

# Darrell Haymore Memorial Field

# Gospel Baptist

JUNE 2025

## PROGRESS

Over the past two months, we've seen exciting progress on the Darrell Haymore Memorial Field. The entire field has been seeded with Bermuda grass, which is already beginning to grow. We also leveled the field with sand a few days ago. Finally, we have installed a new chain-link fence around the perimeter.

Currently, we are preparing to submit the final plans to Guilford County for approval. Once approved, we'll be ready to complete phase one.

### How You Can Pray:

- Please pray that God will continue to work through this field as a way to reach our community with the gospel.
- Pray for the upcoming Upward Soccer Program launching this fall. We already have 26 children registered, and we're asking God to bring many more.



March 12, 2025



June 6, 2025



June 10, 2025



JANUARY TO JUNE UPDATE  
**A LOOK AT WHAT IS  
HAPPENING AT GOSPEL**

# Next Gen Pastor Position

Over the last six months, our church has been praying about and seeking a worship and next-generation pastor. As we have opened the position and spoken to candidates, we have found that this role is challenging to fill.

Therefore, after much prayer and deliberation, the search committee, the deacon board, and church leadership sensed a need to change our focus this year to Next Generation Ministry. Thus, going forward, next generation ministry will become our primary focus. This pastor will focus on ministering to students between the ages of 11 and 22 (student and college ministry).

## What is the timeline for hiring the Next Generation Pastor?

- The Search Committee narrowed their focus to 3 candidates.
- The Search Committee will interview throughout June-July.
- The Search Committee will announce the candidate in August.
- The Next Generation Pastor will be voted on and, Lord willing, begin sometime in August.

## What will happen to our current ministries and leaders?

All of us must acknowledge the excellent work Kobie Heath and his team have been doing in our student ministry. Much of the reason we are seeking a next-generation pastor is because of their ministry. However, due to certain limitations with the team as well as the immediate needs in these areas, the leadership believes that a full-time position will only enhance the numerical and spiritual growth of our ministry. Once this position is filled, Kobie Heath will transition into a volunteer role, supporting our new next-generation pastor and his direction for the ministry.

Additionally, all of the current volunteers in student ministry are encouraged to remain and support this new pastor. Please help us by thanking and supporting this transition. Additionally, let us continue to promote unity among our congregation through our words and actions.

# Executive Pastor Position

Over the past few months, the deacon board, church leaders, and the pastoral staff have been praying about the possibility of hiring an additional pastor to support the administrative needs of our ministry. These responsibilities primarily include facility, finances, and staff.

Therefore, after much prayer and discussion, our leadership is recommending today that we hire an additional **Executive Pastor of Administration**.

The reasons for this position abound. For instances, the numerical, spiritual, and financial growth has been placing a strain on our current pastoral team and assistance is needed to provide excellence in areas of our ministry. Furthermore, we desire to prepare for the future. This position, we believe, will better prepare us for future growth and impact.

As we prayed about this opportunity, we sense **Robert Keatts** is the man for this position. Indeed, Robert senses a call to Gospel Baptist Church as well. If you would like to see a biography on Robert Keatts as well as a detailed timeline for this position, they will be available at the welcome center.

**FINANCIAL DETAILS:** By God's grace and the generous donations of our people, we are able to afford this pastoral staff position while also hiring a Next Generation Pastor this year.

## What happens with Pastor Nick's and Pastor Harlie's Role?

- Pastor Nick will be able to focus on his primary areas of responsibility: Preaching, praying, shepherding, and vision.
- Pastor Harlie will remain an Executive Pastor and oversee all of our ministries. This will allow him to manage, conduct, and lead his areas of passion and places of importance to our church.

## What are the upcoming dates I need to know?

- **Sunday, June 22 @ 7 pm:** Dessert Fellowship with Pastor Robert and his wife, Shelley (Sign up to bring a dessert at the welcome center).
- **Sunday, June 29 @ 6 pm:** Congregational Vote on this position
- **Sometime in August:** Lord willing, Pastor Robert begins at Gospel.