

## **60 Days of Prayer for ELBC Search Committee, Church and New Pastor**

All members are encouraged to pray through this guide until God unmistakably provides the church with the pastor He has chosen to lead EAST.

**Day 1:** *Psalms 66:18, John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18*

Pray for each committee member, by name, asking God to lead them by His Holy Spirit. (Listed Alphabetically: Pat Austin, Kristi Haymon, Rhonda Mann, Jackie Martin, DR Perkins, \*Alternates: Ben Iles, Barbara Zimmerman)

**Day 2:** *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor. Pray for the church and search committee to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.

**Day 3:** *Philippians 1:3-11*

Pray that God would give our next pastor a love for our church and the strength to leave his current position.

**Day 4:** *Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:1-6*

Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

**Day 5:** *2 Timothy 4:1-5*

Pray that God would increase the prospective pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God.

**Day 6:** *Proverbs 14:12, Isaiah 55:8-9*

Pray for God's clear direction during the process of collecting and examining resumes along with conducting interviews. Ask God to bring the right person to the committee's attention.

**Day 7:** *John 15:1-8*

Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period. Pray for members of the search committee to remain close to Christ.

**Day 8:** *1 Corinthians 2:10-16*

Pray for the Search Committee to have God's wisdom in all the questions they ask of the candidates and information they share with the prospective pastor.

**Day 9:** *James 1:2-6*

Pray for the Committee to have Godly wisdom as to the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church.

**Day 10:** *John 15:9-15*

Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ. Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

**Day 11:** *Ephesians 5:17*

Pray for the Committee to find God's perfect will regarding the prospective pastor, in God's perfect timing.

**Day 12:** *Ephesians 6:10-12*

Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the Search Committee.

**Day 13:** *Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Pray for the search committee and the church to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the church's future.

**Day 14:** *Psalms 139:23-24*

Pray for members of the search committee to have hearts that are pure as they work through the pastor search process. Pray for your future pastor, current, and interim pastors, to maintain a pure life before God.

**Day 15:** *James 1:5-8*

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates. Pray for church leaders to seek God's wisdom in the interim period.

**Day 16:** *Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8*

Pray that the search period will be a time for the church to seek God's will individually and for the church, more than just a new pastor.

**Day 17:** *1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:1*

Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church.

**Day 18:** *Philippians 2:3-11*

Pray that the pastor search Committee will place the needs of the church above their own individual desires.

**Day 19:** *Colossians 1:9-12*

Pray for your future pastor and his family to be certain that it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry. Pray the Father will be glorified in the pastor search process.

**Day 20:** *Psalms 66:18, Psalm 139:23-24*

Pray for a powerful move of renewal and revival within the congregation.

**Day 21:** *John 13:34-35*

Pray for the search committee and the church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.

**Day 22:** *Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15*

Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church that it would be protected from any spirit of luke-warmness or loss of our first love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor.

**Day 23:** *John 13:34, John 17:21*

Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. Help us surrender all bitterness, division and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love.

**Day 24:** *John 17:21, 1 Corinthians 1:10*

Pray for great unity in calling the new pastor. Lord, help us to receive him and his family with deep love and renewed commitment. Grant us a powerful sense of revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future. Pray for grace, guidance and strength for the church from which our new pastor comes.

**Day 25:** *Ephesians 4:1-6*

Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means changes. Help us to be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity.

**Day 26:** *Psalms 1:10-12*

Pray for each member of the search committee to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him. Pray for your next pastor to keep a cleansed heart before the Lord.

**Day 27:** *Hebrews 6:11-12*

Pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader.

**Day 28:** *Philippians 2:3-11*

Pray that the church members will set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity that God is calling to lead Our church.

**Day 29:** *Isaiah 42:9*

Pray that we would not make decisions based on previous experiences with previous pastors. Pray that all would be receptive to God beginning a new work in the congregation.

**Day 30:** *Hebrews 13:17*

Pray that the church as a whole would trust the Pastor Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Committee is being led by the Spirit as they conduct this search on the part of the Church.

**Day 31:** *2 Timothy 4:1-5*

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray the Lord gives the church a hunger of the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that are preached by the new pastor.

**Day 32:** *Colossians 1:9-12*

Pray for our next pastor's family. Pray that God would strengthen and guide the new pastor's family as they are led toward ministry at our church.

**Day 33:** *Romans 12:9-13*

Pray that God would prepare our next pastor to better shepherd our flock through any current trials and blessings he is experiencing.

**Day 34:** *Joshua 1:9*

Pray for each member of the search committee to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastor search process

**Day 35:** *Romans 12:1-2*

Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of calling to our church. He must know God's direction.

**Day 36:** *2 Corinthians 12:9-10*

Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church. Pray that those with whom he is currently ministering would trust God's plan for his servant in leading him to a new location of ministry.

**Day 37:** *Proverbs 29:18*

Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of our church and the surrounding community.

**Day 38:** *Luke 12:22-31*

Pray that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church. This would include the needs of his wife and children in making new friends. Also involved would be physical needs such as housing, schooling, etc. that must be settled upon moving to a new area.

**Day 39:** *Psalms 133*

Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with church staff and other leaders that are already serving at our church.

**Day 40:** *Joshua 1:8-9*

Pray that God would protect the new pastor's heart as he prepares to leave his current ministry and move to a new ministry. Pray that the stresses of moving, meeting new people, maintaining relationships etc. would not interfere with his need to continually develop his personal relationship with God.

**Day 41:** *Joshua 1:9*

Pray for each member of the search committee to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastor search process.

**Day 42:** *James 4:1-12*

Prayer Prompts: Pray for church members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come. Pray for the search committee to continually submit to God's will.

**Day 43:** *John 17:20-23*

Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified. Pray for the search committee to be unified in their decision making.

**Day 44:** *2 Timothy 2:15*

Pray for a pastor who is able to rightly divide the Word of God. Pray for the search committee as they listen to sermons of potential pastoral candidates.

**Day 45:** *Jeremiah 33:3*

Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as you seek God's will for a pastor, but also as you seek God's vision for the church.

**Day 46:** *1 Timothy 3:1-7*

Pray for your next pastor to be a man who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately. Pray for your future pastor's family as they transition to a new work.

**Day 47:** *Colossians 3:12-17*

Pray or your church to grow in love toward one another. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

**Day 48:** *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Pray for your future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. Pray for the church to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

**Day 49:** *Revelation 3:14-22*

Pray church members repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

**Day 50:** *Hebrews 10:19-25*

Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship. Pray for the search committee to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding your future pastor.

**Day 51:** *1 Peter 5:1-4*

Pray that your future pastor shepherds the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner. Pray for your future pastor's walk with Christ.

**Day 52:** *1 Peter 5:5-7*

Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and your future pastor. Pray for the church to follow the leadership of your future pastor.

**Day 53:** *1 Peter 5:8-9*

Pray for the search committee to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership. Pray that the church will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

**Day 54:** *Ephesians 5:15-16*

Pray for the search committee to make wise use of their time during their meetings. Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to your future pastor.

**Day 55:** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Pray that in times of discouragement, the search committee and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing the church and future pastor together.

**Day 56:** *Colossians 1:24-29*

Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to your next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the future pastor and church. Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

**Day 57:** *Philippians 2:1-11*

Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search committee and the church during the pastor search process.

**Day 58:** *Galatians 6:9*

Pray for the search committee to not grow weary in their work. Pray that the search committee and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing you and your future pastor together.

**Day 59:** *Matthew 28:18-20*

Pray for your church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples. Pray that your future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.

**Day 60:** *Colossians 3:12-17*

Above all, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor for our church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give everyone involved in this process wisdom, peace and a deep sense of unity. Pray that God will very clearly and very specifically guide us to whom He is calling to serve as pastor for East Leesville Baptist Church.