

## Pastoral Search Team Covenant

### WE WILL PRAY

*We will pray daily for the Holy Spirit to search our hearts and bring us to repentance and purity before our Father.*

*We will pray daily for one another, that we may be unified in our understanding of the heart and will of our Father.*

*We will pray for our church and for the candidates who come before us for confirmation of a call.*

### WE WILL COMMUNICATE

*We will allow one another the freedom to express ideas, feelings, and concerns in an atmosphere of openness.*

*We will speak honestly and sincerely with one another without taking offense.*

*We will preserve the integrity of Search Team relationships by not criticizing each other or procedures, except in face-to-face committee sessions.*

*We will be responsible with privileged information and maintain the confidentiality of Search Team discussions.*

### WE WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE

*We covenant to seek God and the needs of the entire church family, not our own agenda.*

*We covenant to maintain the accountability to our present Management Team, to our congregation and ultimately to God.*

*We will be both thorough and ethical in all our investigations and evaluations of candidates.*

*We will promptly and tactfully notify in writing those candidates no longer being considered.*

## Pastoral Search Team Mission Statement

*As the Pastor Search Team, it is our sincere desire to carry out God's perfect will with concern to the future pastoral leadership here at The Brook Church. Being a diverse group with many ideas and backgrounds, we commit to working together in unity with hearts and minds open to God's will concerning the man of God that He has chosen for The Brook Church. We commit to pray as we seek God's wisdom and direction throughout the search process; all with the hope that God would replace our earthly near-sightedness with the wisdom that He promises to provide.*

## The Brook Church Pastoral Search Team

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RESUME SUBMISSION DEADLINE WAS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

Comments or suggestions should be  
submitted to:  
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# Pastoral Search Team



# Pastoral Search Team Members



## Ray Bergman

**Ministry Participation:** Life Group Leader, Grounds Maintenance Team, Management Team

**Family:** Married 19 years to Susan with two children, two step-children, and four grandchildren

**Occupation:** Plant Engineer, ISP Chemicals LLC

Member since 1998

**Salvation Testimony:** I grew up in a Christian home, attending a Lutheran church. I turned my back on church during my sophomore year at college, and never sought membership in another church until The Brook was planted in September 1998. I've always believed in God, but I did not accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior until 1996. A Precept Bible study course in Romans that I completed that year was the way God chose to speak to me.



## Mark Gireth

**Ministry Participation:** Men's Ministry head, Wholehearted Worship Ministry, Life Group Leader and Greeter

**Family:** Married to Cathy with two children, Katelyn and Chelsea

**Occupation:** Engineer at Northrop Grumman

Member since 1999

**Salvation Testimony:** I was saved and baptized at the age of 10. In 1999, soon after relocating from California to Alabama, our family started attending The Brook Church. It was at this time I rededicated my life to Christ. I strive each day to be Christ-like as a husband, father and witness to others.



## Gregory Jones

**Ministry Participation:** Video Ministry

**Family:** Married 23 years to Linda with 2 children, Lindsay and Ryan

**Occupation:** Area Sales Manager for Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Member since 1998

**Salvation Testimony:** I received Christ as my Savior in December of 1979 while attending a revival at Highlands Baptist Church in Huntsville Alabama. It was an amazing experience. I went to the service not believing anything about the Gospel of Christ. I heard the message and knew it was the truth. I knew God was calling me to give my life to Him...so I did. From that day God has taken my life in a direction I never expected or believed possible. I went to college thinking I was supposed to go to seminary. I met my lovely wife on the first day of my first class. We went on to serve as President and Vice President of the Baptist Student Ministries of our college. We married our second year in school. I served as the Youth Minister at Snead Baptist Church and Warrior Baptist Church through college. Prior to graduating, I realized I was not called to full-time ministry...at least not yet. God has taken us on a wonderful adventure to Mississippi, Georgia (where Lindsey was born), and Texas (where Ryan was born) and then finally brought us back to Alabama. We are proud to have been a part of planting this church and are honored to serve on this committee.



## Kathy MacKenzie

**Ministry Participation:** Care and Share Ministry Leader, Women's Ministry Leadership Team, Discipleship, Wholehearted Worship Ministry Spouse

**Family:** Married to Andy with two daughters, Sarah and Ashley

**Occupation:** Stay at home mom

Member since 2004

**Salvation Testimony:** I was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as my personal savior at the age of 9. As a teenager and young adult, I fell away from the church and my Christian walk, but never fell away from my faith in a loving and caring God. Despite my actions, God was there for me and not only helped me through the difficult times of my life, but redeemed them for good. After my children were born, I began to attend church again on a regular basis and at the age of 36 I recommitted my life to Christ. It is now my honor to be able to love and serve Him with my life.



## Christie Ross

**Ministry Participation:** 72 Student Ministry, Wholehearted Worship Ministry and Women's Ministry

**Family:** Married 18 years to my best friend, Robert, with two creative and amazing children, Bobby and Tommy

**Occupation:** Project Control Analyst for SAIC

Member since 1999

**Salvation Testimony:** I grew up going to church faithfully. When I was nine years old an evangelist came to our church for a revival and it was during that time that I accepted Jesus into my life. I struggled during my teenage years with trying to be something I was not but God never gave up on me. He gently drew me back to Him time after time offering me grace and forgiveness. Because of His great love for me, I recommitted my life to Christ in my later teen years and made a commitment to serve Him for the rest of my life.



## Nancy Smith

**Ministry Participation:** Wholehearted Worship Ministry, Life Group Leader/Host, Management Team

**Family:** Married 21 years to my wonderful husband David with 2 great kids - Callie and Nathan

**Occupation:** Church Secretary at Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church

Member since 2000

**Salvation Testimony:** I was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as my savior at the age of six. I was very fortunate as a teenager to have a wonderful youth minister who taught me the importance of and how to study God's Word. Through him I also learned the importance of knowing what I believed and why I believed it. I have definitely had some ups and downs in my walk with the Lord, but God has always been there faithfully watching over me and persistently drawing me into an ever deepening faith in Him.



## Israel Stone

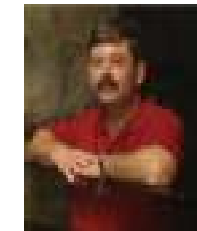
**Ministry Participation:** Management Team

**Family:** Married 8 years

**Occupation:** Engineer

**Salvation Testimony:** I was saved as a young child. However, God's call became very audible during a Disciple Now Weekend. My life's not been the same since.

Member since 2002



## Rex Wooten

**Ministry Participation:** Church Treasurer/CFO, Management Team, Angel Food, Worship Ministry, Men's Ministry

**Family:** Married 31 years with three sons

**Occupation:** Chief Accountant for an independent manufacturing and distribution business

Member since 1999

**Salvation Testimony:** When I was 12 years old, a friend invited me to come to his church. I began attending that church on my own and that is where I accepted Jesus and was baptized. We eventually moved to another state, and I did not attend church again until 1998. Soon after its opening service, we began attending Willowbrook West Worship Center (The Brook). In 1999, I rededicated my life, and my wife and I were baptized together. Our three sons and many of our family members also found Christ and were baptized here at The Brook.

### Ways you can pray during this time:

1. Pray for the man that God has already chosen to be our pastor that in time God will lead us to him.
2. Pray for unity of the Pastoral Search Team as we meet that we will make wise decisions based on God's will.
3. Pray for our staff, management team and ministry leaders as they minister, care for and encourage the congregation.
4. Pray for our congregation as we go through this difficult time of transition and change.
5. Pray for the visitors that come to The Brook during this time that they will feel welcome and will feel God's love and warmth.
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