

Memo to Church

To: Church
From: Pastor Search Team
Subject: Summary of Pastoral Candidates

In our search for a suitable pastor, we have prayerfully considered several candidates. The following is a summary of each candidate and our assessment. Of the candidates investigated by the team, only one was found to have the necessary qualities, and we are working to schedule a time for him to come to our church in view of a call.

Adam: Good man but problems with his wife. Also one reference told of how his wife and he enjoy walking nude in the woods.

Noah: He has 120 years of preaching experience, but no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

Abraham: He took off to Egypt during hard times. We heard reports of wife-swapping, but the facts seem to show he never slept with another man's wife. However, he did offer to share his own wife with another man.

Moses: A modest and meek man, but poor communicator. He stutters; and his former congregation says he loses his temper over trivial things.

David: the most promising leader of all until we discovered the affairs he had with his neighbor's wife. He might have been considered for minister of music had he not "fallen."

Solomon: Great preacher, but our parsonage would never hold all those wives. He has a reputation for wisdom but fails to practice what he preaches.

Elijah: He proved to be inconsistent, prone to depression, and is known to fold under pressure.

Elisha: Reported to have lived with a single widow while at his former church.

Hosea: A tender and loving pastor, but his family life is in a shambles. Our church could never handle his wife's occupation.

Jeremiah: He is emotionally unstable, an alarmist; negative, and always lamenting things.

Isaiah: Claims to have seen angels in church.

Amos: To backward and unpolished. With some seminary training he might have promise, but has a hang-up against wealthy people. He would be a better fit with an inner city church.

John: He says he is a Baptist but lacks tact and definitely does not dress like one. He understands that he has a rather unusual diet and therefore would not fit in at a church potluck supper. We also heard he provokes denominational leaders.

Peter: Has a bad temper, has been known to curse, and has even denied Christ publicly. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Very aggressive, is a loose cannon.

Paul: Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating teacher. However he is short on tact, unforgiving with younger preachers, too harsh, and he preaches far too long.

Timothy: He has potential, but is much too young for the position.

Jesus: He tends to offend church members with his preaching, especially Bible scholars. He is also too controversial. He even offended the search team with his pointed questions. And, of course, he is single.

Judas: He seemed to be very practical, cooperative, good with money, cares for the poor, and dresses well. We all agreed that he is just the man we are looking for to fill the vacancy as our Pastor.

Remember to be in prayer for the Sunday that Judas will be in our church in view of a call.

Sincerely,

Team Leader, Pastor Search Team.