Pastoral Search Committee Update

Aug 16, 2026

Now that summer is coming to an end, we are in full swing with our transition process. As many of you may know, Don and his wife, Karen, were here last weekend. This was Don's sixth visit with us, and it was wonderful for Karen to finally get a glimpse of where Don is always flying off to—and to have the opportunity to meet many of us. As always, Don's visits are packed with follow-up meetings, along with meetings with the Pastoral Search Committee and the Board of Elders.

Barry is now in his fifth month with us, focusing on pastoral preaching, pastoral care, and pastoral administration. Barry and Don remain in regular communication with each other, as well as with the PSC and the Board of Elders. Barry is also part of our Leadership Team meetings in his role as Interim Transitional Pastor. We have settled into a team that is in sync with with each other and work well together.

Our Transition team has broken down our process into "phases"

Phase 1: September 2025 thru February 2026 with the creation of the PSC and searching for a fit in Transitional pastoral leadership.

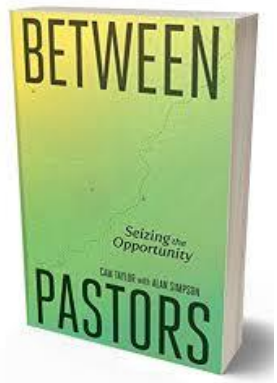
Phase 2: March to August (present) 2026 with the answered prayer of Barry and Don joining us to complete our team. Much work was done.

Phase 3: Begins in September and will move into the fall. We will be moving very intentionally into ***Vision Clarity and Renewal***, ***Structural Renewal***, and ***Relationship Renewal***. All of this is in anticipation of clarifying a number of critically important questions around communication, governance and process, as well as crafting a job description that will work for a pastor, and for MCC as we move into 2027 and beyond.

As the Search Committee, we have begun working through Vision Clarity, using resources provided by The Transitional Network, specifically from some webinars that Pastor Barry and Don have participated in. We have found these resources to be very beneficial for our understanding of this part of the process.

In the last half of September, we hope to host a Town Hall Meeting after the Fall Ministry Launch. More details about this event will be forthcoming as we know more.

Lastly, please direct any questions or concerns to us through the PSC's dedicated email: pastoralsearch@millarvillechurch.org.



As a gift to you, we still have about a half dozen copies of TLN Director Cam Taylor's book, *Between Pastors*, available for anyone who would like a copy.

Philippians 2:13

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose."

1 Corinthians 3:9

"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

We ask for continued prayer as we move into phase 3.

With grateful hearts,

the Pastoral Search Committee