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*Executive Committee  
Chairman*

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Dear First Baptist Church body,

As you may already know, our Pastor, Jeff Warren, has heard a clear call from God to accept an invitation to become the Senior Pastor at Park Cities Baptist Church. Jeff shared this “decision journey” with the First Baptist family two weeks ago during his Sunday message. Clearly, our Pastor is seeking to be obedient to God’s call on his life and, while this is unexpected and he will be dearly missed, we honor his response and know God is sovereign and at work at Park Cities and at FBC McKinney. Jesus is the head of HIS Church.

This past Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff preached at Park Cities Baptist Church and accepted an official and unanimous call from the congregation to serve as Senior Pastor. Many at FBC McKinney have been in prayer for Jeff, his family, and Park Cities during this process. We celebrate his ministry with us these past eleven years and we bless and pray for him as he transitions to this expansion of God’s work in Dallas.

At the same time, we look forward to a time of transition at FBC McKinney. In fact, the purpose of this communication is to share a timeline of events in the upcoming weeks. The Executive Committee and ministerial staff have been in prayer and thoughtful conversation in recent days. Would you join us in prayer over the months ahead as we take these next steps together?

1. Celebrate the Warrens’ ministry –

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jeff will be at FBC McKinney and will speak in each worship experience/venue. A reception will be held at 4:00 in the gym. Everyone is invited. Please make plans to attend to express appreciation and bless Jeff and his family.

2. Interim Leadership –

Over the past several years and continuing in these days God has provided great spiritual momentum, clear missional direction for FBC McKinney, and gifted leaders to keep us moving forward with Him in this transition. I praise the Lord that we have such a talented and unified staff! The Executive Committee is meeting often and is prayerfully seeking God’s wisdom in leading and supporting our staff. In that light, FBC is blessed to have Chris Stull as our Executive Pastor. Chris has served in this role for the last six years. Many of you have worked with Chris and know he is a collaborative and gifted leader and communicator. The Executive Committee has asked Chris to provide overall staff leadership during this interim time. In addition, Chris will be preaching for the next several weeks to finish two planned sermon series.

During our Executive Committee meeting last week, Chris shared that months ago through circumstances and his prayer time, he saw God at work preparing him for *something new*. Now he knows, and we know, he was being prepared for such a time as this. Chris has agreed to provide whatever leadership is needed. Beyond that, I see “God’s fire in Chris” – he feels led, equipped and energized! Please pray for and encourage Chris as he confidently and humbly steps up over the next several months to lead FBC McKinney in this interim period.

3. Pastor Search Committee Process –

In a short period of time you can anticipate the beginning of the process of forming a Pastor Search Committee as prescribed in our church bylaws (a copy of which is on the church’s website at [www.fbcmckinney.com/bylaw](http://www.fbcmckinney.com/bylaw) and printed copies will be available in the church office). Expect to hear more about this process and to see notices of required church conference dates over the next few weeks. In the meantime, please join us as we pray diligently over a process that we will follow to identify God’s choice for our new pastor.

4. Communication –

Clear and regular communication will be important during this interim period. In addition to this initial letter, you can expect to receive periodic updates from the Executive Committee and staff via letters on the website (printed copies will be made available in the church office), video on Sunday morning, and information in the bulletin. Once the search committee is formed, we anticipate that this committee will provide updates as well.

Finally, let me thank you for your engagement in the mission God has given us at First Baptist. He will be faithful to lead us as we seek Him. This is an exciting time in the life of our church. May we not miss the opportunities He places before us to join Him in impacting lives for His kingdom. Please pray without ceasing and God will bring glory to His name as we marvel at what He will do.

Peace to you in Him,



Dan Brooks  
Executive Committee Chair