

14 DAYS OF
PRAYER
and Fasting

CONFIRMING THE CALL

DAILY GUIDE

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2026

WHY A THIRD FAST?

"We think that we need to just pray for a new lead pastor. But we need to pray that we will be the kind of people that God would be willing to send a great new lead pastor to!"

– Dr. Charles Ware

Over the past year, God has led our church through two seasons of prayer and fasting as we sought his will for our next lead pastor. Now, the Recognition Task Force and elders have completed their work and are prayerfully presenting Dr. Johnny McClaughlin to our congregation as the candidate they believe God has revealed and recognized to be our next lead pastor.

This third time of prayer and fasting marks a shift. The first two periods of praying and fasting primarily focused on *seeking and waiting*. We are now focused on *confirming God's will*. Over the coming days, we will have an opportunity to learn about Johnny and his wife, Jenny, to discern final confirmation as a congregation.

In Acts 13:2-3, we read: "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off." The church is now at this "laying on of hands" moment—confirming what God has revealed.

As we pray, we must remember that a pastoral transition affects more than just our congregation. If God calls Johnny to College Park, there will be significant impact on Hamilton Road Baptist Church where he has pastored for sixteen years, Irish Baptist College where he serves as principal, and their family.

We pray that this guide will help each of you seek God's will for both our church and your life. May God use this time of seeking his face to draw us into a greater love for Christ and obedience.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU START

LOOKING BACK

How did God meet you through the previous times of prayer and fasting (March and October)? What has he taught you about patience, trust, or prayer during this waiting season?

ANTICIPATION

What hopes or concerns are you carrying into this final phase? Talk honestly to God about them.

SURRENDER

Are you willing to trust the outcome to God—even if it's different than what you expect? Ask him to help you hold your preferences with open hands and to seek God's will.

WHICH LEVEL OF FASTING WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN?

"Jesus is not pointing fingers but opening arms as we come to him."

– Dale Shaw

Whether or not you have previous experience fasting, there's a way for all of us to participate. Ask God what level of participation he is leading you to! And even if you don't do it perfectly, your prayers still matter. The goal is desperation and depending upon God, not perfection.

Level 1: Pray

Pray through the daily prayer prompt each day.

Level 2: Replacement

Pick an activity that you will abstain from daily and use that time to pray.

Level 3: Meal Fast

Pray daily and fast one meal on Fridays (or another day of the week) and pray during that time.

Level 4: Day Fast

Pray daily and choose one day a week to fast (from after dinner on one day to before dinner on the next day) to spend extra time in prayer.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 1 – Monday, Jan. 26

PRAY FOR: Thanksgiving for Mark & Sarah's Ministry

We begin by looking back with gratitude—thanking God for seventeen years of faithful ministry under Mark & Sarah Vroegop, for his provision for The Gospel Coalition, and for his provision throughout this transition.

KEY VERSES

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now (Phil. 1:3-5).

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith (Heb. 13:7).

KEY QUOTE

"God is not in a hurry. You are. It's why you don't see what He's doing. He's not there to help you accomplish your purposes. He's there to bring about His purposes, and they are always accomplished right on time."

– Paul David Tripp

PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank God for seventeen years of faithful ministry through Mark & Sarah Vroegop.
- Thank God for how he is using them at The Gospel Coalition to bless the broader church.
- Pray continued blessing and fruitfulness over Mark & Sarah in their new season.
- Thank God for his provision and faithfulness during this entire transition period.
- Thank God for the faithful labor of the preaching team.
- Thank God for how well our elders and staff have led us.
- Reflect on how God has grown you personally during this season of waiting. Thank God for the growth he has produced in you.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 2 – Tuesday, Jan. 27

PRAY FOR: God's Will in His Church

KEY VERSES

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long (Ps. 25:4-5).

KEY QUOTE

"This is the will of God, your sanctification [holiness]. Students used to ask me, 'How can I know the will of God?' I'd say, 'I know exactly what the will of God is for your life: holiness. Period. That's the will of God.' If holiness is God's will for you, it is safe to say that desires produced by holiness are significant for your guidance."

– John Piper

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that we would be a people who are devoted to the Lord and living holy lives. We need a new lead pastor, but, more importantly, we need the Lord to be our shepherd.
- Pray that the Lord would use whatever means necessary to make us holy.
- Pray for wisdom and leading for the elders and staff as they continue leading the church during this transition.
- Pray that God would give us his wisdom and discernment during this season and in the years ahead.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 3 – Wednesday, Jan. 28

PRAY FOR: Gratitude for the Lead Pastor Search Process & Unity

KEY VERSES

¹*Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*
²*The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.*
³*He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*
(Ps. 98:1-3)

¹*I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.*
²*I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.*
³*Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.*
⁴*I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.*
⁷*The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.*
(Ps. 34:1-4,7)

KEY QUOTE

"[Jesus] is committed to leading, guiding, protecting, and caring for you in every way you need all the way to the day when your 'shepherd...will guide [you] to springs of living water' in heaven (Rev. 7:17). This means that you can have complete peace and security in your life today, for you know that Jesus is your Good Shepherd now and forever."

- David Platt (*The Name of Jesus*)

PRAYER FOCUS

- Praise God for who he is—our Savior, protector, and deliverer who extends his love, faithfulness, and mercy to us.

- Praise God that when we sought him, he answered. Thank him for hearing us when we call to him.
- Thank God for leading both our church and Johnny & Jenny to this phase of the discernment process.
- Ask God to fill our hearts with peace as we step into this new season.
- Ask God to help us be united and to rest securely in him as our Good Shepherd.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 4 – Thursday, Jan. 29

PRAY FOR: Wisdom & Direction for Our Church

KEY VERSES

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him (James 1:5).

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths (Prov. 3:5-6).

KEY QUOTE

“The task of Christian leadership is not to make the church efficient or successful, but to help it be faithful—which is quite different. Faithfulness is the fruit of wisdom and discernment, not mere strategy.”

– Eugene Peterson

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for wisdom to discern God’s leading as we move toward final confirmation.
- Thank God for his provision to College Park through this entire process.
- Pray for our congregation as we complete our discernment in the days ahead.
- Pray that God would make his will unmistakably clear to all of us.
- Pray for supernatural discernment—not worldly evaluation—and Spirit-led confirmation.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 5 – Friday, Jan. 30

PRAY FOR: The McClaughlins' Obedience

Like Abraham, who left his country and kindred to go to a land God would show him, Johnny & Jenny are willing to leave everything familiar out of obedience to God's call.

KEY VERSES

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going (Heb. 11:8).

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Gen. 12:1).

KEY QUOTE

"God never calls us to something without also preparing us for it. The question is not whether we feel ready, but whether we are willing to trust the One who calls."

– Elisabeth Elliot

PRAYER FOCUS

- Praise God for Johnny & Jenny's willingness to consider going to a land God is calling them to.
- Pray for God to fill their minds with memories of his past faithfulness and bring encouragement to their hearts that he will continue to be faithful as they step out in faith if confirmed by the congregation.
- Pray for God's perfect timing in all things, including their possible move and transition to the Indy area.
- Pray for God, if Johnny is approved as the lead pastor, to bless the McClaughlin family with deep and meaningful relationships here that would allow them to flourish in the community of our church.
- Pray for their faith to remain strong as they consider leaving the home they've known.
- Pray that God would confirm his call clearly to the entire family.
- Thank God for families who model what it means to follow Christ wherever he leads.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 6 – Saturday, Jan. 31

PRAY FOR: The McClaughlin Children

KEY VERSES

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6).

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).

KEY QUOTE

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.”

– Billy Graham

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the McClaughlin children as they prepare for the possibility of leaving friends and family. Pray God would comfort their hearts and let them know how precious and deeply loved they are by him.
- Pray that God would give them a vision for the new life God could be calling them to.
- Pray they would see their parents’ sacrifice as an example of faithful obedience to follow.
- Pray for smooth transitions—new friendships, new schools, and finding their place in a new land.
- Pray they would trust God and know that he is faithful to provide what each of them need for life and godliness.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 7 – Sunday, Feb. 1

PRAY FOR: College Park's Continued Ministry

This year we had an opportunity to celebrate forty years of God's faithfulness to College Park. We pray for God's continued leading and use of us in the years ahead.

KEY VERSES

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it (Matt. 16:18).

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established (Prov. 16:3).

KEY QUOTE

"The building up of God's church is one of the greatest goals of all."

– Charles Spurgeon

"Let memories of God's past faithfulness cultivate greater trust in God today."

– Courtney Doctor

PRAYER FOCUS

- Thank God for his continued faithfulness to College Park Church over these past forty years.
- Praise him for how he has used College Park in our city and across the globe.
- Pray for the new ministries God may be calling us to.
- Pray for the hard things God may be asking each of us to enter into in order to advance his kingdom.
- Pray that we would never rely on our own understanding or abilities, but in all things submit to God's sovereign leading.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 8 – Monday, Feb. 2

PRAY FOR: Our Own Call to Sacrifice

If the McClaughlins are called to College Park, they will also be called to give up everything familiar. We should likewise be asking ourselves: What is God calling us—individually and as a church—to renounce or give up?

KEY VERSES

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Ps. 139:23-24).

KEY QUOTE

"The greatest and best work that can be done in a Christian's life is to make him more holy, to separate him more from sin, and to make him more like Christ."

– J.C. Ryle

PRAYER FOCUS

- Ask God to show you preferences, comforts, or expectations you are holding too tightly.
- Ask God what he is calling you to renounce or give up in this season.
- Pray for willingness to embrace the change God is calling you to, even when it's uncomfortable.
- Pray that we would be worthy of this family's sacrifice—receiving them with open hearts.
- Ask God to show you what kind of church member he wants you to be in this next season of our church.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 9 – Tuesday, Feb. 3

PRAY FOR: Wisdom for Us as a Church Body

KEY VERSES

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding (Prov. 2:6).

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him (James 5:1).

KEY QUOTE

“Why is it that churches looking for pastors know that they need to pray, yet don’t pray? . . . the answer is a false sense of self-sufficiency. Churches think they can do this thing—this impossible thing—in their own strength.”

- Chris Brauns (*When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search*)

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for wisdom from above for both College Park and Johnny & Jenny on God’s will for his church and our lives.
- Pray for unity of mind and spirit as we seek to recognize our next lead pastor.
- Pray for clear discernment from the Lord.
- Pray that we would not think we are wise by the standards of the world but that we would look to the Lord who gives true wisdom when asked.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 10 – Wednesday, Feb. 4

PRAY FOR: Hamilton Road Baptist Church & Irish Baptist College

Johnny has served as pastor at Hamilton Road for sixteen years. The congregation will need to navigate their own significant transition.

KEY VERSES

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding (Jer. 3:15).

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul (Ps. 23:1-3).

KEY QUOTE

“Jesus builds His church, not Dr. So-and-so’s church, or the Reverend So-and-so’s church, or my church, but His church in which He is Lord.”

– Sinclair Ferguson

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the congregation at Hamilton Road Baptist Church and the faculty and staff at Irish Baptist College during this season of uncertainty.
- Pray for the church elders as they shepherd their flock through this process.
- Pray for the congregation of Hamilton Road to have a deep love for the Lord and Johnny & Jenny, such that they would lovingly trust his leading.
- If God continues to move, pray that he would provide Hamilton Road’s next shepherd in his perfect timing.
- Pray for continued fruitful ministry at the church and college regardless of the outcome of this process.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 11 – Thursday, Feb. 5

PRAY FOR: Vision for the Future

KEY VERSES

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10).

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations (Eph. 3:20-21).

KEY QUOTE

“The church does not exist for itself, but for the glory of God and the good of the world. Every pastoral transition is an opportunity to renew that vision.”

– Tim Keller

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for wisdom about where God is leading College Park in this next season.
- Pray for vision and excitement for what God might do in the future.
- Pray that we would dream God-sized dreams for ministry in Indianapolis and beyond.
- Pray for continued faithfulness to our mission.
- Pray that God would be glorified in our church for generations to come.
- Pray boldly that, in the coming years, God would do even greater things in and through us than we’ve seen before.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 12 – Friday, Feb. 6

PRAY FOR: College Park Staff & Their Families

A new lead pastor brings change for our entire staff team. Pray for them and their families as they prepare to welcome new leadership and enter a new season of ministry.

KEY VERSES

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up (Gal. 6:9).

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another (Prov. 27:17).

KEY QUOTE

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."

– Hudson Taylor

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for our staff as they prepare to partner with a new lead pastor.
- Pray for staff spouses and children navigating this season of change.
- Pray for excitement and openness to new leadership, vision, and ways of working.
- Pray for relationships to form between staff and the McClaughlin family, should God call them to this opportunity.
- Pray for God's empowerment during this new season of ministry together.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 13 – Saturday, Feb. 7

PRAY FOR: Faithfulness to Our Core Values

Transitions bring opportunity for both renewal and drift. Pray that College Park would stay true to its Core Values while also being open to new ways of living them out.

KEY VERSES

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58).

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Heb. 13:8).

KEY QUOTE

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

– Rupertus Meldenius

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for faithfulness to College Park's Core Values through this transition.
- Pray for openness to new ways of living out those values under new leadership.
- Pray for wisdom to know what to hold tightly and what to hold loosely.
- Pray that Christ would remain central in our hearts and our church—the same yesterday, today, and forever.
- Pray for grace to navigate change while remaining anchored in what matters most.

DAILY PRAYERS

DAY 14 – Sunday, Feb. 8

PRAY FOR: Impacting Indianapolis & the World

KEY VERSES

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matt.22:37-39).

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:18-20).

KEY QUOTE

"God is calling us to so greatly love others that we do not desire for them anything that might separate them from God."

- Rosaria Butterfield (*Openness Unhindered*)

"[Jesus] is the only Savior who can deliver anyone from any people group from their sin, and he is the only King who is worthy of the worship of every nation in history."

- David Platt (*The Name of Jesus*)

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that the Lord would help us to love him more and more each day.
- Pray that God would help us to lift our eyes to adore him and not be distracted by the comforts, pleasures, fears, and temptations of this world.
- Ask God to help us extend his great love to all of our neighbors, near and far, out of an overflow of our love for him.
- Pray that God would put to death any sin inside of us that would hinder him from using us to extend his love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness to those around us.
- Pray that the Lord would help our hearts to break for the 3 billion+ people who have never heard the truth about who Jesus is, who are living in darkness and destined for judgment as sinners.
- Ask God to use each of us to bring his light to those who are unreached, in whatever way he has for us to advance his kingdom.
- Pray for vision to reach our city with the gospel in fresh and faithful ways.
- Pray that God would use this transition to expand our kingdom impact, not contract it.



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