UPDATE FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE November 15, 2024

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thess 5:16-18a Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Greetings.

The Pulpit Committee has a few important reminders for our First Baptist Church family.

In preparation for the election, remember to pray for God's wisdom and direction as you listen to the sermon from both candidates, review their profiles which were e-mailed on October 8th, and consider your personal research of the candidates.

The second pastoral candidate, Reverend A. Charles Ligon, will preach Sunday November 17th during our 10am worship service. The sermon from the first candidate, Reverend Troy L. Denson, is available on the church's YouTube channel (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBLaTvinf4E</u>). Reverend Ligon's sermon will also be available on the church's YouTube channel during and after the live service.

The election will take place Saturday November 23rd from 10am to 12pm (all ballots must be submitted during this time). Members may vote using one of these methods:

- <u>Electronic Ballot</u> This is the preferred method of voting. The electronic ballots will be sent to all members via text and e-mail on election day. Members may cast an electronic ballot from any location, including Ida Clark Hall.
- <u>Paper Ballot</u> Members that are not able to vote using an electronic ballot should go to Ida Clark Hall on election day to vote using a paper ballot.
- <u>Telephone Ballot</u> Members that are not able to vote using an electronic or paper ballot, should vote via telephone on election day by calling 202-596-8381.

Election results will be released to the congregation once the ballots have been tabulated and certified by the General Baptist Deacons Association and validated by the Pulpit Committee (date/time to be determined after election day).

For a copy of the voting process slides that were presented on September 28th, visit the church's website (<u>https://www.fbcwdc.org/2024/10/01/voting-process/</u>).

Let us continue to seek God's divine wisdom as we joyfully and prayerfully conclude this process.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

First Baptist Church Pulpit Committee

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