

A Regional Minister Search Committee consisting of Ivan Larsen, Paul McMillen, Luke Prybylski and Jonathan Pettinger began meeting in January of 2023. In the intervening months we have thoughtfully and prayerfully considered a number of applicants for the Regional Minister Position. Today, on behalf of both the Saskatchewan Baptist Association Leadership Team and the Search Committee, I am thrilled to recommend Reverend Mike Anderson as the next Regional Minister of our association. Mike is a familiar face in the Saskatchewan Baptist Association. In addition to his experience in and love for the Saskatchewan Baptist Association we believe that he will bring wisdom, enthusiasm and energy to the role of Regional Minister. Over the course of multiple interviews that included the Search Committee, Leadership Team and NAB Executive Director Harry Kelm in an advisory role; Mike demonstrated that he possesses a solid understanding of leadership, the humility to learn, and creativity.

Mike was born in Melfort, SK where he enjoyed sports and going camping at northern lakes with his family. In 1989, his family moved to Regina where he grew up through the rest of elementary and high school. His family began attending Faith Baptist while in Regina. Marcie grew up on a farm south of Raymore where she enjoyed involvement in music and youth activities. Her home church was Raymore Baptist.

Mike and Marcie believed in Jesus and started following him when they were younger. They have had multiple experiences in life that were instrumental in trusting him more fully and abiding in Him. They were baptized during their middle/high school years in their respective home churches.

Upon graduating grade twelve, Mike was set to start post-secondary studies in architecture which would take him to the University of Manitoba. In the summer of 2000, Faith Baptist youth along with other SBA youth ministries travelled to northern California for Youth Triennial (now The Gathering). At the end of the conference, the Holy Spirit used a call to ministry to help Mike discern God's path and not his own. He responded to God's calling and upon returning home, began classes at Canadian Bible College in Regina.

It was during his college years that he and Marcie met through the young adult's ministry at Faith Baptist. During college, he enjoyed serving at Dallas Valley Bible Camp in the summers and leading the junior high youth at Faith Baptist. In 2005, Mike graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education with a concentration in Youth Ministry. He and Marcie were married that spring and accepted a call from Springside Baptist for Mike to serve as Associate Pastor starting later in the summer.

Mike has served Springside in that position ever since and has enjoyed serving a church with a long-term mindset. He is passionate about engaging the younger generation in following Jesus and serving the community through minor sports, the resource centre, and other opportunities as they arise. Throughout his time at Springside, he has served as the SBA Youth Chair, Secretary and as a member of the Credentials Committee and many years on the camp board. Mike has

also had the privilege to serve NAB through the youth ministry leadership team and currently the elevating younger leaders team. He loves to be involved with the planning team for The Gathering, since his own experience going to a similar event was so transformational for him.

Mike and Marcie have been significantly impacted by the ministry of SBA churches. They celebrate how God works collectively through this family of churches as all partner together to declare the Kingdom of God. They look forward to the ways in which the Holy Spirit will lead in the present and the future while celebrating what He has already done. They are excited to partner with all SBA churches to discern where God is at work and what He is calling us into!

The Leadership Team and Search Committee ask that the Saskatchewan Baptist Association affirm this call at our fall meeting in Springside on October 26.

Jonathan Pettinger

Moderator

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