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Introduction

The congregation of Calvary Tabernacle has distinguished itself generation after generation by capturing a vision, being sensitive to God's will, and stepping out in faith with determination to accomplish a goal. Indeed, our church building, Calvary Christian School, and Indiana Bible College are evidence of what is possible through Christ. We are called again to seek the direction of the Spirit and step out in faith as we select a new pastor – a decision that will have an impact for generations. Once Pastor Mooney announced his retirement, our bylaws charge the Board with the responsibility of identifying pastoral candidates. The congregation of Calvary Tabernacle is our highest priority, and our prayer is that God will guide us as we seek His will.

What Has the Board Been Doing?

Since Pastor Mooney announced his retirement, 92 individuals submitted 123 forms identifying 36 pastoral nominees for the Board to consider. This data clearly indicates that the congregation holds no strong preference for anyone at this juncture. We evaluated each nominee's alignment with our expectations for: a) strong adherence to the principles of the Acts 2:38 apostolic doctrine and a holiness lifestyle, b) ministerial experience, c) dynamic preaching, d) strong Bible teaching, e) supervisory experience, f) demonstrated leadership, g) business acumen, and h) commitment to missions, among other factors.

After considerable research and discussion, we found that many of these nominees met our criteria. After a season of fasting and prayer seeking God's guidance on how to proceed, we decided to seek counsel from UPCI leadership. Three individual Board members independently contacted a different leader and asked them for a list of potential nominees, but we did not share with them who we were already considering. Each leader identified the same group of nominees, a subset of the individuals the congregation had nominated meeting the above criteria.



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Where Are We Now?

After another season of fasting and prayer, the Board was unanimous in the belief that God lead us to a pastoral nominee for the congregation to consider. The Board contacted this nominee who, after fasting and prayer, informed us that he and his wife were at peace with taking the next step in this selection process. Bro. Josh Carson, the General Youth President of the UPCI, will be invited to speak to the congregation as a pastoral candidate as soon as the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted, and we are able to hold normal services.

What's Next?

The Board unanimously agrees that Bro. Carson satisfies our pastoral criteria and that it is God's will for Bro. Carson to address this congregation. Our bylaws provide that it is only the congregation, by a 2/3rds vote, that is empowered to select the next pastor of Calvary Tabernacle. Take this time to do your own due diligence - listen to preaching, podcasts, and interviews online. Finally, we must set aside our personal preferences and join in fasting and prayer seeking spiritual sensitivity. It is critical to the future of Calvary Tabernacle that God's perfect will be done. God has worked through this congregation to accomplish many great things and, we believe, he's going to do it again.

Sincerely,

The Calvary Tabernacle Board
