



### ***Our Mission:***

*To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.*

## **Prayer Request**

*A message from Derek Maul, asking for prayer for Rev. Rebekah Maul, former pastor of FPC Brandon and past Moderator of the Presbytery:*

I'm including friends and family from a variety of places in our history, so that's why I've blind-copied the addresses. Some of you already know what's going on (so I'm sorry if this is redundant) , some of you don't. Y'all can feel free to disseminate prayer requests and info if you would like to. So here are the facts as we have them.

Rebekah's vertebrae are a mess! The pain has become completely debilitating, and she can hardly move. Therapy made it worse, the cortisone shot was an epic fail, and so surgery is now the only option.

1. Surgery is scheduled for 7:30 am. We arrive at 5:30. Should last around three hours.
2. It's a fairly complex procedure that involves going in through the front of her neck, removing the problem disks (around C6&7), freeing up the spinal cord, building a "cage", replacing the disk with something this surgeon helped invent, and attaching some kind of a plate.
3. I'll be at Wake Med most of the day
4. If all goes well we anticipate Rebekah being released Thursday.

Please pray for the surgeon, Dr. Suh, and pray that this surgery will relieve the intolerable pain.

Rebekah wants nothing more than to be fully engaged in ministry, to be completely immersed in the life of our church, to give everything she has to her work here, to enjoy the incredible privilege of been the pastor of such a vibrant faith community. We believe Wake Forest Presbyterian church is not only remarkable, but poised for even more remarkable things, and that a healthy Rebekah is an important element of God's plan.

Look for more in my blog during the day tomorrow, at

[www.derekmaul.wordpress.com](http://www.derekmaul.wordpress.com)

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