



Wornall Campus Pastor Search



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Dear Colonial Congregation:

After undertaking a comprehensive 8-month process, the Pastor Search Committee (PSC) charged with finding a new Campus Pastor for our Wornall location is ready to recommend a candidate!

We are pleased to introduce you to Rev. Dr. Greg Ealey as our candidate to lead Wornall!

We believe that our selection of Greg Ealey has God's hand all over it for two reasons: First, because of the match between Greg's character, skills and experience, and our high expectations for Wornall's Campus Pastor. And second, because our very diverse PSC is unanimously convinced that God is calling Pastor Greg to serve and to lead in this season at Colonial.

On his amazing fit, three areas stand out to us:

1. Greg's character: His core theology, his heart for Christ and people, and his deep personal integrity with a passion for marriage and family. All match the "non-negotiables" we had set for our leader.
2. Greg's relevant leadership and ministry experience: His experience is unique and unmatched by 61 other candidates we reviewed. Greg has led and ministered in Dallas and Kansas City...
 - Across race, age and socioeconomic status
 - Through leadership in urban community reconciliation initiatives
 - Amongst his pastor colleagues as an innovator in ministry.
3. Greg's shared "DNA" and vision: His articulation of ministry priorities reflects a real fit with Colonial's "DNA" as does his vision for what Wornall can become in the future.

We invite you to come to the congregational meeting at noon on October 29 to hear more about Greg and the journey that brought us together! Greg will preach that morning at 8:00 and 9:15 at Quivira, and at Wornall at 10:45. We will have a reception for the Ealeys immediately following the congregational meeting at Wornall. We hope that members from both Colonial locations will join us in welcoming Greg and Selena along with their sons Elias and Emmanuel.

We look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Sincerely,
The Pastor Search Committee

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Enclosures: Resume and FAQ



Rev. Greg Ealey, DMin



Personal

- Austin, TX native
- Married 17 years to Selena
- Sons: Elias (14) and Emmanuel (11)
- BA Degree, Accounting – Texas State University
- Masters of Theology – Dallas Theological Seminary
- Doctor of Ministry – Western Baptist Bible College
- 20 years ministry experience – 12 years in Texas and 8 years in Missouri

Church Leadership

- Senior Pastor – Paseo Baptist Church (2009–October 2017)
- Associate Pastor – House of Hope Church (2007–2009)
- Administration and Ministry Manager – Marketplace Chaplains USA (2006–Present)
- Intern/Pastor of Administration – St. John Missionary Baptist Church (2003–2006)
- Associate Pastor – New Community Baptist Church (2001–2002)
- Account Analyst – Urban Alternative: A ministry of Dr. Tony Evans (2000–2001)

Community Leadership

- Executive Director – Elevate KC
- Board Member – KC Citywide Prayer Movement
- Board Member – Turn the Page
- Partner – Caring for Kids Ministry
- Partner – *What if the Church?*
- Founder – The Co-Op



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When does Greg start?

A: He will be in the office Monday, October 30, following congregational approval.

Q: Is Greg an EPC Pastor?

A: Greg is ordained as a Southern Baptist pastor. His ordination is honored by the EPC, but Greg plans to meet the requirements of ordination as an EPC Pastor by the end of January.

Q: Will Greg be the preaching pastor at Wornall?

A: Pastor Jim will continue to be the primary teaching pastor for services at both campuses. Given that Greg is an experienced and gifted teacher, Jim anticipates giving ample opportunity for Greg to preach as part of the teaching team.

Q: Where does the Wornall Campus Pastor fit within Colonial's organizational structure?

A: Greg will be part of the Management Team, the Session, and the Campus Council for Wornall. All Wornall pastors and ministry directors (Worship and Arts, Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, Engagement) will report to him. Greg will report to Ken Blume as our Executive Director of Programs and Ministries with a "dotted line" to the Lead Pastor.

Q: Does Greg's arrival mean that our worship services will experience a dramatic change in style or form?

A: Our Session and leadership team have been hard at work on vision and strategy for our whole church, with considerable work being applied to understanding God's plans for the Wornall location. We expect Greg will join in and contribute creative thinking and leadership to this process. Once the vision is clear, all changes will be in alignment with the vision as approved by Session.

Q: I seem to recall Pastor Ealey preaching a Sunday Service some time ago.

A: Yes. The occasion was *What if the Church* in 2011. Pastor Greg preached on Matthew 16, and you can view the message at www.colonialkc.org/psc

Q: Why did Greg leave Paseo Baptist Church?

A: After serving 8 years at Paseo, Greg and Selena discerned that God had released them from their call in mid-August of this year. Soon after Greg began praying and searching for his next call, and in that process discovered our PSC national advertisement for the Campus Pastor position at Wornall. Greg initiated the communication with Colonial, and his engagement with our team was met with great enthusiasm and gratitude for God's provision!

Q: What will be Greg's responsibilities and job description?

A: The job description for the Wornall Campus pastor was written last spring in a collaborative effort between the Executive Team, Personnel Elder, and the PSC. It was a guiding document for our search, and you can view it at www.colonialkc.org/psc