



## *Monday Morning Missive*

**Good morning, church. We had a great day yesterday. Both morning worship services were not only well-attended but were a blessing to me. I hope that all of us could say the same. It's always special when we partake of the Lord's Supper even when everything is just a little bit different. And then last night, we experienced a high, holy moment in our ordination service for Phillip Climer as our newest deacon. There is always something special about those kinds of services as people embrace one another, cry with one another, and pray for one another. Our church family is blessed.**

**We also had a great business meeting last night. There was nothing extraordinary about**

**it. We just took care of business and listened to reports from all of our different ministries about how God has been using them during these difficult months. There was one major announcement that has saddened our hearts: Bro. James will be retiring at the end of July. I am happy for him, but I am sad for myself. Bro. James has the heart of a true minister. I can say that I have never worked with anyone who is as faithful as he is to love the church and serve God's people. I will miss his friendship and his quiet leadership. I am also thankful that he was willing to announce this now so that we can begin to work to find the man God has to step into the many roles that James performs. I know that his insight will be of tremendous help. Bro. Mac Alexander, Chairman of our Personnel Committee, outlined the process for selecting the search committee. This information comes from our Bylaws and Policy/Procedure Manual. Let me briefly outline the steps for you, and I will try to remember to**

attach a copy of the actual document. [Click here for the document.](#)

- **On March 14, in a duly called church conference (special business meeting) at the end of each of the morning worship services, each member will have the opportunity to submit a list of 7 names to serve on the search committee. For those who cannot attend, nominations will be accepted at the church office at any point prior to the end of the March 14 worship services. You can drop your list off, send it by mail, or e-mail them to Glinda.**
- **The Personnel Committee will collect the nominations and compile a list of the top 20 names who agree to serve on the committee.**
- **On March 21, the committee will submit this list to the church members present at the two morning worship services. Absentee ballots will be provided to any**

**member who requests one by contacting the church office prior to March 21.**

- Each member will select up to 7 of the nominees to serve. The Personnel Committee will collect and tabulate the ballots. The top 7 members will be the duly elected search committee.**

**If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact me or any member of the Personnel Committee.**

**The Leadership Team met last week via Zoom and discussed the possibility of re-starting on-campus Sunday School. As we announced yesterday, we believe we can do this safely starting this coming Sunday. Classes will meet in the rooms they were using prior to our last shutdown. We are still recommending social distancing and the wearing of masks until you get to your seat. We are also asking you to be considerate of your fellow members by wearing your mask if they are wearing theirs**

**when you approach them. Also, for the Pat White Class, we will be sanitizing the pews after the first worship service, so please do not enter the sanctuary until 9:15. Following Sunday School, we will sanitize again, so everyone will need to step out of the sanctuary until the process is complete. We want to make sure that everyone feels safe to attend our services.**

**We have several ministry opportunities for you to participate in this month, and if you have other ideas of ways we can reach out to our community, please let me know. Please join me in praying for Cody and Autumn Buzby. This is Ricky and Janice Brewer's daughter and son-in-law. Their house burned this weekend, and they lost almost everything. We will be sharing ways you can help them out in the next couple of days, but right now, they really need our prayers and encouragement.**

**I hope you have a blessed day!**  
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