



*Dennis & Dorine Hollandsworth*

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*Dear Seaford Baptist Church,*

*Thank you for considering me for the Senior Pastor position at your wonderful church. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." I am excited about this calling from God to serve as Pastor at SBC. With the great staff and tremendous leaders you already have in place, I believe the sky is the limit as to what God can do. God bless you all. I know your greatest days for ministry are just ahead.*

*Because He Lives,  
Pastor Dennis*

The Pastor Search Committee began meeting in August 2008. We spent months praying and seeking counsel on the pastor search process. We tried to reach every member of our congregation through formal and informal meetings, family forums, announcements and invitations for members to speak individually with us. The Pastor Search Committee then did the following:

- Developed a profile of our church and surrounding community
- Developed a Senior Pastor job description
- Developed a vacancy announcement that was posted in May 2009 through several publications and websites
- Developed an evaluation matrix that had each member of the committee evaluate each of the 160+ resumes received
- Finalized a list of highly qualified candidates
- Received responses to questions to further discern their fit with our church
- Researched websites, video sermons, online data, convention data, etc. for the top candidates
- Received a written description of the top candidates' visions for Seaford & a video sample of a sermon to our church
- Conducted an exhaustive background check, financial check, and reference check of the candidate presented

Throughout the entire process we have assessed the suitability of each candidate for Seaford and prayed to discern God's will for them and for our church.

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*The Seaford Baptist Church*

*Pastor Search Committee*

*would like to introduce*

*Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth*



*The committee recommends*

*Dennis Hollandsworth*

*for the position of*

*Senior Pastor*

*of Seaford Baptist Church*

*A brief overview of Dennis' vision for our church...*

**EXALT** - Exalt God through worship. When we gather together to worship the Lord, our focus is to be on giving to Him. Worship is a consuming desire to give to God, and it involves the giving of our heart attitudes, our possessions, and ourselves.

**EVANGELIZE** - Evangelize the world through proclamation and missions. I came to know the Lord because a crane operator in Newport News Shipyard took the time to share with me the good news of Jesus Christ. I take seriously the great commission our Lord gave us (Matthew 28:19-20) and I am a soul winner. I have traveled to Haiti and Africa to do short-term missions. I am trained in FAITH Evangelism and visit homes every week to share the gospel. I believe strongly in the Cooperative Program and in giving to the Annie Armstrong and Lottie Moon Missions offerings of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**EQUIP** - Equip believers through teaching and mentoring. Recently, I read where Andy Stanley said, "Most people have a life changing encounter in a circle, not in a row." I believe that is true and that small groups and Sunday School are vitally important to the health of the body.

**EDIFY** - Edify others through ministry and service. I have learned that we minister to others by serving a meal, visiting the sick, assisting them in Christian work, giving of our money, and many other ways. This is showing our faith by our works!

**ENCOUNTER** - Encounter God through prayer. Jeremiah 29:12-13 promises, "Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." When God is about to do something great, He always sets His people to prayer.

**ENCOURAGE** - Encourage one another through fellowship. Because Christians become partners with Jesus Christ and all other believers, it is their spiritual duty to stimulate one another to righteousness and obedience (Hebrews 10:24-25).

***Come meet our prospective Senior Pastor & his wife***

**Mid-Week Dinner/Service –  
Wednesday, April 14 5:30PM**

**Family Forum – Saturday, April 17  
3:00-5:00PM in the Family Life Center**

**Sunday Worship Service –  
Sunday, April 18 10:00AM**

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Dennis Hollandsworth is currently serving as the Senior Pastor at Petsworth Baptist Church in Gloucester, VA. He has served in this position since 1996 and the Church has grown considerably under his leadership.

Dr. Dennis Hollandsworth and his wife Dorine met at Liberty University and were married June 12, 1982. Dennis is a native of Grafton, Va., and Dorine is from Maple Shade, New Jersey.

Dennis and Dorine have two grown children. Nathan is 26 and married, employed as a Trooper with Virginia State Police. Amy is 24 and employed as a Nursing Assistant and a Part-Time student at Rappahannock Community College.

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**Education**

Liberty University (1978-1983) –  
**B.S. in Pastoral Ministries**  
Bethany Theological Seminary  
(1984-1990) – **Master of Ministry**  
Liberty Baptist Theological  
Seminary (1998-2003) – **M.A. in  
Religion**  
Covington Theological Seminary  
(2003-2007) – **Doctor of Ministry**

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