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and family  
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**July 18**  
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Dear Members and Friends of First Baptist Church,

After 15 months of weekly meetings and prayerfully considering more than 250 resumes, the Pastor Search Committee is extremely pleased to announce that they believe they have located God's man to lead our congregation. He is Ernest L. DeSoto, a graduate of Whitehall High School, of Ouachita Baptist University, and of Southwestern Seminary. He has served First Baptist Church of Prairie Grove for 10 years. He is age 46 and has been married for 17 years to Sherri Price DeSoto, who is also a graduate of Ouachita with a Masters degree from North Texas University. They have two children; Robert, age 15, and Lindsey, age 13. Robert will enter the 10<sup>th</sup> grade this fall and plays percussion in the band. Lindsey will enter the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and plays basketball.

Ernest was licensed to the ministry by Central Baptist Church of Pine Bluff and ordained by First Baptist Church of Lewisville, Texas. He has nearly 30 years of experience in various ministries in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. He comes highly recommended by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, as well as deacons from churches of former pastorates.

Ernest and his family have agreed to come this Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> in view of a call. We invite the church body to meet them in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. that morning. There will be refreshments provided.

Ernest will preach at 10:45 in the sanctuary. After we dismiss the morning worship service there will be a special business meeting for the purpose of calling him as our pastor.

The committee appreciates your prayers and patience during this lengthy and arduous task. We are unanimous in our belief that this is in God's plan for our congregation and the Desoto's believe this is God's plan for their service to Him.

**See you this Sunday at FBC!**