

**DO NOT PICK UP YOUR PENCIL, AND DO NOT TURN YOUR PAPER OVER YET.**

Back in school we all took those tests where we had to wait for the teacher to give the OK before we started filling in the blanks and answering questions. So it is here!

**This sheet is for you to carry home and pray about in the days just ahead.** If you are a **member** of First Baptist Church, I would like to ask your help as you prayerfully consider three individuals (*also members*) to be nominees to serve on the Transition Team (*outlined in the February newsletter*). These will work very closely with me over the coming months. Everyone who is nominated will not be asked to serve, so please understand clearly that you are merely providing names of folks who might be qualified candidates for this important task. We will select no more than fourteen people to serve together on the Team, so it should be obvious that many names submitted will yield a small final selection. This in no way means that those not selected are of little value. Quite the contrary, to have brothers and sisters of this congregation submit any name means that these are of special significance and importance, but we must limit our Team to a comparatively small number in order to achieve what we are targeting in the brief time ahead.

**There are some ground rules as we seek God's direction and wisdom in all of this.** This is not a beauty or popularity contest. It matters very little how someone measures up according to the world's standards. What **DOES** matter is that these nominees be more committed and in step with the teachings of Christ than anything else. They must have the mind of Christ and be shaped by God's heart and Spirit. We are not looking to draw lines in the sand over personal opinions, agendas, and preferences. **We desire to honor God in this place, build up the body of Christ, and see Jesus actively preached and lived out in this fellowship and in our community.** Words like humble, patient, loving, kind, generous, self-sacrificing, considerate, and fair should come to mind as you think on those most apt to serve in this temporary position. Certain qualifications are expected of Transition Team members.

- **They must be 100% committed to the intentional interim process.**
- **They must be regular attendees to worship service.**
- **They must be regular committed tithers, invested in the ministries of First Baptist.**
- **They must be trusted and respected by those in the congregation.**
- **They must be men and women of prayer.**
- **They must be spiritually wise.**
- **They must be representative (not representatives) of groups within the body.**
- **They must be quick to listen to all perspectives and slow to speak.**
- **They must not be staff or family of staff.**
- **They must not serve on the Team alongside a spouse.**

On the back of this sheet, first print your name and telephone number. Then on the next three lines print the names of three members you prayerfully suggest as possible servants to help form the Transition Team that will happily work with me as we journey together in the Intentional Interim Ministry. **Return the sheet to one of the staff or to the office by next Sunday (February 22)** so we may begin to collate and process your suggestions. Thank you so much for your help and much needed prayer support! -Steve