



## Lead Pastor Succession Update

Sunday, August 20, 2023

WestPark Church,

The Elder Board would like to make you aware of developments in our Lead Pastor Search Process.

Beginning on September 10th, when we move to two services, our consultant, Steve Adams, will begin serving as our interim speaker. Steve is a veteran pastor, deeply associated with our fellowship and will effectively communicate the truths of God's word.

Just for clarification:

This is not a change in our direction. The Elder Board had always anticipated engaging an Interim Speaking Pastor, at some time in the course of this process.

To be sure, Steve coming on Sunday Mornings to preach is most certainly not dissatisfaction with the content or the delivery of God's Word that Neil, Kevin and Corey have communicated to us for many months. We have all been richly blessed.

The reasons are twofold:

First, having Steve assist with the speaking, will allow our executive staff to concentrate on their primary ministry roles more fully. This will become even more necessary as we move into our next ministry year, looking forward to starting new ministry initiatives, more growth, and two services.

Secondly, Steve's role, as interim speaker, will be to prepare our congregation for the successful transition to our next Lead Pastor.

Steve's responsibilities will be in speaking on Sunday morning. All other ministry responsibilities will continue to be shouldered by our pastors, ministry staff and Elders.

Finally, we had hoped to confirm that our Lead Pastor candidate would be able to "preach a call" on September 3rd. Unfortunately, we are still working through our process with him so his coming here on the 3rd will NOT be happening. Please stay tuned as, Lord willing, we anticipate bringing more news next Sunday August 27th.

Sincerely,

Dan Bird  
*Elder Board Chair*