

The Ministry of Reciprocity

(What Our Church and New Pastor
Can Expect from Each Other)
2 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Corinthians 3:2-3

Introduction:

- (1) Next Sunday morning, September 16, 2018, our new Pastor, **Dr. Darryl Craft**, will begin his ministry at Whitesburg Baptist.
- (2) For both him and our church it will be a time of preparing for where we've never been before (see Joshua 3:4).
- (3) This is somewhat analogous to getting married—it is a **reciprocal** relationship—and **both** parties have significant roles.

I. What Our Church Can Expect of Our New Pastor

- A. Be a **Preacher/Pastor**—2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 5:2
“Preach the Word” “Be shepherds of God’s flock”
- B. Be a **Student**—2 Timothy 2:15
“Study to show yourself approved unto God.”
(Bible—Church—Human Personality)
- C. Be an **Example**—Titus 2:7; 1 Peter 5:3
“. . . being examples to the flock.”
His WALK confirms his TALK.
- D. Be a **Leader with Vision**—1 Timothy 3:1 (NEB); 2 Timothy 2:8
 - Paul preached a never-before-heard message—the Resurrection
 - Some things should **not** be changed
 - Some things likely **should** be changed
 - Change is often painful
 - Better pay attention to the future, for that is where we will spend the rest of our lives
- E. Be a **Prioritizer**—2 Timothy 2:23—“(avoid) foolish and stupid arguments”
(God—His Family—Our Church—Himself)

II. What Our New Pastor Can Expect From Our Church

- A. **Practically**
 1. **Always** give your name.
 2. Be **patient**. All ministry is predicated on relationships (non-transferable; require time)
- B. **Personally**
 1. Accept him as he is—2 Corinthians 11:1
“I hope you will put up with a little of my foolishness.”
 2. Avoid criticizing—2 Corinthians 10:10
“. . . his speaking amounts to nothing.”
 3. Affirm his priorities of being a **husband** and **father** (Eph. 5:25; 6:4) as well as our **Pastor**.
- C. **Financially**—2 Corinthians 8:7
“. . . excel in this grace of giving”
- D. **Emotionally**
 1. Affection—2 Corinthians 6:11-13
“We have . . . opened wide our hearts to you . . . open wide your hearts also.”
 2. Encouragement—2 Corinthians 7:13
“By all this we are encouraged.”
 3. Be aware of his pressures (unknown publicly)—2 Corinthians 11:28
“. . . I face daily my concern for all the churches. . . .”

E. **Spiritually**

1. Pray for him—I Samuel 12:23
“ . . . far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.”
2. Give selves first to the Lord, then to him—2 Corinthians 8:5
“ . . . they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us”
3. Be ministers of reconciliation—2 Corinthians 5:18
“ . . . God . . . gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”
 - **Outside** the church—reaching non-Christians
 - **Inside** the church—maintaining unity

Conclusion:

Most churches get the kind of Pastor they help create!