



SENIOR PASTOR
CANDIDATE

KYLE

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Pictured with Becca, his wife, and children
(left to right) Riley, Eliana, and Matthew

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Pastor Kyle Kelley currently serves as the Next Gen Pastor at Spotswood Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, VA, where he has served on staff since 2010. There he represents the Next Gen Ministries on the Executive Team and coordinates their combined efforts to effectively minister to Spotswood's families. Additionally, Kyle provides leadership oversight to the student ministries and directly pastors the middle school ministry.

Kyle's academic credentials include a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Music from the University of Alabama. He is also pursuing his Doctor of Ministry in Christian Leadership from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC.

Kyle and his wife, Becca, have been married since 2008 and have three children — Matthew (13), Eliana (7), and Riley (4). Kyle enjoys following Alabama and D.C. sports, playing strategy board games, and going to Major League Baseball games. Becca is an elementary school teacher by trade and loves getting lost in a good book.



Kyle and Becca are thrilled to be exploring God's Will for them at FBCW. In recent years it has



become clear through the Lord's prompting, a shifting in Kyle's passions, and encouragement from trusted mentors and the body that God would be transitioning Kyle to senior pastorship at some point in the future. They just didn't know where and when that would take place. All of that began to change back in February when God introduced them to First Baptist Church of Wentzville, MO. Right away Becca had a quiet confidence in the Lord that this was where He would be sending them. Through much prayer, many questionnaires and interviews, and building relationships with the Pastoral Search Team and FBCW's Leadership Team, it has become clear to both of them that the Lord's hand is in this transition.

Here's a brief word from Pastor Kyle:

“Becca and I are excited about the opportunity God has laid before us to advance His kingdom in Wentzville, MO. We believe with all of our hearts that God is preparing to do an amazing work in this community, and that FBCW will play a huge part in that! There was once a time when one could consider Wentzville to be a small town outside of St. Louis. That time is no longer. The space between the two has closed rapidly over the years. In fact, recent studies show that Wentzville is one of the country’s 50 fastest growing suburbs! And it’s easy to see why. We can already tell that Wentzville is a fantastic place to raise a family and build community with many great people. All of this to say, God is bringing people to Wentzville, MO, and those people need to experience the life change that Jesus has to offer. And they need a church who is willing to come alongside them to help them experience it. It would be my joy to come alongside you to not only help you experience that life change, but to lead you in helping others in the community experience the same.

We have already grown to love the members of your Pastoral Search Team and your Leadership Team. We already miss them, and we cannot wait to see them again and get a chance to meet all of you. Well done in selecting such amazing men and



women who love the Lord and have sought diligently and patiently to follow Him in this process! We also want to affirm the job your staff pastors, along with the rest of the Leadership Team, have done in leading FBCW in the middle of this transition. They have pursued the Lord consistently. They have sought wise counsel from Dr. Bob and the Resound Network and they have made wise decisions that will set FBCW up for much spiritual fruit in the coming years. I am humbled to know them and hopefully get to work with them for many years to come. We are looking forward to Preview Weekend, and hope to see you there!”

ENDORSEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

LUKE PERSTROPE

After we received nearly 150 resumes for this position, I am confident Kyle is the one God has for our church. He is a relational leader, passionate visionary, and avid learner. In his current context, he has developed a culture of belonging where guests can easily connect into the life of the church. His years of speaking to pre-teens and teens have sharpened his preaching gift to deliver engaging messages filled with biblical truths and real-world applications. Kyle's experience in next generation ministry will be a great asset to strengthen and support our efforts to reach kids, students, and young families with the gospel. He desires collaborative, team-based leadership environments to achieve our goals together. Kyle and Becca connect well with people from all generations, and I am excited for how God will use them at FBCW!

DENNIS JOHNSON

It was clear to me as the PST cut our application pool down that Kyle was the man we were looking for. When we got to know Kyle and his wife, Becca, that truth was again strengthened. He continued to meet our every question with prayer and introspection. He also had a willingness to come alongside us and not just be a new pastor and take over. He is poised to take the next step in his ministry. The way that he advanced through every step of the process was from God.

JEREMY SHIRLEY

It's been exciting to see how God has guided this process and in His timing led us to Kyle Kelley. One of the first things that drew me to Kyle was his preaching and what I believe to be compatibility in his passions with our desire to implement the Resound Recommendations. He's a gifted communicator who loves God's Word and comes across as authentic, transparent and relatable to a multigenerational audience. He has a firm belief in God's Word and our doctrinal statement. For me, he really clearly cemented himself as our top candidate during his first interview where it became clear he's beyond his years in his understanding of leading a church. It's evident that he's coming from a large church that has leaders who have mentored him to prepare him for this opportunity. Even going as far as encouraging him to pursue a Senior Pastor role because they believe he's ready. He's a strong but humble leader who doesn't try to pretend he has all the answers, but values team based leadership and the collective competency of the leaders around him. He's spent his ministry life investing in the next generation - kids, students, college age, and their parents. His family reflects our community. His experience and heart for reaching our community is infectious and he'll be able to cast a vision to help lead us to reach beyond our church. At the same time, as I witnessed when I visited his church and

then when he visited us here, God has gifted him relationally to connect with and minister to not only the young, but people of all ages. He'll lead us and connect with us well, both young and old. You're going to love getting to know him, his wife Becca, and their children. They are a special family that God has prepared for a special future at FBCW!

JOANNE LOCKARD

I am so excited for everyone to meet Kyle and Becca Kelley and their precious children in the very near future. I was drawn to them for many reasons but what I want to express here is their personal relationship. You can tell they are a team where they both support each other and have a very deep connection with each other and with the Lord. Their love for one another is evident in the way they treat and relate to each other. I feel they will make a wonderful addition to the FBCW family and the Wentzville community and look forward to welcoming them with open arms.

GARY MILLS

Kyle Kelley is a genuinely impressive pastor. His experience in the ministry is varied and extensive. In meeting Kyle and his wife Becca, I was impressed with his forthright honesty in answering the search team's questions. When he did not have experience in an area, he did not try to pretend he did but responded that he did not have that experience and would depend on others to help him learn. He indicated he was excited about the direction FBC Wentzville is taking. He has a love for mission work of all kinds, international, national and local. He said he would like for us to be more visible in the community.

Kyle is very relational and truly cares about others. This is very evident in his marriage and how he has managed the Next Gen Ministry at Spotswood Baptist Church. That ministry provides management experience for Kyle in that he has other associate pastors and volunteers he manages. His current ministry covers both children and youth and ministering to their parents. In my in-person observations of him he seemed at ease with all ages from children through senior adults. He displayed a thorough knowledge of theology in his discussions with the search team and his preaching is top notch, as I witnessed in person at Spotswood. He will be a great leader for our church.

JANICE WALDREN

I am enthusiastically supporting Kyle Kelley for the Senior Pastor position because he has a heart for the Lord, a passion for the lost and a deep desire to see God's kingdom grown right here in Wentzville!

My notes about Kyle included:

- Ready for this next step
- Leading by example
- Wants our church to be a place where life change is the norm

Kyle is ready for this next step in his career. After being in a large church, as the next generation pastor for 12+ years, he's ready for a Senior Pastor Role. He's cultivated strong relationships with his Senior Pastor(s) to the point where they know he's ready for the next role and fully support his calling to our church. He's been stable, steady and committed to his work at his current church. He's a student of the word and is looking forward to continuing his studies in a doctorate program.

Kyle has indicated he wants to lead by example. This is crucial for a Senior Pastor role. I believe he will lead his staff well – getting to know them personally, growing their gifts, challenging and supporting them individually. He will lead his congregation by being a man of integrity, committed to preaching the word of God – while shepherding and caring for those in the flock. He’s leading his family to a closer relationship with Christ, while edifying them and loving them with deep affection.

Kyle indicated he wants FBCW to be a church where transformation and life change is the norm. How can we not get behind that passion? I want every person who comes into this church to have the opportunity to hear the gospel and choose a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

Join me in excited anticipation as we seek to make God known mightily under our new Senior Pastor!

GREG ATCHISON

I am thrilled to endorse Kyle Kelley as our next Senior Pastor. Through multiple rounds of evaluations, interviews, and sermon reviews, Kyle consistently emerged as the top candidate. He has demonstrated a thoughtful and thorough approach to his work, whether preparing for an interview, leading his team, or delivering a sermon. Kyle’s confidence in communicating the message that God has placed on his heart is evident, and his passion for leading others shines brightly.

Kyle values the strength of teamwork and is eager to collaborate with the existing team as he transitions into the Senior Pastor role. His ability to connect well with our pastors, staff, and elders is a testament to

his strong interpersonal skills and genuine desire to serve. Kyle’s leadership, guided by God’s calling, will be instrumental in leading our congregation into an exciting new season of ministry.

Kyle and his wife, Becca, along with their three wonderful children, are excited to call First Baptist Church Wentzville their home, and we are blessed to welcome them into this community.

KURT SCHULTZ

Wentzville sits at the heart of the newest St. Charles County boom. The number of new homes and young families that are coming in feels unprecedented. The area needs a vibrant and welcoming church home to bring the good news to these young families. I believe that the Lord has led us and Kyle together to lead this important effort. I am so impressed with his energy, his ability to relate interpersonally across all age groups and his drive to reach and serve the lost. He presents the word of God in a relatable and practical way that fosters personal application and growth in one’s spiritual walk. Through his years of ministry, I can see that God has been preparing him for a time just like this. I enthusiastically support and endorse Kyle as our new lead pastor and look forward to the great things the Lord will be doing through him and all of us – together.

GWEN DOYLE

Serving on the Pastor Search Team has been such a blessing. It has been a tremendous experience to have a front-row seat to see how God has worked among the team and brought unity to us all.

Kyle’s ministry has been blessed and experienced great growth. The experiences,



mentorships, and the leadership he has served under have prepared him for the senior pastor role. His sermons are deeply impactful, rooted in the scriptures, and resonate across different generations. I am confident that his messages will inspire spiritual growth within our congregation. Kyle's heart for sharing the Gospel and desire to see God's kingdom advance is evident. He has a passion for seeing the life-change, that only Jesus can bring.

Kyle exudes a friendly and caring demeanor. His relationship with his wife reflects humor, care, love, and joy. Their commitment to each other, centered on God, is evident in their family life. As a unit, they wholeheartedly engage in serving others. Our congregation can anticipate a pastor who will nurture us spiritually and shepherd us in our individual walks with Christ.

Kyle aligns with our church's vision for expansion and community outreach. He greatly values establishing a clear discipleship pathway that fosters spiritual growth and Christ-likeness in each of us. I firmly believe Kyle will be able to articulate a compelling vision for our multi-generational congregation, propelling us towards growth, missions, and discipleship.

JON WIES

I think Kyle is an excellent fit at FBCW because he is an inspiring preacher, is very relational, and exemplifies servant leadership. Listening to his preaching reveals the passion that he has for the Word and for people to know the Lord. His messages have spiritual depth, memorable examples, and concrete action points.

Relationally, some of our meetings with him have been at restaurants. He makes sure to learn the server's name and thank them by name throughout. Even though that is a small detail, it reveals the heart of a pastor who genuinely cares about people.

In terms of leading, I personally spoke with Kyle's references, who provided great situational examples of his leadership ability, both with the congregation and among the pastoral staff.

As a member of the Pastor Search Team, I fully recommend Kyle to be FBCW's next Senior Pastor.

GRANT JESSEN

When the Pastor Search Team began in 2023, we created a "must haves" list for our new Senior Pastor. At first, I thought this list a tall order for one man but then God brought us Kyle Kelley. It has been a pleasure getting to know Kyle and his family. I am thrilled to see his passion for the Lord and His church. He is a gifted communicator, loves to preach and teach God's Word, and see individuals become Christ followers.

I have enjoyed watching Kyle build relationships with our team members. He is personable, approachable, and relatable in his efforts to get to know others. I am excited to watch my church family get to know him and his family.



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PREVIEW WEEKEND SCHEDULE

OCT 26

2-5 PM

Open House w/Q & A @ 3 PM

Submit Q's to pastor.search@fbcwentzville.com

OCT 27

9 AM

Donuts & Coffee w/ the candidate

10 AM

Worship, Member Meeting / Vote
to Follow Worship

Childcare Provided For Birth - Kindergarten.