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*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven...
– Ecclesiastes 3:1 –*

Every season in the life of the church is an opportunity to trust the faithfulness of God. As we welcome our new pastor, and his family, we recognize that this is a season God has ordained according to His perfect wisdom and timing.

In a season of transition, the most important thing we can do is pray. Prayer reminds us that Christ is the Head of His church and that He alone provides the wisdom, unity, and strength we need for the days ahead.

This 40-day prayer guide is an invitation for our entire church family to seek God's face with one heart and one purpose. Each day includes a scripture, a devotional thought, and a specific prayer focus.

As we pray together, may God prepare our pastor to lead with humility, courage, and faithfulness. May He prepare our congregation to follow with unity, love, and joyful obedience. And may He use this season to deepen our dependence on Him and renew our passion for His mission.

May these forty days draw us closer to Christ and to one another as we seek God's blessing on this new chapter in the life of our church.



*And this is the confidence
that we have toward him,
that if we ask anything
according to his will
he hears us.*

1 John 5:14

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:19-25 » *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God speaks to us of the confidence we must have to enter His presence through the sacrifice of Jesus. He also commands us to spend time together, encouraging one another to love and obey Him. Pray for a renewed sense of unity within our church, and that we will have a Spirit-led desire to meet together as the body of Christ.

PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, thank You for a church where we have been reminded weekly that Hunter Street is not a building but a people. A people committed to Christ and committed to each other. Let those words take on fresh meaning as we enter this next season under the leadership of our new pastor.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:6 » *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God faithfully completes the work He begins. He is actively working in His people, His church, and those he calls to lead for His glory and our good. Praise God for the work He is doing in your life, in our church, and in Chandler and his family.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for Your sovereign and faithful work in our church. Continue shaping Hunter Street into a people who love You and serve You faithfully. Bless and guide Chandler and his family and help us as a congregation to prayerfully support and encourage the leaders You have called for this season.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 72:15 » May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day!

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Tucked away in this appeal to God on behalf of King Solomon is a request for the people of God to intercede for Solomon. God wants His people to do some 24/7 praying for their King and, specifically, to pray that God will bless him all of his days. Why would an omniscient, all-knowing God ask us to pray when he knows these needs better than we ever could? Prayer is our reminder that God is the true source of all things. Prayer also emphasizes our dependence on Him, reminding us that we are desperately needy and must continually offer our sacrifice of prayer and praise to Him.

PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, give us hearts that pray continually, asking, seeking, and knocking. We humbly ask You to bless our new pastor and his family in every way as they continue to follow You.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11 » *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God revealed His good and purposeful plans for His people. This promise assures us that even during times of transition, God faithfully secures our future and hope. As we welcome our new pastor, we can trust that the Lord, our true Head, will faithfully guide our church family and our undershepherd through the Holy Spirit. His intentions for us are always for our welfare as He leads us forward in hope.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for our church family to trust in God’s perfect plans for Hunter Street’s future. Pray for wisdom and guidance for Chandler as he leads our church family. Pray for the Holy Spirit to continually reveal God’s good purposes for Hunter Street Baptist Church.

Almighty God, You are faithful, and Your plans for us are always for welfare, to give us a future and a hope. We thank You for Your unwavering commitment to Your church. Guide Chandler and empower our church family by Your Spirit as we walk into the hopeful future You have for us.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:8-9 » *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God commands us to meditate on His word day and night, therefore allowing us to be strong and courageous, and promises that He will be with us wherever we go.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that during this season of change for both the Snyder family and the Gray family, they continue to meditate on God’s Word. Pray that the Lord makes His Presence apparent to them as they face many changes and decisions.

Father God, we pray that both families sense Your presence in a tangible way during this time of change.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:10 » *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

This verse is not a suggestion, but a divine directive for how we are to treat one another during this time of change. God is calling us to actively seek ways to serve, encourage, and lift each other up, demonstrating the love of Christ within our own church family. By intentionally doing good to our fellow Hunter Streeters, who are our brothers and sisters in Christ, we strengthen our unity, bear one another's burdens, and reflect the very heart of God to a watching world.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, during this season, we recommit ourselves to being fierce guardians of the unity of our church. We pray that Your steadfast love and our commitment to one another during this transition will honor You and build up Your Church.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:5-7 » *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Paul reminds us that God Himself is the source of all endurance and encouragement. As we enter this new season and welcome our new pastor and his family, we are called to extend that same welcome to one another, to Chandler and his family, and to all who enter our fellowship, for the glory of God. Let's pray for His grace to walk together in Christ-centered unity.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for God to pour out His endurance and encouragement on our church family and our new pastor. Pray for the Holy Spirit to cultivate a spirit of genuine harmony and unity among us. Pray for hearts to welcome Chandler and his family with the same love Christ has shown us.

Heavenly Father, You are the God of all endurance and encouragement. Grant us, we pray, a spirit of harmony rooted in Christ Jesus, that we may welcome one another as He welcomed us. May Your name be glorified in our unity.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

John 10:3b, 4b » *“The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.”*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

As our church enters a new season of leadership, many voices and opinions will naturally surround us. Yet the voice that matters most is the voice of the Good Shepherd. The future of our church will be strongest when both pastor and people follow Christ together. Jesus reminds us that His sheep know His voice and follow Him. Sheep may hear many sounds throughout the day, but they recognize the voice of their shepherd. In the same way, God’s people must learn to listen carefully for Christ’s direction above every other influence. As God brings a new pastor to lead our church, our greatest desire should be that he faithfully follows the voice of Jesus and leads us according to His Word. The safest path for our church is not found in following a personality, but in following the voice of the Shepherd who never leads His people astray.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that Chandler, Kelli, Waverly, Elodie, and Atticus would hear the Lord’s voice clearly through Scripture and prayer. Ask God to give them wisdom, discernment, and unity as they follow Christ together. Pray that they would be strengthened in their own walk with the Lord and joyfully support the calling God has placed upon their family.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:31 » *But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

For 40 years, God has faithfully strengthened our church through a shepherd who led with endurance and vision. This promise reminds us that lasting strength does not come from experience, ability, or history—it comes from waiting on the Lord. The same God who sustained our church and our pastor for 40 years will be the One who sustains the man He is now calling to lead us forward. Now, God is bringing a new pastor, one who is humble, faithful, called, and stepping into a legacy that cannot be carried in human strength alone. The future of our church will not rest on the strength of a man, but on a man who depends on the strength of God.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that Chandler would daily wait on the Lord and find renewed strength in Him. Ask God to give him endurance for the long journey ahead, courage for the weight of leadership, and a steady dependence on the Spirit in every decision.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 127:1 » *Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

It's easy to associate the strength of a church with the people leading it. And while leadership matters, this verse brings us back to our foundation: God is the one who builds His church! As we walk through a season of pastoral transition, this is a needed reminder. The success, health, and future of the church have never rested on one person. From the very beginning, God has been the one building Hunter Street, year after year. That should both humble us and steady us. We are not starting over, and we are not on uncertain footing. The same God who has been at work is still at work!

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, remind us that this church belongs to You. Keep us from relying and trusting on people more than we rely and trust in You. Continue to build, shape, and mold Your church, Hunter Street, according to Your purposes.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 2:1 » *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Paul urges Timothy and the Ephesian church to make prayer for all people a priority when they gather.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Chandler and our church leaders to lead us into deeper communion with God through prayer. Ask God to fill our prayers with praise, gratitude, and a need for Jesus and to broaden our hearts to pray for all people.

Our Father, move our hearts to pray for all people, the suffering, spiritually blind, and those in authority. As our new pastor and family enter this new season, go before them with peace. Protect our love and unity. May this season be marked by Your presence and the advance of Your Kingdom, so that Your kingdom may advance through this new relationship.

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SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:21-23 » *But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

The word *hesed* is a special word in Hebrew, signifying the loving devotion in which God binds Himself to His people. It indicates His lovingkindness toward those with whom He is in covenant relationship.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your lovingkindness and new mercies each morning. We lift up Chandler and Kelli and their family in their transition, and we lift up Buddy and Tricia in their transition. We are thankful that You have called Chandler to shepherd our flock known as Hunter Street Baptist Church. We love You and please let us worship You together in spirit and in truth for years to come. We are thankful for Your love and Your mercies! You are great and greatly to be praised!

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Judges 14:6 » *Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Every pastor will eventually face challenges that seem larger than his experience, abilities, or resources. As our new pastor begins his ministry among us, he will need more than wisdom and preparation—he will need the empowering presence of God’s Spirit. When Samson encountered the lion, his natural human response would have been fear and retreat. Yet Scripture tells us that the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, pushing and enabling him to do what would have been impossible in his own strength. Chandler will face moments that require courage, discernment, and perseverance. The same God who empowered His servants in the past still provides strength for those He calls today. God’s work has always depended more upon His Spirit than upon human ability. May God’s Spirit work mightily through him. The pastor God has called does not need to be strong enough for every challenge—he simply needs to depend on the One who is.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the Spirit of the Lord would rest mightily upon Chandler and his family. Ask God to give him courage when challenges arise, wisdom when decisions are difficult, and confidence to trust the Lord’s leading. Pray that his family would also find strength in God’s presence as they serve alongside him.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-12 » *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

John reminds us of the importance of love and the example the Father provided by sending His Son into the world to be our Savior. Pray that love will abound in our congregation as we celebrate what the Lord has accomplished over the last four decades in and through the people known as Hunter Street and look forward to the future under the leadership of our next pastor.

PRAYER FOCUS

Heavenly Father, thank You for the ultimate display of love in Jesus Christ, Your Son. Please fill our hearts with that love as we celebrate what You have done through Buddy and Tricia and as we welcome Chandler and his family.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46:10 » *Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God calls us to be still, to stop striving, and to remember that He is sovereign over this situation and every detail of our lives. Nothing is beyond His care, nothing escapes His attention, and nothing is outside His control. He holds all the nations and the entire earth in His control. We can rest in His wisdom and strength because He is God.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that Chandler and his family will have a smooth transition to Hunter Street that is clearly guided by the Holy Spirit. Pray that they will have peace as they rest in God's provision of just the right neighborhood, house, and schooling situation. Pray that our church family would be welcoming and supportive of Chandler and the Snyder family.

Lord, provide for every need of our new pastor and his family and let them see Your hand guiding them in each decision.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10 » *Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh His strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick; who can understand it: I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

The Lord tells us that trust in Him is the source of blessings and fruitfulness. Placing our trust in anyone else (including our own deceitful hearts) will lead to destruction. Thank God for a pastor in Buddy who, for the last 40 years, has pointed us to the One who searches and knows the hearts of men. Pray for Chandler and our congregation to trust the Lord and His leadership above all else.

PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, thank You for graciously giving us a pastor who trusts You and has taught us to do the same. Please protect the hearts of Chandler and our congregation. Help us to remain faithful to You alone and fruitful in the commission You have given us to make disciples.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:20-21 » *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

The writer of Hebrews offers a blessing that reminds believers God is the source of peace and the One who equips us to do His will. The God who raised Jesus from the dead will give us the strength and grace to live faithfully.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for God to teach us to rest in His faithful care, trusting His ability to supply what we need and to strengthen us to do His will.

Heavenly Father, the God of peace, we rely entirely on You to equip Chandler with everything good to do Your will. Guard his heart and mind and give him wisdom to guide Your flock with gentleness and truth.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:3-6 » *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

This glorious passage calls us to bless God for His incredible work! He has poured out every spiritual blessing upon us, choosing and adopting us into His family through Jesus Christ, all for the praise of His glorious grace. These gospel truths form the foundation of our unity as a church family. As we welcome Chandler and his family, let us rejoice in these blessings that bind us as one in Christ. Ask God to strengthen the unity that binds us together through His grace, and for a spirit of joyful welcome for Chandler and his family, rooted in our oneness in Christ.

PRAYER FOCUS

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Your glorious grace that has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Thank You for choosing and adopting us and making us one family in Him. As we welcome Chandler and his family, may our hearts overflow with praise for what You have done, and may our oneness in Christ bring You all glory. Amen.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-4 » *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that Grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? The answer is, of course, no. Paul confronts us with the hypocrisy of sinful living as Christians who have been raised to walk in newness of life with Jesus. Pray that God will guard our hearts from sin that makes a mockery of His grace and remind us each day of the new life we have in Jesus.

PRAYER FOCUS

Heavenly Father, forgive us of the times we have presumed upon Your grace and lived for our glory instead of Yours. Thank You that we are no longer slaves to sin. Please use us as Your instruments of righteousness.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17 » Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

What does it look like to clothe ourselves in Christlike compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience? It's extending grace to one another, bearing with one another in love, especially in difficult circumstances, and forgiving one another freely, just as the Lord has forgiven us. What is the pathway to that kind of living? It is found in learning and living God's Word, allowing it to saturate our hearts so deeply that our natural response is to extend grace to one another through our words and actions, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, especially in this time of transition, allow Your grace to flow through our surrendered hearts to one another. As one body, united in Your love, we pray for wisdom, and that You alone will rule in our hearts, our minds, our attitudes, and our actions. Amen.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 57:15 » *For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite."*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

The Lord reveals both His greatness and His mercy. Though high and exalted in holiness, God draws near to the humble, reviving the contrite and giving rest to weary hearts. Ask that God give our church humble and repentant hearts. Ask Him to renew our inner strength and refresh our faith. Pray for a reviving touch from the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father in heaven, Eternal God, You delight in revealing Yourself to Your people. Thank You for showing Your greatness and faithfulness to us, and for the immense kindness You've shown to our church throughout the years. We are deeply grateful for Buddy and for the grace You have shown through his shepherding. Please refresh, strengthen, and revive Buddy and Tricia as they continue to serve You wholeheartedly.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:6-10 » *And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God's purposes of redemption and rule can be accomplished only through One who is uniquely worthy, Jesus Christ. He is simultaneously the fierce Lion of the tribe of Judah, warring against God's enemies and the gentle Lamb that has been slain, who purchased His people with the blood of His atoning sacrifice. Only God in His triune fullness can accomplish these magnificent purposes. Note the presence of the Father (Him who was seated on the throne), the Son (Lamb), and the Spirit of God who is the horns and the eyes of the Lamb. His love abounds through His power, His glory, and His grace! He is worthy of our praise and adoration!

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, we praise You for who You are, the King of Kings, the great I AM! We exalt You and thank You for Your provisions, Your love, and Your abounding blessings. Please continue to bless Pastor Buddy and Tricia in this new season of their life. Please also love and provide for the Snyder family in their transition and ministry here at Hunter Street as well as in our communities and the world!

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:28-29 » *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

This promise doesn't say that every moment is easy, but it does remind us that every moment is purposeful. God is working in ways we can't always see, ever shaping the past, present, and future for His good purposes. That includes this transition. God's ultimate goal isn't comfort, it's transformation. Every season, every leader, every challenge is part of how He shapes His people. As we walk through this transition, part of what God is doing is forming us, together, as a body that looks more like Christ.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, help us trust that You are working in all things, even in our uncertainty. Give us confidence in Your purposes and Your timing. Use this season to shape us. Grow us in humility, unity, and faith so that we reflect Christ more clearly as a church.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100:3-5 » *Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us and we are his, we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God is our Creator and faithful Shepherd. Our gratitude is rooted not in circumstances, but in God's unchanging character: His goodness, steadfast love, and faithfulness to every generation. May our gratitude lead to contentment and praise!

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, we praise You for Your goodness and faithfulness to Hunter Street through every season. Thank You for shepherding Your people with steadfast love. As we enter a new chapter, help us remain a church marked by gratitude, trust, and joyful obedience, and to continue to display Your faithfulness for generations to come.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22-23 » *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

As our church welcomes a new pastor, we naturally pray for wisdom, vision, and leadership. Yet the greatest evidence of God's work in a pastor's life will be the character that the Holy Spirit produces within him. Paul contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. Works are what we produce in our own strength; fruit is what God produces through a life yielded to Him. As our pastor walks with the Lord, we pray that the fruit of the Spirit will be evident in every area of his life and ministry. The most effective ministry is not built on talent alone, but on a life that consistently bears the fruit of the Spirit.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that Chandler and his family would daily walk in the Spirit. Ask God to produce in them love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Pray that these qualities would strengthen their home, guide their ministry, and bless our church.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 4:7-11 » *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Love keeps no record of wrongs but freely forgives because we have been forgiven by God. It extends hospitality without grumbling and serves others with a joyful heart. As we care for people and reflect Christ's love, we point them not to ourselves but to Him. May everything we do bring glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, thank You for Your provision and steadfast love. Please let us show Your love to one another in truth and by Your grace. Let us love Chandler and serve alongside him and his family, not only in their transition, but as they lead us through the years in Your Word and in action.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:9-12 » *And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Paul prays (without ceasing) for the church to not only know God but to experience His presence and guidance through the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the Lord will continue to reveal His will for Buddy and Tricia as they continue to serve and worship at Hunter Street. Pray for Chandler and his family to be strengthened by the Lord, to endure, and to have patience during this time of transition.

Heavenly Father, we know our endurance and patience with joy only comes from You. Please continue to strengthen Buddy and Tricia and please show us how we can best support Chandler.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1 » *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Even when we say we are ready for change, transitions can feel unsettling because there is a part of us that naturally wants things to stay as they are. But this verse reminds us that change is not outside of God's plan, it's part of it. The same God who appointed the season we've just walked through, is the same God who is guiding us into the next. Nothing about this transition is accidental or outside of His sovereign plan.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, help us trust You in this season, in every season. Give us peace in letting go of what You have been doing, and confidence to stand on that foundation and look forward in what You are doing next.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 » *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

In seasons of change, like the transition from our pastor of 40 years to the man God has called to lead our church into the next season, it is natural to feel a mix of emotions. In short, Paul reminds us that in all seasons, we are to be joyful, prayerful, and thankful.

Joyful: Our joy is not dependent on our circumstances, but on the unchangeable character of God and His saving work through Christ.

Prayerful: Through prayer, we are in continuous communication with our Heavenly Father, casting all our cares on Him.

Thankful: In Christ, we can have an attitude of gratitude, no matter the circumstances.

PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, as we walk through this time of transition as a church family, may our lives be marked by joy, prayer, and thanksgiving!

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-7 » *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

This passage reminds us to approach this time of change with gentleness and a heart free from anxiety, knowing that God is intimately involved and present with His church. Verse six promises that the Lord is near. If the Lord is near, why be anxious? Rather than worrying, we are invited to bring all our concerns and hopes to God through prayer. As we do this, the supernatural peace of God, a peace that transcends all human understanding, will stand guard over our hearts and minds, holding us steady and centered in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, allow Your divine peace to move us forward in faith, trusting in Your perfect plan for the body of believers known as Hunter Street Baptist Church.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:11; Isaiah 43:19 » *He has made everything beautiful in its time..."Behold, I am doing a new thing."*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

We don't always see how one season connects to the next. But God does! What feels uncertain to us is often intentional in His guiding hands. As a church, this is a moment not just of transition, but of hopeful expectation. God is not finished with His work here! His best days are ahead!

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, open our eyes to You and what You are doing in our church family. Help us not just look back with gratitude, but forward with faith.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

James 1:16-18 » *Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God, our Father, is good and unchanging. We can hold to this truth as circumstances around us shift. May we cling to God's Word of truth and may it be faithfully proclaimed from the pulpit and through the lives of our beloved brothers and sisters in the family we call Hunter Street.

PRAYER FOCUS

Good Father, thank You for Your faithfulness and consistent character and nature. May Your Word continue to guide all that is done at Hunter Street in the coming years, just as it has for generations. May we be fruitful citizens of Your kingdom and proclaim the Word of truth in all parts of our lives, in our community, and in Your world.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:15 » *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Many situations in life are marked by both excitement and grief simultaneously. Both the Snyder family and the Gray family are experiencing this right now. Excitement about new opportunities and sadness that comes with change may cause a person to grieve and rejoice at the same time.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that we will rejoice with both families as they embrace new opportunities, but also have compassion as they grieve the closing of a chapter of their lives. Pray that the God of all comfort will give them peace.

Lord, comfort these families as they encounter heavy changes that bring them sorrow and fill them with hope for the bright new beginnings ahead.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 » *Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God goes before His people. Because He is faithful and present, we do not need to fear the future or grow discouraged in the work He has called us to do.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for going before Hunter Street. Please replace any fear and uncertainty with confidence in Your unfailing promises. Strengthen our church to move forward with courage, faith, and unity as we continue sharing the gospel in our community and around the world.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-4 » *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Under the Holy Spirit's inspiration, Paul calls us to a profoundly Christ-like attitude, one of genuine humility and unity. As we embrace this new season and welcome our new pastor, let us pursue harmony by humbly counting others more significant, rooted deeply in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit to cultivate a Christlike attitude of humility in each of us, and for unity that reflects Christ's selfless love and glorifies God.

PRAYER FOCUS

Gracious Father, thank You for the encouragement, comfort, and fellowship of Your Spirit. Give us humble hearts that put others before ourselves. May our unity in Christ glorify You as we welcome Chandler and serve one another.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:35-38 » *And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

This passage summarizes the activity of Jesus in Matthew Chapters 5-9: teaching, preaching, and healing.

PRAYER FOCUS

We thank God for blessing us with an obedient pastor for the past 40 years, one who taught and preached the Word with clarity, always pointing us to Christ, our Good Shepherd. We are thankful for a new pastor, Chandler, who has that same desire to teach, preach, and be our shepherd in love and service to the Lord!

Lord, thank You for the gift of Pastor Buddy and Tricia, who have faithfully taught Your Word and lovingly shepherded this congregation for 40 years of dedicated service. Thank You for our new Pastor, Chandler, and his wife, Kelli. The Snyders have served You in ministry so well over the past 20 years. We are thankful for his shepherd's desire to teach, preach, and love on our congregation. Let us be thankful for Your provision and give us eyes to see those that need Your gospel in our community and around the world! Let us serve You faithfully Lord!

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-3 » *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

In response to God's grace, Paul urges the church at Ephesus to live like Christ, showing humility, gentleness, and patience toward one another and to protect and maintain spiritual unity given to them through the Spirit.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for God to help our church family live intentionally like Christ, guard the unity, and live together in peaceful harmony.

Our Father, help Chandler and the church to fiercely and eagerly protect the unity and harmony You have given us. Let our love be so genuine and powerful that it draws a lonely, skeptical, and hurting world to You.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 67:1-7 » *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

The Lord has been abundantly gracious to the body of believers of Hunter Street over the past 10 months, the past 40 years, and the past 119 years! We welcome Chandler Snyder as our new Senior Pastor. We welcome Kelli, Waverly, Elodie, and Atticus and lift them up in prayer. We are thankful for Buddy and Tricia and their leadership in the study of God's Word and loving the congregation well! May we continue in harmony, united in love, offering praise to the Lord and anticipating what He will provide as we move forward in faith and obedience!

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Lord, You alone are worthy to be praised! We thank You for Your provision, mercies and the ability to see Your hand move over the past months. Lord Jesus, we ask that the testimony of Your truth by our lips will be a continual sweet spirit of prayer and praise of You, to You and through You! Let the peoples praise You, O Lord! Praise be unto the Lord!

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

John 14:27 » *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not our hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

Change can bring uncertainty, but Christ gives a peace the world cannot offer. Through His Spirit, God steadies hearts and strengthens His people in times of transition. May these times provide opportunities to experience God's deeper work and know Him more.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for being our source of peace. We pray for the Snyder and Gray families as they walk through seasons of transition. Surround them with wisdom, unity, rest, and joy as they follow Your calling. Help our church rest confidently in Your care and leadership.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90:17; Ephesians 2:10 » *Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

DEVOTIONAL INSIGHT

God is different from us. He is holy and set apart, yet He loves us and includes us in His sovereign plan. From before the foundation of the world, He set His love on us and prepared good works for us to carry out. However, it is impossible for us to do that without Him blessing and establishing that work for His glory and our good.

PRAYER FOCUS

Heavenly Father, thank You for including us in Your sovereign and divine plan to save the lost and make Your name known among the nations. Please give us eyes to see and ears to hear the needs that are all around us. Fill us with boldness to engage those needs and obediently complete the work You have given us to do. Establish that work as only You can so that Your name may be glorified.

Lord, in this time of transition, we pray You will grant Chandler wisdom, our church family unity, and peace for Buddy and Tricia.

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