

After 32 resumes read and reviewed, 16 in-depth follow-up surveys submitted and analyzed, and 11 interviews, the pastor search committee would like to introduce to you Spencer Harmon.

Spencer is from Middleton OH and grew up in attending a large church there. He was home schooled until his love of baseball transitioned him to a public high school. He did very well with school and baseball, until a shoulder injury ended his dreams of playing professionally, which all indications had him on a clear track to accomplish. It was during his recovery time that Spencer began to feel the call into Pastoral ministry.

On a chance visit with his best friend from back home, Spencer found himself drawn to Boyce Bible College at Southern Seminary as a way to begin his training and education for his new found calling. Spencer graduated from Boyce in 2013 with a Bachelors in Theology. While attending school, he met and eventually married, Taylor, who is originally from St. Louis and was also a Boyce student. Spencer is now on staff at Boyce Bible College and is the Assistant Director of Student Life there. He is currently enrolled at Southern Seminary and is working on an M-Div CM, with a completion date of --- well, lets just say it'll be a while. After having lived on nearby Charles St for several years, Spencer and Taylor recently purchased a home near Churchhill Downs to accommodate their expanding family, which already has one-year old Melody, and a second baby on the way due in several months. They are members of our neighbor and sister-church, Immanuel Baptist, where Spencer serves as a Deacon and leader in that community. He comes with some of the highest recommendations the Committee received.

We asked Spencer to visit us today to get to know the family of Vine Street Baptist Church a little better, and to give us an opportunity to know him better too. He has already met most of you throughout the last week and earlier today, and the Committee is hopeful that you all will love him as much as we have already come to love him and Taylor.

We ask you to carefully listen to Spencer's message this morning (as I'm sure you all do *every* week --- riiiiiiight? ). You are perhaps listening to your next Senior Pastor.

Please welcome, Spencer Harmon.