

SCHEDULE:

Friday, May 31st 6:30pm
Dinner with Staff

Saturday, June 1st
10:00am Brunch
with Admin Committee (RA)

5:00-6:00pm Meet & Greet and
Q & A Session
with congregation (RA)

6:00-8:00pm Cookout and
Fellowship
Family Life Center & Playground

Sunday, June 2nd
9:30-10:00am Donuts with
William & Cecelia (FLC)

11:00am Trial Sermon

Interests & Hobbies:

Playing and watching sports, cooking (and eating) Mexican food, spending time with their two dogs, going on adventures, playing the guitar, & anything Texas!



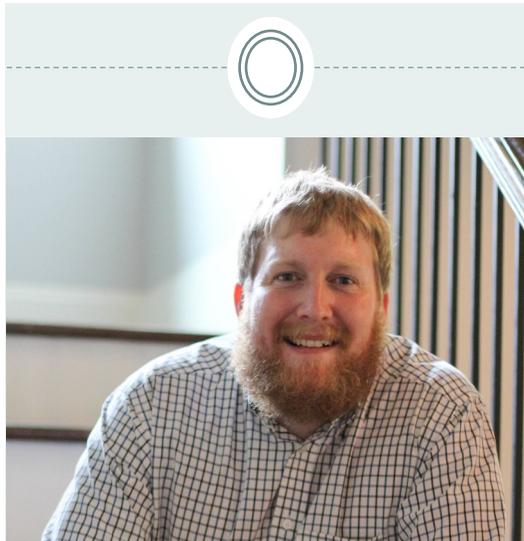
Pastor Search Committee:

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**The Pastor Search
Committee at
Faith Baptist Church is
pleased to introduce**

William Reilly

**As candidate for
senior pastor**



"It appears you love well, serve hard, and seek to be light to the world around you. I would love to be a part of your family of Faith. I believe we can do some incredible things together, truly growing the body of Christ, with creative ministry and contagious love.." ~William Reilly

To learn more about William go to:
<https://wmreilly.com>



"I believe in relational ministry that is authentic, present, consistent, and passionate."

William Reilly grew up in Big Spring, Texas, where at the age of 7 he confessed his faith in Christ and at age 17 he preached his first sermon at Sand Springs Baptist Church. Soon after, he began considering his call to the ministry.

His love for theology was discovered in his religion courses at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, where he received a BA in Political Science and Religion. While in college, he served at St. Paul United Methodist Church as assistant youth director and later, after graduation, as

college minister and then student minister.

It was during this time that William decided to pursue his calling to be a pastor at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. At Candler, he had the privilege of learning from diverse ministry experiences. He grew his pastoral care skills beyond his previous experience with youth and young adults through a chaplain internship at a retirement home and, later, by serving as a pastoral resident and interim pastor at Edgewood Church, a neighborhood church in the heart of Atlanta. It is here that William was ordained and grew in his ability to minister in a theologically, racially, economically, and politically diverse context. In 2018, William was named a CBF Vestal Scholar, an honor through which, "potentially the finest future Baptist leaders...receive significant scholarship support and leadership development."

As a pastor, William strives to: 1) build relationships with the congregation and community that reflect God; 2) cultivate ministry that is authentic to the community he is serving; 3) be present in the lives of congregants during crises, celebrations, and the mundane of everyday life; 4) encourage congregants to be present to the community through mission projects and simply doing life; 5) emphasize consistency that reflects the foundation and mission of the church where responsible change is grounded in truths of our faith and tradition; and 6) approach ministry with passion and energy to help others develop their passions and interests in ministry with zeal.

A Closer Look...

William is married to Cecelia, who currently serves as a children and youth minister and is the founder of Cultivate Life Coaching. She is also an insightful blogger at www.ceceliareilly.org. They met in 2014 at Crossroads/Vision Youth camp, where William served as director for a conference-wide youth summer camp for more than 300 youth. They were married two years later in August 2016. Cecelia and William have two dogs, Magnolia and Moxie, and they are “100% comfortable with how obsessed [they] are with these cute fur-balls”.

William describes himself as an extrovert who gets excited when people do ministry together. He is a team leader who strives to equip and empower staff to work together as a family with clear communication and genuine care and support of one another’s



ministries. This extends to William’s vision of ministry, which includes developing an environment that encourages creativity and active participation. William often uses asset mapping to identify areas people are passionate about to in turn empower them to pursue those areas within and beyond the church. His vision for the church is best described as a “revision” of a continuum where we build upon what we have, holding on to special traditions while refining areas that need change. He states, *“Faith should be a laboratory to experience God,”* where relationships invite people to a church with creative, inventive programs; where we all seek God authentically; and where we genuinely welcome others.

Despite William’s extroverted nature, he does appreciate quiet time for reflection, prayer, and Bible study. One of his favorite activities is a 5

a.m. weekly prayer and scripture time he shares with friends at the local Waffle House. Above all, William says, *“I hope to love God, love others, and make disciples of Jesus. That is really all that matters”.*



WORSHIP & OUTREACH

“I believe worship happens within and beyond the walls of the church, as it’s members develop strong relationships with neighbors and the community...Ministry should foster relationships with others that bring the community into relationship with God. These relationships are the beginning of discipleship, evangelism, worship, missions, and every other aspect of church life.” ~William Reilly

William’s experience serving at Edgewood Church in Atlanta was an extraordinary experience and one reflected throughout his vision of worship and outreach. A church where “racial and economic reconciliation” is lived out and all who want to be a part of the church belong is most certainly a powerful place to serve. This dynamic setting, combined with William’s experience growing up with less than most, fosters an understanding of the importance of authentic outreach. William’s drive to serve those in need has led him to oversee seven multigenerational disaster relief and international mission trips, six multi-church retreats, and to serve on two non-profit boards.

“Throughout the Bible, God changes the world by empowering people to love each other and share life together. It is incredible that we get to be a part of that. As the body of Christ, the church (us) gets to be the miracle for people who so desperately need one. We get to be the answer to prayers. We get to glorify God by showing other's what God's love looks like! Empowered by the Holy Spirit, encouraged by the Bible, and equipped with a community of support what can we not accomplish?” ~William Reilly

INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

William and Cecelia have been able to explore intentional living in the Pittsburgh community of Atlanta, Georgia. They were guided there by a strong belief that God has instructed them to live a “minimalist lifestyle in service to others” and “to partner with the marginalized.”

“Truthfully, being intentional neighbors is not always social media-worthy smiles and stolen flowers. Most days it is muddy foot prints scattered through our house, breaking up fights, and picking up trash. You cannot filter or edit hardships, poverty, violence, or disparity when the ones affected have a name. You can’t ignore it, like scrolling past a photo, when dinner gets interrupted by children needing help with homework...It takes intentionality to structure your heart and actions to be others focused. It takes intentionality to face our fears driven by self-preservation and to choose to love, give, or serve anyway. ~Cecelia Reilly



The Reilly’s purple house in the Pittsburgh community of Atlanta