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FROM THE SHEPHERD'S HEART

with Pastor Garth Forster

As I prepare for my retirement, my desire is to prepare you for your next pastor. I want to instruct that process, but not to influence the person the church chooses. To that end, our church family elected a **Pastor Search Team** on October 18th made up of the following members:

Monte McCall, Chairman
Rene Hubbard
Robert Rainey

Kathy Selph
Allen Smith
Josh Swatts, Alternate

It should excite you to know that three of those six have experience serving on a pastor search team before. On Sunday evening, November 1st, they will receive training from **Chris Reynolds** who serves our region in the Pastor Wellness division of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. This past Sunday evening, October 25th, they met with our Personnel Team to ask for an updated job description for our senior pastor and to discuss how we should pursue an interim or "transitional pastor" to temporarily serve as pastor when I retire. As you can see, our Pastor Search Team has hit the ground running!

In the days ahead, you can expect the Pastor Search Team to put together a congregational survey that will give you a voice in the pastor search process. They, of course, will also be receiving resumes for a period of time, and then will begin to seek the person whom they believe should be the next pastor of our church. You, of course, will have an opportunity to meet that individual and their family, as well as to hear our prospective pastor preach before you are asked to vote.

Thank you for your support of three events that recently took place. On Saturday, October 24th, **Mike Maynard** led our **Landscape Team**, joined by a **record number of fine folks**, to beautify our grounds throughout our whole campus. Our church complex has never looked this good! Our **DRIVE THRU TRUNK OR TREAT** on October 31st was shared with four other area churches and designed to bless the children of our community. Thanks to Children's Minister, **Jennifer Zeager**, for putting together this event. Thanks also to all who helped with our **FALL ROUND-UP** on Sunday morning, November 1st. Our **Deacons** and **Sunday School teachers** contacted scores of families in our church to ask them to be present for that special day. To counteract COVID, we met in three separate worship locations that day. And **Tom Speciale** and **crew** did a fine job serving us a delicious lunch.

COVID-19 continues to change things. Due to the virus, the **Community Thanksgiving Service** has been canceled and the ministers of Lamar Christian Ministerial Association will participate in the **DOWNTOWN ILLUMINATION SERVICE** instead. Our women are planning a **CHRISTMAS CANOPY** for November 30th and December 1st. Our church and community will have the opportunity to attend either night. **In order to socially distance, each Canopy event will have a maximum attendance of 100 to be determined by pre-registration.** To register please visit <https://achristmascanopy.eventbrite.com>.

Allow Suzanne and I to thank you once again for the wonderful privilege of serving as pastor and wife here at First Baptist for the last 28 ½ years. I never dreamed that we would stay so long, but I'm sure glad we did!

You are a great church family!
REMEMBER NOW & ALWAYS...

I Love You! Pastor Garth

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee and Conversation: Tuesday, November 3 at 10:30a in the Annex. Join us as Anita Cole shares about her experiences in mission work.

Church Office Hours: The church offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 and on Friday, November 27.

Christmas Illumination Celebration: Join us for our annual tree lighting on Wednesday, November 25.

Lottie Moon Giving for World Missions: As a church, we will begin our Lottie Moon Christmas offering on Sunday, November 29 in all of our worship gatherings across the campus.

Annual FBC Christmas Program: Church, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 for our annual Christmas program hosted by FBC's music department. More information about this wonderful night will come!

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