



June 3, 2021

Dear Edgewood,

In our service on May 23, our elder-led search team announced that they were recommending J.T. Overby to serve as our Pastor for Students and Discipleship. The search team was enthusiastic about JT's candidacy and, after interviews, unanimously agreed that he possessed the character and qualifications we wanted for this pastor role.

J.T. is originally from Tennessee, but has lived in the Columbus area since he was 13 years old. He has been married to Carla Overby since June of 2012, and they have 3 children—Merritt Benjamin (5), Ellis Jacob (3), and Lyla Ann (1). He received an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Columbus State University, and received his Master's Degree in Christian Ministry from Liberty University. Since November 2016 he has served as the Family Pastor at Wynnbrook Baptist Church, ministering to students (grades 6-12) and young adults, while also overseeing the Children's Director in ministry to pre-school and elementary age kids.

The church will have the opportunity to learn more about JT, but we wanted to outline the remaining steps in this process.

**Sun, June 6 | Candidate visit.** JT will preach in the morning service and will sit for a Q&A in a Member Meeting that same evening in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm. Please make every effort to attend the service and the Member Meeting. We trust that after spending some time with JT, the church will be able to move toward affirmation with confidence and enthusiasm.

**Sun, June 13 | Church affirmation.** Church members will receive an affirmation ballot as they enter the sanctuary for the morning service. Ballot options will be 'Yes, I affirm' or 'No, I do not affirm.' We will collect ballots at the end of our morning announcements so that we can conduct a count before the conclusion of the service, and we hope to announce a broad affirmation by the end of the service. If a majority of the present, voting members affirm JT's selection, the elders will confer a final time before extending an official call for JT to join the pastoral staff.

**July TBD | Installation.** Pending church affirmation, the elders would confer with JT to schedule a transition from his current position to employment at Edgewood. Public recognition in a morning service would mark the start of his ministry at Edgewood.

*To know Christ  
that all may  
know Him.*

Please continue to join us in prayer. We want to walk with wisdom and integrity through this process so that, as a church, we can rejoice in God's faithfulness to His people.

Sincerely,  
Elders of Edgewood Baptist Church