

Winfield Presby News

Theological Foundations of the Pastoral Call Process

***Excerpts from "On Calling a Pastor"
A Manual for Churches Seeking Pastors***

Christ Calls

Question: Isn't the pastoral call process just church language for a personnel search?

Answer: No. The pastoral call process is guided by Jesus Christ, the head of the church, who provides you with all that you need to be the church.

Our Book of Order tells us that "Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission to the world, for its building up, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. It belongs to Christ alone to rule, to teach, to call and to use the Church as he wills, exercising his authority by the ministry of women and men for the establishment and extension of his Kingdom" (G-1.0100b).

In following Christ, the head of the church, you will seek to discern the will of God for the church's life and faith, including discerning whom God is calling into pastoral leadership with your congregation. In the pastoral call process it is God who calls and it is you who will listen. Charles M. Olsen and Ellen Morseth describe the call process this way:

... the question before us could be framed thusly: 'God, whom are you selecting/calling at this time to lead in this church? Show us your choice.' We are invited to participate in God's own choice. —Selecting Church Leaders, The Alban Institute, 2002

The pastoral call process, therefore, is not simply hiring a new employee for the church as would be done in a secular workplace. It is participating in God's own choice for the church by opening yourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit who will guide, nudge, empower, inspire, comfort and inform you in your journey toward finding new pastoral leadership.

Discerning Christ's Call

Presbyterians believe that God uses committees, papers, procedures, and our polity, sprinkled with a generous measure of prayer, Scripture, and worship, to help you discern who it is that God is calling to be your pastor.

During the time of transition between pastors, a congregation is invited to engage in a spiritual discernment process to discover its call—what God

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The Congregation**

Discerning Christ's Call Continued

wants the church to be and do in the next phase of its ministry. Your presbytery may ask your congregation to engage in a mission study that involves Bible study, prayer, and an honest and thoughtful look at your congregation and community, as a way to discern the ministry direction where God is leading you. Once this becomes clear, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), in consultation with the presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM), begins the discernment process of discovering who God is calling to be the pastor in this next chapter of your congregation's life and ministry. The discernment process is an exciting journey that will take you through specific steps but moves according to the Spirit's timing. Faithful attentiveness to and trust in the guidance of God's spirit, will help to make your journey rich and fruitful.

Spiritual Resources for the Journey

The most important resources you will need on this journey are the spiritual resources of Scripture and prayer. During this journey, be deliberate about spending time together with God's word and in prayer, not simply as bookends to a meeting but as an important part of listening for God's Spirit. Here are a few resources that may be helpful on your journey

Scripture passages about call:

Genesis 12:1–9	Abram
Genesis 24:1–61	Rebekah
Exodus 3:1–12	Moses
1 Samuel 3	Samuel
1 Kings 19:1–18	Elijah
1 Kings 19:19–21	Elisha
Esther 4:1–17	Esther
Isaiah 6:1–13	Isaiah
Jonah 1	Jonah
Matthew 4:18–22	The disciples
Luke 1:26–55	Mary
John 1:43–51	Philip and Nathanael
Acts 1:15–26	Matthias
Acts 9:1–19	Paul
Acts 16:14–15	Lydia
Revelation 3:14–22	The churches

Other Scripture passages:

Genesis 32:22–32	Jacob wrestles with God
Exodus 14:5–31	God leads the people
Exodus 17:1–7	God provides
Psalms 42	Longing for God
Psalms 46	God's defense
Psalms 136	God's work
Psalms 145	The greatness of God
Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
Isaiah 55:1–11	An invitation to life
Ezekiel 37:1–14	The valley of dry bones
Matthew 6:5–15	Concerning prayer
Matthew 6:25–34	Do not worry
Matthew 28:16–20	The Great Commission
Mark 6:30–44	Feeding the five thousand
Luke 11:5–13	Perseverance in prayer
John 17:1–25	Jesus prays for disciples
John 20:19–23	The risen Christ appears
Acts 2:16–21	God's Spirit is poured out
Acts 4:23–37	The young church
Romans 12:1–5	New Life in Christ
1 Corinthians 12:12–27	One Body
1 John 4:7–12	God Is Love

Other resources:

The Book of Order, especially Form of Government, chapters 1–4

The Book of Common Worship, especially "Daily Prayer"

Visit our new web site:

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/3 Rebecca Holcomb
- 9/8 Julie Mignone
- 9/10 Jane Cherveney
- 9/10 Weston Lowe
- 9/10 Stephanie Shattuck
- 9/12 Rory Lankton
- 9/13 Joan Hanna
- 9/13 Stacy Kerr
- 9/18 Allene Vaughters
- 9/19 Dordi Herrman
- 9/20 Coryn Badley
- 9/22 Mary Blake
- 9/26 Jenette Hanna
- 9/27 John Mackey
- 9/28 Lucy Lankton
- 9/30 Ethel Scott

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/12 Craig & Suzie Johnson

HOW TO HELP WITH THE MINISTRY OF YOUR CHURCH



www.firstpreswinfield.com

You can now give online by visiting the church's website and going to the Pay Pal button that is toward the bottom of the first page. Just click on the button and follow the directions to make a donation on line (no Pay Pal account is needed to use the Pay Pal button).

You can also set up automatic payments through your checking account and your designated amount will be drafted from your account and mailed to the church on the same day every month. No need to write the check... No need to mail the check...Everything is done for you! Ask your bank for more

Don't forget the Blessings Box

The Blessings Box has been a "Blessing" to so many people here in Winfield. We are always in need of toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo and any other personal items you might feel are needed. Your gifts of these items help us to continue to reach out to those in need.

Join in the Good
 Times on Sunday,
 September 29 for a
 Covered Dish Dinner.
 Let's all get together
 on this 5th Sunday of
 September and share
 some of our favorite
 dishes!

Offerings & Expenses

	July	Year-to-date
Total Income	\$13,115.67	\$129,344.19
Total Expenses	<u>\$18,153.00</u>	<u>\$133,145.00</u>
Total to Date	-\$5,036.96	-\$21,953.01

CeCe's Corner

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. Psalms 27:14(KJV)

Welcome to September and school is back in session. For some this is their last year of high school and for others just the beginning. I hope you all are excited for your next chapter!

We slowed down just a tad bit in August as we prepared for the start of the new school season. I can say our trip to the McSpadden's was one I will never forget. Although I am not a lake person or use to being around big bodies of water, I think we all had a safe adventure. I would like to give a shout out to the McSpadden's for opening their home and boat to our youth. Mrs. McSpadden made sure our bellies were full while we were there.

Also, a big thank you to all the young ladies who participated on youth Sunday. I know I took a couple of you out of your comfort zone but guess what you Did It!!! I am so proud of you. Don't look back you will have more opportunities to serve in services.

We will start our Fall session on September 18th , we would like to see all incoming 6th graders out that night. We will have food, games and fellowship on that night.

As always bring a friend receive a prize. I am also planning one Wednesday out of each month to be a tutoring night, look for more info in the coming week.

I remind all parents to remind their youth of the importance of respect for those of us who are in leadership and respect for their fellow peers. If we all remember and abide by this the more fun we can have.

Let's pray for the youth of this world and let them know we love them where they are and we are here to help them become the best they can be, with God's help. Amen!!!!

Thanks again for all your support

That's it from CECE's CORNER, be blessed always!!!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for fellowship each Sunday. The board for sign up is in fellowship hall.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

9/1 Nikki Kirk
9/8 Candace Stephens
9/15 Open
9/22 Susan Lowe
9/29 Deborah Badley

CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS

9/1 Elliott Rodda
9/8 Open
9/15 George Lowe
9/22 Nancy Misasi
9/29 Candace Stephens

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9/1 Mary Blake
9/8 Rebecca McCutcheon
9/15 Bill Mueller
9/22 Pixie McCoy
9/29 Mike Hutchins

FELLOWSHIP

9/1 Open	9/22 Mary Blake in
9/8 Mackey's	Celebration of her
9/15 Open	80th Birthday
	9/29 Open

YOUTH MEALS

9/18 Candace Stephens
9/25 Cathy Royston

If you would like to help by making a meal or 2 for the youth or contributing the food for the youth to make, please let CeCe know.

The Winfield Food Pantry had 198 visits in August for a total of 1703 visits this year.

We served 711 persons for a total of 5749 this year.

Phil Jarvis

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September

Sept. 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sept. 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15: 1-10

Sept. 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16: 19-31

Sept. 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

COMMUNION DATES

Sunday, September 15
Sunday, October 6 World Wide
Communion
Sunday, November 24
Sunday, December 22
Tuesday, December 24

ZooFari
WILD About YOU!!!
God is

Let's Go On a Zoofari...
Winfield First Presbyterian
1101 Millington St.
Sunday, September 8, 2019
9:00 a.m.

**Part of Presbyterians @ Play
Rally Day activities which
will include a petting zoo,
fun activities and lots of
fun food and fellowship!**

Be sure to wear
your animal
print to help
celebrate the
day!

Westminster Woods Dates

- Work Weekend is November 15-17
- Young Adult Winter Retreat Jan. 3-5
- High School Winter Retreat Jan. 17-19
- Middle School Winter Retreat Feb. 7-9
- Family Fun Day June 2nd
- 3rd 4th Grade Camp June 2nd -5th
- 5th 6th Grade Camp June 8th-12th
- 7th 8th Grade Camp June 15th-19th
- High School Camp June 22nd -28th

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Nursery Opens 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 4:00 Youth meet at Cowley Cinema 8 Everyone invited to join</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 Tuesdays @ 10</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 Worship Committee Meeting 5:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed @ 12</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Rally Day—ZooFari—Wear your Animal Print 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 4-H using Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Tuesdays @ 10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed @ 12</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:00—9:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship/Communion 11:00 Fellowship/Session meeting in the Murray Room, Deacons meeting in the Youth Room</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Tuesdays @ 10</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 Choir Rehearsal 5:30-7 Middle School Youth 6:30 Youth Dinner 6:30-8 High School Youth</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed @ 12</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship-Bluegrass Sunday 11:00 Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>First Day of Fall</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 Tuesdays @ 10 4:00 Finance</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 Choir Rehearsal 5:30-7 Middle School Youth 6:30 Youth Dinner 6:30-8 High School Youth</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed @ 12</p>	28
<p>29</p> <p>8:30 Nursery Opens 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Covered Dish Dinner—Bring your Favorite Dish to share!</p>	30					