



WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

Dear MBC Family –

As we shared in the sermon on Sunday, we are holding a Special Congregational Meeting in coordination with our worship services at all of our locations this coming Sunday, July 18, at 9 am and 11 am. To help everyone prepare and pray for that meeting, we have collected as much information as possible in one place at mcleanbible.org/eldernominees.

There are a few things we want to highlight in the midst of this important week:

1. We are encouraged by so many of you who have let us know that you are walking together with us through this week's [Prayer and Fasting Guide](#). As our Bible reading today in Acts 1 described, it's so good to devote ourselves to prayer together!
2. In addition to our commitment to daily prayer as a church family, we are also coming together this Friday night at 7 pm at MBC Tysons for an evening of Worship and Prayer. All locations are invited to attend, and we hope to see many of you there. We also invite you to consider fasting that particular day, if you are physically able to do so.
3. Finally, we want to remind you that our pastoral team is available to meet with you to pray personally with you or to answer any questions you may have. We know this is a challenging time in the life of our church family with church conflict coming right on the heels of our regathering after a global pandemic. We want to handle such conflict in ways that most honor God and one another, so if you have questions or concerns, please know that we would love to meet personally with you. Please feel free to reach out by emailing eldernominees@mcleanbible.org.

One question we have been asked frequently over the past few days is related to the status of the investigation into the improper access and use of an active MBC Membership List. As you will recall, we previously shared that an active MBC Membership List was being distributed online in connection with the effort of a small group of people to sway other MBC members to "vote no" on the elder nominees. The membership list contained significant personal and private information, including the legal names, personal residence addresses, email addresses, phone numbers and birth dates for more than 2,000 active MBC members.

We can report that to date we have found no evidence of any kind of outside access or “hacking” of our church database. Instead, as much as it grieves us to say this, we have learned that people who formerly served in leadership positions at MBC, but who are no longer at MBC, abused their authority and distributed the private membership list to others as a coordinated part of the “vote no” effort. We are continuing to communicate directly with those who have submitted privacy concerns, and we will continue to keep you all updated. To date, we are not aware of any instance where the private information of MBC members has been used in any way – or accessed in any way – outside of the group seeking to influence MBC members to “vote no” on the elder nominees.

Even in the midst of these challenging days, please be encouraged that God is still at work! Below are a few pictures of our building walkthrough, picnic and prayer for MBC Arlington’s new facility. We look forward to joining many of you there for the Grand Opening this fall!

Prayerfully,
The MBC Elder Board

