



INDIAN LAKE PENINSULA CHURCH

A Note from each Pastor Search Team Member

Stan Hardaway, Chairman

Since our first Pastor Selection Committee meeting in March, our committee members have devoted themselves to prayer and have asked God many times for his wisdom and discernment throughout this process and for Him to show us with simple clarity who He wanted to serve as the next Senior Pastor at ILPC. When we met with Kevin Minchey for the first time, it was as if the Red Sea parted, and all of the sudden, there was clarity that the Lord wanted us to select Kevin. Kevin is highly educated with a Doctorate from Southern Baptist Seminary and has served as a Senior Pastor for over 20 years, and his heart is to preach God's word with power and clarity, to reach people for Christ and build lasting relationships, grow our emphasis on missions, and is a team builder and leader. He and his wife, Laura, make a great team in serving the Lord, and we are so excited to have them come and lead our church to be builders for the Kingdom of Christ in our community.

Clint Burns, Vice-Chairman

While this search has taken longer and not been as easy as some of us may have hoped for, I feel God has faithfully delivered us the right leader at this moment in time for our family at ILPC. While there are so many reasons why I feel confident he is the right fit for ILPC today, we all wanted to share one key reason why we felt this way with our ILPC family. One of many highlights for me was Kevin's relationship and commitment to God's word in his life. It's a centerpiece of each day with him and I think that's the single most important thing any leader or believer can do. That discipline and obedience to what we read is the only way we can keep on the course God has for us and is an absolute must for our leader. Kevin seems to be deeply committed to that, so I pray you join our team in complete unity and welcome Kevin and Laura to our ILPC family.

Ben Fouts

From the beginning of our search, the pastor I wanted for ILPC was the man God had called and prepared for this time in our history. I envisioned a faithful disciple, a visionary, a gifted teacher and a courageous leader. From prior experience I knew that when God in His wisdom and timing brought that man to us, we would know it. Thus, when we were introduced to Keven Minchey, I was and still am certain that he is the man God has called and prepared to be our new Senior Pastor. I believe the church at ILPC will be blessed by his leadership.



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Rachel Gabriel

I felt like we would know when we met the man God planned to lead our church. We read a lot of resumes, watched a lot of sermons, and after narrowing down the field, interviewed a handful of candidates. They each had their strengths, but the committee wasn't unified around any one of them.

Until we met Kevin.

Kevin knows Hendersonville. His specific work experience can benefit a church like ILPC. But while those things are great, that's not what drew me to Kevin.

What caught my attention is his disciplined personal Bible study. It is his interest in engaging people wherever he is, whoever God puts in his path, to develop community and point them to God. It is how he patiently waits for God's direction the way the committee has been trying to patiently wait for our next pastor.

When we met Kevin, we had what was missing: unity. I can personally endorse him and look forward to the next chapter of our church with him at the helm.

Wayne Raymond

From the beginning of this process, I have believed that God already had someone picked out to be pastor for ILPC. He just needed to show us who it was. We had the opportunity to meet and speak with several outstanding men during this process. Men capable of leading our church. But it wasn't until we met with Kevin that I knew without a doubt that we had found the man God had for us. His education, experience, passion for the lost and the love he has for the individual church member are just a few of the attributes that God has given Kevin. Without a doubt, I believe Kevin Minchey is the man God picked to lead ILPC.



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Darlene Stringfellow

Being on the Pastor Search Committee has been a humbling experience. I thought it would be simple, like reviewing resumes, selecting out of those qualified, interviewing, we would all agree and praying continuously for God's guidance in the man who would lead ILPC. Well it wasn't quite like that. God knew the man he would call as our Pastor long before we were a committee. After several interviews with prospective candidates, including our meeting with Kevin Minchey, I felt that he was the one that God laid on my heart as our next Pastor. He and his wife Laura love God, care about their neighbors, our community and most of all, serving the Lord. I look forward to serving with Kevin and Laura.

Darlene Stringfellow

Heather Thomas

Our pastor search team has worked together for months pouring over resumes and listening to many sermons. We all brought different perspectives and backgrounds to the team. As it says in I Corinthians 12, the body is not made up of one part but of many. Throughout our time of ups and downs, we consistently discussed that God would let us know when we found the right man of God for our church.

The Sunday Kevin came to preach, I felt God's stirring. I loved Kevin's heart for his neighbors, in particular the Indian Lake Peninsula. When we first met with Kevin, he shared his journey that brought him back to Hendersonville. I could clearly see God's hand at work. When we finished the interview, we all felt the peace we had been looking for. We later had the privilege of spending an evening sharing a meal with Kevin and Laura, and I knew with certainty this was God's plan for the next phase of our church. I am super excited to see what God has planned for ILPC. I see Kevin as the answer to the many prayers our body has lifted up since last Spring.

Heather Thomas