPEST thanks you for your love, support, prayers and patience as we travel this unfamiliar road. Remember in 60 years, we have had only 5 pastors.

Blessings,  
Mike Miller-SPEST