

Congregational Message from the Pulpit Nominating Committee  
June 4, 2021

We are pleased to share an update with you about the work of the Pulpit Nominating Committee (charged by the church with Senior Pastor search) and some upcoming opportunities for congregational engagement. First, we ask you to pray for the work of the Committee and for the future Pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church. We have held several sessions with our consultant Dr. Bill Wilson over the last few weeks, and we are leaning on prayer for the work, the process and the people who will be involved. We thank Joe Adams for leading spiritually as our Committee Chaplain.

Phase I of this process is congregational self-study. We invite you to **join us** at two listening and feedback congregational meetings:

- June 23, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. (includes boxed dinner) – We want to hear from you as we develop the Congregational Profile and the Pastor Profile to be used in our search. Our consultant Dr. Bill Wilson will join us for small breakout group listening sessions in Heritage Hall. Please RSVP to attend on Realm (visit [www.mbbc.org/search](http://www.mbbc.org/search)). If you need childcare, email Sharon Howard ([sharon@mbbc.org](mailto:sharon@mbbc.org)).
- July 25, 2021 from 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m. (following a Combined Worship Service at 9 a.m.) – This second opportunity will include feedback from the first session and other research. More details about the schedule and meeting location will be coming soon. If you need childcare, email Sharon Howard ([sharon@mbbc.org](mailto:sharon@mbbc.org)).

For those who cannot join either or both of these sessions, a Zoom option will be offered on another day.

Finally, we want to develop MBBC's vision for this Pastor Search process. As a Committee, we have prayed, discussed, and determined that we are conducting a full-fledged, national search where all candidates will be considered on an equal basis. After Phase I is complete, we will enter Phase II, which is our active search. This search is likely to take the rest of 2021 as we intend to listen and engage throughout the process with our fellow members in the congregation and give serious, professional consideration to all candidates – both internal and external. We believe the candidates and our church deserve such a full and complete process to ensure God's will directs us to His choice.

Our Committee has selected Allison Rice and Grantland Rice (no relation) as Co-Chairs, Chuck Redden as Secretary, and Meredith Cale as Hospitality Chair. Margaret Ritchie, Communications Coordinator, will be responsible for providing regularly published congregational updates, and Geoff Johnson, Graphic Design Director, will help with creating our search materials.

We know you have much to offer to the process and look forward to meeting with you in person (or via Zoom). Please watch the newsletter and other media for meeting registration information.

In the meantime, thank you for your trust and your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Pulpit Nominating Committee