



Pray for 5...

1. **Pastor** (new)
2. **Pastor** (now)
3. **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**
Denny Dillon, David Glenn, Kathy Higgins,
Sean Vanyo and Melissa Withrow
4. **People** (here)
5. **People** (not yet here)

Our Mission: to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ... at any cost!

Calling a new pastor is a major mission milestone, a bigger job than we can do on our own. It requires prayer. For the church in Acts, prayer was not an afterthought. It wasn't the way to start and end a meeting. Prayer was not a supplement to the "real work" of the apostles. Prayer was central then, and it must be in the middle of everything we do at Middle! There is Holy Spirit power and unity when the body of Christ (the Church) is praying with one voice each day. Paul provides a wonderful "snapshot" of life in a Christian community in his first letter to the Thessalonian church...

¹² Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. ¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. ¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies, ²¹ but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. ²² Stay away from every kind of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. ²⁴ God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. ²⁵ Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a sacred kiss. ²⁷ I command you in the name of the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters. ²⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (NLT)

**Please pray for 5 minutes for the 5 main areas above,
using the scripture and prayer prompts given for each day.**

March 15

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for Middle to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor.
Pray for the PNC to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

March 16

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for Middle to continue to reach the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Pray for the church and PNC to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.

March 17

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for unity and peace at Middle while searching for a pastor, and for Pastor Linda in this transition process.

Pray for a strong sense of unity among the PNC as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

March 18

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

Prayer Prompts: Pray for Middle to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during this succession timeframe. Pray for members of the PNC to remain close to Christ.

March 19

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-15

Prayer Prompts: Pray for Middle to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ. Pray for God to bond Middle and her future pastor together in love.

March 20

Scripture Reading: John 15:16-17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as Middle prepares for her next pastor.

Pray for the PNC to be blessed with answered prayers.

March 21

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the PNC and Middle to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of our future.

March 22

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer Prompts: Pray for members of the PNC to have hearts that are pure as they work through the pastor search process. Pray for our future pastor to maintain a pure life before God.

March 23

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-11

Prayer Prompts: Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present.

Pray for God's protection on the PNC and their families, Pastor Linda and all of Middle.

March 24

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your future pastor (and family) to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that our future pastor will be a faithful disciple-maker.

March 25

Scripture Reading: James 1:5-8

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the PNC to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates. Pray for Pastor Linda and our church leaders to continue to seek God's wisdom during this succession time.

Day 26

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor (and family) to be seeking God's call and will. Pray for Pastor Linda and Don as they seek God's next step in His ministry plan for them.

Pray the Father will be glorified in the pastor search process.

March 27

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:41-42

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to reflect the six elements of a healthy church both in the interim period and when the new pastor is called to serve (worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and prayer.)

March 28

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor and Middle to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for our church to be strengthened to carry out the vision God has for us.

March 29

Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the PNC 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 community.

March 30

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

Prayer Prompts: Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the pastor search process.

March 31

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:10-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for each member of the PNC to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him. Pray for our next pastor to keep a cleansed heart before the Lord.

April 1

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray the Lord gives Middle a hunger of the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that will be preached.

April 2

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to willingly and joyfully place themselves under his/her servant leadership.

April 3

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:9

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

April 4

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:2-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision making. Pray for the PNC to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom.

April 5

Scripture Reading: James 4:1-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for covenant partners to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come. Pray for the PNC to continually submit to God's will.

April 6

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-23

Prayer Prompts: Pray for Middle to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified. Pray for the PNC to be unified in their decision making.

April 7

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:15

Prayer Prompts: Pray for a pastor who is able to rightly discern the Word of God.

Pray for the PNC as they listen to sermons of potential pastoral candidates.

April 8

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:3

Prayer Prompts: Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as we seek God's will for a pastor, but in the day in, day out seasons of ministry.

April 9

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our next pastor to be a person who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately. Pray for our future pastor's family as they transition here, and for Pastor Linda and Don in their transition.

April 10

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our church to grow in love toward one another, and for those who are lost without a Savior. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

April 11

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ.

Pray for Middle to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

April 12

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

Prayer Prompts: Pray for Middle to fight against lukewarm spirituality. Pray for us to repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

April 13

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Prayer Prompts: Pray for Middle to be committed to biblical worship. Pray for the PNC to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding our future pastor.

April 14

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

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

April 15

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and our future pastor.

Pray for Middle to follow the leadership of our future pastor, with enthusiasm and participation.

April 16

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:8-9

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the PNC to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership. Pray that we will all stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

April 17

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-16

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

April 18

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Prayer Prompts: Pray that in times of discouragement, the PNC and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing Middle and her future pastor together.

April 19

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:24-29

Prayer Prompts: Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to our next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the future pastor and us.

April 20

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord. Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in him/her.

April 21

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:9

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the PNC to not grow weary in their work. Pray that the PNC and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing us and our future pastor together.

April 22

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer Prompts: Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the PNC and Middle during the pastor search process.

April 23

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Prayer Prompts: Pray for our church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples. Pray that our future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.