

## Faith Baptist Church Discernment Process Timeline

*Please prayerfully join us in our process of discernment.*

**Greg Earwood has produced daily prayer guides that are available on the website. A limited number of hard copies are available in the foyer of the church.**

**September 8** – Bryan Langlands will share his story of how he has processed his understanding and what has been impactful for how he interprets what he believes. This is part of our regularly scheduled Wednesday Nights. Dinner is 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by Bryan.

**September 19** – At 6 p.m. the committee will host a listening session with small groups led by laypeople to hear from the congregation. This will be indoors with masks required and will begin in the sanctuary. An outdoor small group option will be provided for those who prefer it.

**September 20** – A digital survey will be made available so that people might express their questions, opinions, and desires. These survey results will only be made available to the Discernment Committee.

**September 29** – The Discernment Committee will share a summary of what they heard from the listening session and survey. This will be outdoors as part of our regularly scheduled Wednesday Nights. Dinner is 5:30-6:30 followed by the report.

**During the first week of October the special committee will release their recommendations.**

**October 17 through November 7** – William will host a class during the Sunday School hour (10-10:45 a.m.) that explores what the Bible, tradition, and different perspectives in the conversation say and how people have approached the topic. We'll also discuss how to discern whether issues are core to our faith or are issues on which we may agree to disagree as a church. Finally, we'll consider how our uniquely Baptist perspectives affect the conversation. (Location: College Sunday School classroom in gym)

**October 20** – Bob Baker will share his story of how he has processed his understanding and what has been impactful for how he interprets what he believes as part of our regularly scheduled Wednesday Nights. Dinner is 5:30-6:30 outside in the backyard followed by Bob.

**November 7** – At 6 p.m. the Discernment Committee will host a listening session to hear from congregants and answer questions about the committee's recommendations. (Location TBA)

**November 14** – The church will vote by ballot on whether to adopt the recommendations presented by the Discernment Committee during our regularly scheduled business meeting following morning worship. (Location TBA)