

Candidating Schedule

Saturday, February 20th

9:00 AM—Meet with Sunday school teachers (nursery to 6th grade) & Children's Church Leaders

10:30 AM— Meet with Discovery Zone Teachers and Volunteers

1:00 PM—Parents Q&A

3:30 PM - Meeting with Elders and Board of Directors

****All Meetings from 9:00 to 3:30 will take place in the Worship Center***

5:00 PM—All Church Pizza Night—Come and meet Pastor Brandon and family:

- Informal fellowship time
- Brandon shares his testimony, call to ministry
- Open Q&A time
- Any middle and high school students who attend will get time with Brandon after supper

Sunday, February 21st

9:00 AM—Sunday School - Brandon shares with and takes questions from youth (grades 7-12)

10:30 AM—Worship Service with Pastor Brandon preaching

Noon Meal [Sandwiches, chips, drinks, etc. provided]

1:00 PM Q&A time. 3X5 cards will be provided for questions. Please submit your question(s) on the 3x5 card provided and hand it to any of the members of the search team:

Pastor Cory

Dave Hofer

Jeff Herron

Taylor O'Bryan

Mary Holdahl

Peg Wittmeier

Dan Mason

Sunday, February 28th

Immediately following the worship service will be a congregational meeting. There will be discussion and a possible vote on a recommendation from the Pastor Search Team to extend a call to Brandon Pedersen as Pastor of Family Ministry at Discovery Church.

According to our Constitution only covenant members may vote. If you are a covenant member at Discovery Church and are unable to attend the February 28th congregational meeting you may vote prior to February 28th via absentee ballot available at the church office. Ballots can also be mailed by request.

About Brandon



The Pastor Search Team is excited to announce Brandon Pedersen is coming with his family to be examined by the congregation for the position of Pastor of Family Ministry. Brandon is pictured above with his wife Erin and his children, Noah, Jonathan, Abigail, Samuel, and Jael. They welcomed their newest son, Gideon, on January 29th!

Brandon and family will be at Discovery the weekend of February 20th and 21st.

He will be preaching on Sunday morning and we will have a church wide lunch after our worship service. We will have a Q&A time following the lunch so you can interact with him.

Brandon Pedersen, Pastor of Family Ministry Candidate

Brandon and his family have their home in Vermillion where Brandon serves Grace Baptist Church as the Campus Pastor. Through EQUIP, their Campus Ministry, they evangelize college students, make disciples, and seek to get them plugged into a healthy church.

Brandon feels called to Discovery because of our shared beliefs and a desire to focus more of his energy into local church ministry. He's very excited about the idea of being able to minister to students from a very young age and then all the way through high school. He also has a big heart for seeing parents equipped to minister to their kids.

Brandon received his Masters from Redeemer Theological Seminary. Brandon is also currently on hiatus from a doctoral program with Westminster Theological Seminary. Should he feel called to return he would only be two classes short of earning his Doctorate in Biblical Counseling.

The search team believes that Brandon is the man that God is calling to this position for a few exciting reasons:

- He has shown a long history of being a disciple maker in his ministries
- He has a strong gift in counseling
- He is a gifted preacher and teacher
- He has a long history of training students to minister to each other
- He has a history with our church as someone we've been excited to support in campus outreach
- Everyone we spoke to about Brandon affirmed that he is highly intentional with people, enthusiastically invested in the spiritual health of his family, humble, biblically faithful, and that he genuinely loves Christ's church.

Ministry Experience:

- Grace Baptist Church, Vermillion, SD, Campus Pastor
- Equip Campus Ministries, Vermillion, SD. and Brookings, SD.

Education:

South Dakota State University — Business Economics, 2007

Redeemer Theological Seminary — Masters of Arts in Religion, 2011