



FROM OUR SEARCH TEAM

Each member of the Pastoral Search Team wrote a letter of recommendation of Jason for Senior Pastor. The full letters will be available on the church web-site or via email. Portions of the recommendations from those letters are included below.

When Jason preaches, you get the sense that he is not preaching at you, but sincerely trying to come alongside you in order to pursue Jesus together with you.

Jason is a man who is committed to the Word of God and doing what pleases God.

Jason's application read like a glimpse into a man who knew what it looked like to live for and rely on the Lord entirely in a completely different way than most Americans will ever have the chance to experience.

When you listen to Jason teach, you are left with an overwhelming sense of how amazing GOD is, not how great Jason is.

From our first meeting, we have prayed for unanimity amongst our team when we came to the right man. With Jason, we have found that with flying colors.

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Jason has a shepherd's heart and desires to meet people where they are instead of just teaching doctrine.

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To learn more about Jason and read the full letters from the search team, visit ranchobaptistchurch.org



SENIOR PASTOR CANDIDATE
JASON SWANSON



FROM OUR ELDERS

The RBC Elders wholeheartedly endorse and, without reservation, recommend that the congregation of Rancho Baptist Church call Jason Swanson to the position of Senior Pastor. We understand that it is not possible to gain the same level of familiarity with Jason's qualifications through the candidacy events planned but we do want you to know that the elders are excited about Jason serving as our Senior Pastor and we do welcome your review of his qualifications during this coming week. Would you please prayerfully review and consider his candidacy?

Here is a list of a few of Jason's attributes which have been important to the board and are the basis of this recommendation:

Jason has great love for Jesus and a passion for teaching The Word

Jason has been a pastor for more than 16 years in Papua New Guinea

The Swanson family spent nearly 20 years preparing for or being on the mission field to plant and grow a church as the Lord allowed

That church is now led by elders raised up from within

Well into his pastoral career Jason began working on his seminary degree (Master of Divinity) to be best prepared to lead a church

Jason has graduated from Master's Seminary this semester with his Master of Divinity

He was ordained by New Tribes Mission in January 1998

Jason has received strong references as a teacher and shepherd throughout his career

The Pastoral Search Team, selected and commissioned by the board and RBC has diligently searched for and reviewed over 100 candidates and has determined Jason fully meets the requirements for the role of Senior Pastor for Rancho Baptist Church

We encourage you to take the opportunity to meet Jason and Shannon; they are very interested in meeting RBC people and these smaller group meetings will be a great way to do so.

The business meeting on June 10th will be for the purpose of voting to accept the board's recommendation to call Jason to be Senior Pastor of Rancho Baptist Church.

The RBC Elders Board

For a schedule of events where you can meet Jason and Shannon please check the bulletin, the church website, or last week's flyer



From left to right: Wesley, Shannon, Jason, Kylie, Kara, Blake

A LETTER FROM JASON

I was born and raised in a single parent home in the South Bay of Southern California, and brought to Christ as a teenager through the ministry of Hume Lake. Even though I was raised in a non-Christian home I became very involved in my Youth Group and developed a deep thirst for the Word of God and a desire to share the hope of the Gospel with others.

The Lord began calling me into full time ministry shortly after my Youth Pastor left our church. I took over the responsibilities of the Youth Group from him my first year in college and led the ministry of the youth until I moved to attend The Master's College. I became very involved in leading mission's trips to Mexico, Northern California, and eventually went to Papua New Guinea on a short-term mission's team. It was during that time that the Lord made it clear to me that He wanted me to become a tribal church planter.

I met my wife Shannon at the Master's College and she too desired to be a missionary and had recently come back from a mission's trip to Papua New Guinea. We were married shortly after I graduated college and then we spent sixteen years with a remote people group learning their language and planting an indigenous church. Once the church was functioning on its own and there were qualified elders, deacons and missionaries being sent out to neighboring villages, we believed the Lord was leading us back home to begin a ministry in the States. Rather than seeking out another missions related ministry, I felt a strong calling by the Lord to be involved in the preaching, teaching and leading ministry of the pastorate.

Still thirsting for a deeper knowledge of my Lord and desiring to receive great training on shepherding and preaching I decided to pursue a Master of Divinity at The Master's Seminary. During my time at seminary God has further confirmed my calling into ministry as I served as the Mission's Pastor of a church in Redondo Beach before coming on staff at a camp for abused kids in the foster system. There is nothing I want to do more than preach the Word, shepherd the people of God, and pour my life into others. I believe the Lord has used all my experiences on the mission field planting a church, all the exposure and service in supporting churches over the years, along with my training through seminary, to better prepare me to serve my wonderful Savior as a Senior Pastor.

My family and I are excited about starting this new stage of our lives as I seek God's direction in following His calling in pastoring a church where I can serve the people of God and share the hope and truth of the Savior that has so radically impacted me and changed my life. As I have interacted with the Pastoral Search Team and gotten to know the elders and staff of Rancho Baptist Church, I am delighted about the possibility of joining the team the Lord has already raised up here at RBC.

