

Re: Encouragement and Prayer for You

From: Michael Santiago (michael@uccabilene.org)

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Thank you for such kind words Bret. I appreciate all that you and the rest of the shepherds strive for at McKnight Crossing. I will continue to be praying for you all in this transition and in this search for a new lead minister. May God continue to bless you all!

- Michael Santiago

On Sep 12, 2024, at 1:51 PM, M Bret Blackford <bret_blackford@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Michael,

I'm one of the shepherds at McKnight Church, and I want you to know that we are praying for you, whether or not St. Louis becomes part of your journey. During our search for a minister, we've come to realize how few young men are pursuing ministry, and we want to encourage you in your calling.

We've spoken with a number of candidates, and your genuine love for God and desire to be a true disciple of Jesus stand out. That means more to us than experience.

If you find yourself in St. Louis, I'd love to grab coffee. Please feel free to give me a call. (And Steve Awtrey is always available to chat if you ever want to talk.) Know that we wish you well.

Blessings,

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