



Together toward **tomorrow**

# Prayer guide

Join us in praying for our congregation, pulpit committee and pastoral candidates as we follow God's leading to our next senior pastor.

## 1. CHARACTER

- Pray that God would lead us to a pastor whose life is deeply rooted in Christ
- Pray for integrity, humility, faithfulness and spiritual maturity
- Pray that our church would value and discern Godly character

*"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." –1 Samuel 16:7*

## 2. CALLING AND FIT

- Pray for clear alignment between God's calling on the pastor and God's calling on our church
- Pray that both the pastor and VBC would recognize God's hand in the same direction
- Pray for the pastor's wife and family, as they are also becoming part of our church body
- Pray for peace and clarity when the right fit is revealed

*"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him." –Psalm 37:23*

## 3. LOVE FOR THIS CHURCH BODY

- Pray for a pastor who will genuinely love Violet: its people, history, community and mission
- Pray for a heart that shepherds patiently and joyfully
- Pray that our church and staff would be ready to love and support new leadership

*"Shepherd the flock of God among you." –1 Peter 5:2*

## 4. UNITY AND CHEMISTRY

- Pray for natural unity between the pastor, staff and congregation
- Pray against division, comparison or personal agendas during the search process
- Pray for relationships built on trust, grace and mutual respect

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." –Psalm 133:1*

## 5. WISDOM FOR LEADERSHIP

- Pray that God would give wisdom to the search team and church leadership
- Pray for discernment guided by the Holy Spirit, not pressure or timelines
- Pray that decisions would be marked by peace, not urgency

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God." –James 1:5*

## 6. FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

- Pray for a pastor equipped to lead VBC into the years ahead
- Pray for vision that is rooted in Scripture and sensitive to the Spirit
- Pray for courage to follow God faithfully into the future

*"Where there is no vision, the people perish." –Proverbs 29:18*

## 7. TRUST IN GOD'S TIMING

- Pray that our church would wait patiently and faithfully
- Pray for peace during uncertainty
- Pray for confidence that God is already at work

*"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." –Psalm 27:14*