

On Saturday, July 25, 2020, Atwater Baptist Church met with Reverend Steve Bills on the “stages” of finding a replacement minister for Pastor John Doty who retired on July 1, 2020.

Members Present:

John Gasaway	Eileen Gasaway
Carole Kamerer	Vicki Knoepfel
Michelle Pacheco	Phillip Perales
Donna Plett	Jeri Maddox
Dawna Mc Creary	Carter Luxon
Leona Siemens	Katie Luxon

Moderator, Carter Luxon, brought the meeting together with prayer at 5:04 p.m. Carter introduced Steve Bills to members present.

Steve told members that this was a busy year with many pastors retiring. Steve read a few passages from Hebrew, Chapter 10.

Challenges that our church will have this year:

1. Not meeting since March 15, 2020
2. It is recommended to find an interim pastor for now and start the search for a replacement pastor in 2021

What is Atwater Baptist looking for in a Pastor?

1. Pastor sensitive to senior’s needs
2. Building the church membership
3. A Pastor that is caring

Reverend Bills passed out materials on “Transitioning to a new Pastor” and asked everyone to read the materials. The handout will be at the church office. If you want a copy, contact Michelle at the office.

Reverend Bills recommended that everyone continue to have phone conversations with members to stay in touch during “social distancing” until the county opens up to having church meetings. If you need a copy of the phone list, give Michelle a call at the church office.

Reverend Bills will be available to meet with us again when the county opens up to the church meeting. In the meantime, he is available by phone and email if members would like to talk with him. Below is his contact information:

Reverend Bills Cell Phone Number: 402-578-9995

Email: sbils@abccpc.org

Reverend Bils said that he will find an interim pastor for Atwater Baptist. Someone that lives close enough, that maybe they can visit weekly and/or write weekly inspirational letters to the membership. Reverend Bils has in mind a retired pastor in the Danville area, Bob Thorenson as interim.

Suggestions were made to update the church website to have the capability for zoom meetings.

Dawna will review the Atwater Baptist Church FaceBook page.

Decision was made to not start the search for a permanent pastor until 2021 after the COVID-19 pandemic has ended or diminished.

Carter asked if anyone was interested in being on the Pastoral Search Committee. If you would like to be part of this important committee, give Katie a call at 209-602-3793 or Carter a call at 209-495-2648.

Submitted by,

Katie Luxon

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