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Chilson Friends,

At the 2008 Annual Meeting, the church voted to accept the Pastoral Succession Plan as presented by the Executive Team, Deacons, and Personnel Team. That document can be reviewed by going to www.chilsonhills.org.

The Executive Team reviewed the process outlined in the Pastoral Succession document and decided that the appropriate time for the formation of the Pulpit Committee to search for a new pastor would be June 2009. Please note the constitutional requirements outlined in the Pastoral Succession Plan.

The Deacons and the Executive Team met on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 to discuss the process of the formation of the Pulpit Committee. There was a unanimous agreement that this process needs to be open to the congregation before a vote is required. Also, the Pulpit Committee needs to be representative of the entire church.

The two teams are now asking for persons who would like to serve on the Pulpit Committee to contact Tom Berry, Church Moderator and indicate your interest. If you know of someone you would like to serve on the Pulpit Committee, please ask them to apply. On Tuesday, June 2 the Executive Team and the Deacons will meet in a special meeting to decide on the 7-person Pulpit Committee to be recommended to the Church. The recommended names will be posted on the website, in an email, in the *Herald*, and on the bulletin board in the Lobby by Sunday, June 14th.

There will be a special called-meeting of the church on Sunday, June 21 from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. There will be a limited agenda to include: the nomination and interviews of 3 Deacon Candidates; a review of the budget in relationship to the staff; and the election of the Pulpit Committee.

Just a word of assurance! This plan is envisioned to take up to 4 years for completion. During that time and after, our current Pastor David will remain in leadership. He is not leaving Chilson Hills; rather his role will change at the close of this process.

I urge you to keep our church in prayer during this challenge opportunity. The Executive Team and Deacons are committed to following Christ leadership in every way during this time of transition. If you have questions, please contact me at 810-225-2131.

Sincerely Yours,

Tom Berry, Church Moderator

"Connecting together in Christ to serve all God's people and renewing ourselves through Jesus' teaching of love, healing, and forgiveness."