

Gateway Church: Exciting New Update Amid Months of Turmoil

Gateway Church has given an exciting new update after months of chaos and turmoil following the departure of former senior pastor, Robert Morris.

In a video to the Gateway congregation, elder Tra Willbanks shared how four new, interim elders have come on board to support the church.

"I want to update you on our process for selecting new elders," Willbanks says. "Elders play a crucial role in the leadership and spiritual guidance of our ask you to pray for us in this process, and we are thrilled to announce that we are adding four new elders."

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Willbanks says these elders will be prayed over and installed during the upcoming services on Feb. 8 and 9.

"These four men have graciously accepted this role, knowing the challenges that we faced over the past six months."

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Willbanks says the men they chose to be elders fit biblical standards according to 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9, being sober-minded, above reproach, a husband to only one wife, a good steward of their household, able to teach, not violent and not a lover of money.

"While there are a number of individuals in our church that fit this criteria, we asked folks from our staff and congregation to suggest names and these four men were recommended. They have agreed to serve on an interim basis for

six months to make sure it's a fit for all parties."

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Willbanks also gave a brief update on the search for a senior pastor. While the right candidate has not yet been discovered, he is confident the right person will come along.

"I thought we were close to finding our senior pastor a few weeks ago. Ultimately, it didn't work. And that's OK. I'm not discouraged by that at all."

Continue to lift up Gateway Church in prayer as they search for a new senior pastor and navigate further transitions. You can watch the announcement [here](#).

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