



THE CANDIDATE

Hello! My name is Jon Ewton. I have served in vocational ministry for a little over 25 years in different roles in the church. I earned my undergraduate degree at Texas A&M in Military History. My wife Katherine and I met our junior year at a college bus stop. After graduation, we married and settled down in north Texas serving at Chase Oaks Church. Later, we moved to McKinney, Texas to serve as a middle school pastor at Christ Fellowship Church. During this time, I earned a Masters in Christian Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Katherine also attended Southwestern and earned a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy and a Masters in Christian Education.

I have served as a Student Ministries and Executive Pastor in previous roles, overseeing Communications, Children's Ministries, and Small Groups. Currently, I am serving as the Senior Pastor of Lake Community Church in Alexandria, MN. Serving at LCC has been a privilege.

HIS FAMILY

We are blessed to have 4 children. Eden, 16 yrs, is passionate about nature, learning about different animals and is about to receive her black belt in taekwondo. Annie, 15 yrs, enjoys art, reading, being out on the lake and her cat (Nala). Samuel, 12 yrs, loves being with people, wrestling, tennis, and fixing things. Wyatt, 9 years, plays soccer, reads comic strips, and loves to swim.



HIS HEART

The Lord has been preparing us in ministry with mentors, experiences, and challenges. I have been blessed with fellow pastors, godly business men, and supervisors who have invested deeply in my life. Starting at the age of 11, I have been profoundly impacted by short-term mission trips. What an adventure it has been to travel and share the gospel in places like Honduras, Uganda, Hong Kong, Inner Mongolia, Mexico, and Peru. These experiences have rooted in me a love for missions and sharing the Gospel message to all people. Serving as a pastor has some serious ups and downs. There is nothing better than having a front row seat to life changing moments in the lives of people like salvation decisions, weddings, saved relationships, or recommitments to Christ. But the lows of ministry are just as powerful and life shaping. Though we would avoid the painful moments, those are the moments when we resonate with Christ and the Scripture that "the Lord is close to the broken hearted." What a joy and privilege to be able to see the Lord in all of these things.

We look forward to meeting and getting to know Woodlands Church in the coming week!

ENDORSEMENTS

BRIAN & KATHY BERG

Kathy and I had a chance to spend two hours with Jon and Katherine when they were here for an interview, I have read all the good information that was prepared by our search consultant, and I have watched some of his sermons.

I am impressed with Jon's commitment and calling to faithfully preach the Word, his leadership experience and people skills, and his integrity and wisdom in handling some difficult situations. I "say yes" to Pastor Jon!

I trust God has heard our prayers and is leading us. I trust the extensive work and wisdom of our search team that lead to their recommendation. I trust the leadership of the elders who have affirmed that recommendation. I encourage you to take every opportunity to get to know him and his family when they come to candidate.

FROM THE ELDERS

This has been a long process covered in prayer. We believe God has led us to call Jon to be our next Senior Pastor. We are excited about his heart for the Lord and his love of the Church. He is committed to the truth of Scripture and lives it and preaches it. We believe he will lead Woodlands Church well.

In our time meeting with him we found him to be very real, very transparent, very personable and engaging. He was mature and humble. He views our rich history and our current congregation, volunteers and staff as treasures to steward well. He's a seasoned leader who has a passion for both local and global missions, and he's excited about a team-oriented church like Woodlands that is ready to reach into its community and the world.

WOODLANDS WEEK OF PRAYER

*Starts
now!*

Let's start off this new season at Woodlands in PRAYER, together!

1. TONIGHT @ 6:30, EVENING OF PRAYER

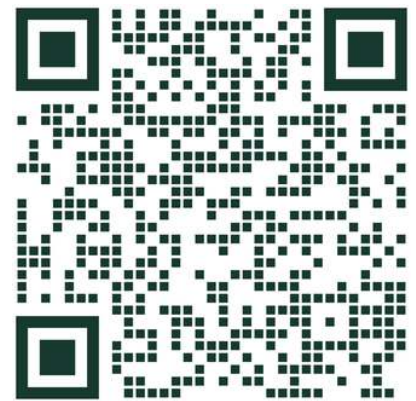
The kick off event for our "Week of Prayer" for church unity, protection and direction. Join us in the chapel for prayer & worship then together we'll take an indoor prayer walk that ends in the auditorium.

2. WEEK LONG, ALL CHURCH PRAYER

An opportunity for our church to pray without ceasing. Click on the QR code to sign up for 1 or several prayer slots. You can pray where your at!

3. PRAYER POMPTS

Text PRAYER to 888.225.7675 for daily prayer pompts this week.



*Scan QR code to
sign up for prayer*

MEET PASTOR JON

Pastor Jon has an exciting week which includes meetings with staff, elders, the search team, and other groups of people. Here are a few opportunities for you to meet him!

**All meet and greets
will happen in the
Chapel.**

**THURSDAY | JUNE 8 | 7-8:30 PM
FRIDAY | JUNE 9 | 11:30-1 PM
SATURDAY | JUNE 10 | 10-11:30 AM**

EVENTS

SUNDAY | JUNE 11 | BOTH SUNDAY SERVICES

Pastor Jon will be in house to preach at both services. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear what he's prepared for Woodlands Church.

MONDAY | JUNE 12 | 6:30 PM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us to pray and vote for our next Senior Pastor.