

July 10, 2021

Dear Chapel Family,

For the last six weeks, The Center Consulting Group has worked exhaustively on our behalf, conducting interviews and gathering data so as to help us bring truth to light in our present leadership inquiry. The Constitution Committee turned to The Center because of their expertise in fact-finding measures such as these, and the Committee members are pleased with the depth and breadth of The Center's work.

During the week of July 5, the Committee heard the formal presentation from The Center, bringing the fact-finding phase of our inquiry to a close. This presentation included in-depth findings and a variety of recommendations for the Committee to consider. We now begin the critical work of making wise decisions in light of this information.

The Constitution Committee remains committed to a thorough and expedient process and now anticipates spending the next several weeks in the decision-making phase of the inquiry, with the objective of finalizing The Chapel's next steps and communicating these to you within 30 days. The coming days and weeks will be full of prayer, pondering, and deliberation for both the Committee and our Board of Trustees. For the church, it will likely feel like a time of silence, as we intend to communicate next when the decision-making phase comes to a close and we have more information about next steps to share.

In the ensuing weeks, will you please join us as we come before the Lord in prayer and fasting as the Spirit leads? Here are specific areas in which your prayer makes a difference, with some passages of Scripture to consider as prompts:

- Pray that our Committee members and Trustees would be filled with wisdom and courage. Pray that they would seek the Lord and His will (*Proverbs 2:1-15, James 3:13-18*).
- Pray for a spirit of unity among our pastors and staff. Pray that they would persevere together in the work of the gospel, in the midst of distraction and uncertainty (*John 17:20-23, Ephesians 1:15-23*).
- Pray for peace and attentiveness to the Lord for Pastor Tim, Pastor Jim, and Pastor Mike and their families (*Philippians 1:3-11*).
- Pray that all who make up The Chapel will trust and rest in the One who gives wisdom (*James 1:2-8, Philippians 2:1-11*).

Our hope remains, not in men or in outcomes, but in the Lord. Our church belongs to Him, and all these things are in His hand. He is faithful to grant wisdom to those who seek Him and confidently ask Him for it.

*But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.*

Proverbs 4:18

Sola Gratia,
The Chapel