



INTRODUCING

Pastor Paul & Kate Hunter

After much prayer and consideration, the Search Committee, along with the Elders, Trustees, and Pastor Donn Chapman, unanimously recommend Paul Hunter to be the next Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Ministries. We believe that he is God's chosen leader to guide our church into the future.



The Search Process

- In late April 2024, Pastor Donn announced his plans to retire as Senior Pastor of Cornerstone.
- Director of Operations, Tom Payne, engaged Vanderbloemen Consultants soon after.
- Vanderbloemen reviewed 113 candidates, worked with 10 of them, and presented 6 of them to Cornerstone. All 6 candidates were thoroughly vetted and matched our list of qualifications as closely as possible.
- Each candidate provided a resume, an introductory video, a personality assessment, and sermon video links.
- After sermon evaluations, in-depth interviews, and most importantly seeking God's direction through prayer and fasting, the search committee, along with the Elders, Trustees, and Pastor Donn invited Pastor Paul for multiple in-person interviews.

The Reasons Why:

- Pastor Paul embodies and surpasses the characteristics and expectations outlined for this role.
- We are confident that God has uniquely equipped him to preach, lead, pastor, and shepherd our church in this exciting new season of ministry. We believe the Lord has called him for this purpose.
- His heart for proclaiming the Gospel and making disciples is evident through 25 years of faithful service to God, the church, and his community.
- Above all, Pastor Paul demonstrates a profound love for Jesus and a passionate commitment to reaching people for Christ.
- He is a devoted husband and father, prioritizing his family as part of his ministry.
- Pastor Paul has a deep love for the local church, which he sees as the vital vessel for sharing the hope of the Gospel. Over the past 25 years, he has dedicated his life to preaching, serving, and shepherding congregations.
- His global perspective is reflected in his involvement in eight international mission trips, including Ecuador, Morocco, Uganda, Namibia, and South Africa.

Personal Doctrinal Statement:

"I am committed to evangelism, missions, and discipleship through the proclamation of the Gospel on all levels – local, state, and abroad. I believe in the discipleship of the body and am committed to serving in this area. I believe that the Bible "has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error."

- PAUL F. HUNTER

Education & Credentials

- **M.Div.** from *New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary*
- **B.S.** from *Athens State University*

Ministry Experience

- **Campus Pastor** / *North Way Christian Community, Pittsburgh, PA*
- **Lead Pastor / Plant Pastor** / *Church of the Valley, Huntsville, AL*
- **Senior Pastor** / *Jackson Way Baptist Church / Huntsville, AL*



The Next Step:

Affirmation/Congregational Vote: Sunday, November 24 at 6 PM

This meeting will include the opportunity for the active members of Cornerstone Ministries to affirm the Senior Pastor recommendation by secret ballot. Ballots will be distributed upon entry.

The ballot will ask:

"Do you affirm the recommendation that Pastor Paul Hunter serve as the next Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Ministries – Yes or No?"

The ballots will be collected and counted before the conclusion of the meeting. As per the Constitution and By-Laws, a two-thirds majority of those voting is required for affirmation.

The outcome will be shared immediately following the count.

Keep Praying!

Church family, we encourage you to keep praying for Cornerstone in the days ahead.

- Pray for unity and love to continue as hallmarks of our church family.
- Pray for God to be glorified in the future of His church!

We believe that God is vibrantly at work here at Cornerstone, and we trust that He will continue to impact lives through our church in this next season.

"We are convinced that if we do this God's way, Cornerstone's best days are ahead of us."

- DR. DONN S. CHAPMAN, SENIOR PASTOR



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