## Prayer Guide for Visioning at HBUMC 2024 - 25

During this threshold time of visioning for the future of HBUMC, please be in prayer for our openness to God's guidance and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it." Isaiah 30:21

## In Discerning God's will for our church, please pray for:

**Emptying** - Not my will be done, but Thine. "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" Galatians 2:20

**Quiet Connection and Centering** - Time spent alone with God to deepen our relationship with the Divine and prepare our hearts to do God's work.

"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15

<u>Unity</u> - "May the God that gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

**Deep Listening** - within the committee and congregation as we also prepare to hear the still, small voice of God.

<u>Patience</u> - in this time of discernment; that we would not go ahead of the One we are following.

<u>Clear Communication</u> - both within the committee and information imparted to the congregation

## **Our Church Leadership**

Pastors David, Molly, Laura, Sarah & Schylar church staff and volunteer leaders

## **Our Vision Committee**

David Beam, Brad Breeding, Trish Bynum, Carolyn Carruth, Katie Clayton, Tina Clyburn, Dudley Gwaltney, Helen Johnson, Mary June Jones, Matt Kirby, Garrett Pedersen, Lee Ragsdale, Charlie Russell, Allison Thompson, Patti Young

**Our Consultant:** Mendi Nieters

God, in whose heart is love and justice, show us what we should challenge or change in order that your will might be done. Increase our hope, dispel our apathy; inspire our imagination, and deepen our commitment, until we become the signs of your kingdom for which we and others pray. Amen.

"Now to the One who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" Ephesians 3:20-21