

New Life Church Elects New Pastor

On Monday Brady Boyd was elected senior pastor of New Life Church, receiving 95 percent of the votes. This ended the church's 10-month search to replace Ted Haggard.



Dallas pastor Brady Boyd has been elected senior pastor of New Life Church. The congregation's 95 percent vote for Boyd Monday, Aug. 27, ended a 10-month search that began last November after founding pastor Ted Haggard stepped down amid allegations he solicited a male escort and purchased illegal drugs. "This is a great day for New Life Church," said Boyd, 40, who was an associate senior pastor at Gateway Church in suburban Southlake, Texas. "All of us are excited about writing the next chapter together. God has great plans for New Life and for Colorado Springs, and my family and I are humbled that we get to be a part of this great team." As a pastoral candidate Boyd spoke at a series of services through-out August answering questions and assuring the congregation of his character. "I don't have any moral failures in my past, no bones in my closet," Boyd said during his first sermon Aug. 12, the *Rocky Mountain News* reported. "I have sinned, but I am not a failure." Boyd said he was willing to rebuild the reputation of the church whose membership has fallen from 14,000 to 10,000 since Haggard resigned. Rob Brendle, New Life associate pastor, said Boyd was a man of character and the church was looking forward to new beginnings. "We're grateful to Brady for his willingness to serve our church family, and we're grateful to God for sustaining us over the last 10 months," the Associated Press reported. "We look forward to a bright future serving our community and loving one another."