

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

May 30, 2019

Dear Church Family,

The Pastor Search Committee unanimously recommends the call of Dr. Keith Felton to the position of Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frankfort. The committee had the opportunity to talk with several very talented and Godly individuals during our search but felt led by God to Dr. Felton as the individual to Pastor our church at this time in its history.

Dr. Felton is married to Rev. Sharon Felton and they have three children, Carter, Dakota and Maya. He has a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Christian History with a Baptist Heritage concentration from the B.H. Carroll Theological Institute, Arlington, Texas; a Master of Arts Degree in Theology from the Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky; and a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Sociology from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

His ministry experience includes serving as Associate Pastor for Missions and Young Adults, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, from 2001 to 2004; Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hamilton, Texas, from 2004 to 2014; and Minister of Missions, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, from 2016 to present.

In his cover letter to the search committee he shared some of his vision as follows: *“I believe First Baptist is a healthy community of faith. We have a myriad of strong ministries, an outstanding staff and a wealth of committed disciples in our congregation. This is good because I believe with the rapid changes in our culture and society, we will face many challenges in the seasons ahead. We will need to capitalize on all opportunities that a shifting and secular landscape will undoubtedly offer. We will need to recommit ourselves to sustaining our existing life-giving ministries, engage in fresh ideas for service and renew our devotion in sharing and demonstrating the love of Jesus to our community, Commonwealth and world. I believe we are primed to do all these things and more.*

I love the Lord and His Church. I wholeheartedly believe the local church expressing the Good News of Jesus is the hope of the world, and this is why I serve in Christian ministry.”

Listed on the back are opportunities to learn more about the search committee’s process and recommendation, meet Dr. Felton and ask questions of him, meet his family, hear him preach, and then vote on his call by the church. Also enclosed is an outline of his compensation package.

As a committee we are excited about Dr. Felton serving in this critical role in our church and the impact we can have by joining together in ministry.

Yours in Christ,

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