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May 16, 2016

Dear Members of First Baptist Church of Rochester,

It is with great joy that the Pastoral Search Committee writes to inform you that we are ready to present a name to the congregation. After a nationwide search, a call has been extended to Reverend Brent Bowden from Austin, Texas for our Senior Pastor position. This call was made by a unanimous decision of the Pastoral Search Committee. Enclosed, you will find a biographical summary for you to begin getting to know Pastor Brent.

Pastor Brent and his wife, Anna, have visited Rochester, took a tour of our church building, and attended Sunday worship. Upon congregational approval, Pastor Brent will accept the call to be our Pastor and will assume his duties on August 1st, 2016.

Pastor Brent will participate in a Candidate Weekend on Friday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 5th. During this time, he will be presented to the congregation during several different events.

- On Friday, June 3rd from 5:00-7:00 pm, there will be a casual Meet and Greet in the Garden Room at FBCR with Pastor Brent and Anna. Hors D'oeuvres will be served. Childcare will be available in the Nursery.
- On Saturday, June 4th from 2:00-4:00 pm, there will be a casual Meet and Greet in the Garden Room at FBCR with Pastor Brent and Anna. Hor D'oeuvres will be served. Childcare will be available in the Nursery.
- On Sunday, June 5th, Pastor Brent will lead worship at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Rochester. All church members and friends are invited to attend.
- Immediately following the service, church members are invited to vote to extend the call at a special congregational meeting in the Sanctuary.

According to FBCR's bylaws, 85% of qualified and present voters must vote affirmatively to call a new Pastor.

The Pastoral Search Committee wishes to extend deep gratitude to Pastor Cliff for his two and a half years of faithful service to our congregation as the Interim Pastor. He has allowed our congregation to heal after the retirement of Rev. Ken Williams, and helped transition into our new future. The compassionate care that he extended to our congregation during this time will not be forgotten.

The Pastoral Search committee is confident in the future of our congregation with Pastor Brent as Senior Pastor. We look forward to seeing many of you during the events planned for the Candidate Weekend.

Sincerely,

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