

Pastor Vacancy Announcement  
St John Missionary Baptist Church  
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St. John Missionary Baptist Church, located in Meridian, Mississippi, seeks a full time, visionary Pastor to preach the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and shepherd the congregation. The ability to extend evangelical and missionary activities within the local community and throughout the state, nation, and world is desirable. The selected candidate will interact with Church members to advance their spiritual growth and development. The ideal applicant will have a firm working knowledge of the mission, values, and strategies of the Church. Additionally, the candidate will lead and support the officers and Church staff.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

1. Conducts worship services which include preparing and delivering sermons based upon sound biblical principles.
2. Administers the Sacraments of Communion monthly (First Sunday) and Baptism as needed.
3. Officiates special ceremonies such as weddings, baby dedications, and funerals.
4. Plans, teaches, and leads weekly Bible study and prayer. Explores the efficacy of creating additional classes for the edification of the saints.
5. Plans, executes, and evaluates the efficiency of current programs: Christian education, evangelism, discipleship, missions, and related ministries.
6. Provides pastoral care and effective spiritual support that include spiritual counseling and regular visitations (homes, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.), palliative and bereavement care, and memorial services to the Church membership.
7. Provides guidance to deacons, trustees, and ministry leaders in the performance of their assigned responsibilities.
8. Oversees training and spiritual development for the entire congregation, especially the young and senior members.
9. Serves as chief administrator in executing, along with Church officers, the policies and regulations duly approved by the congregation.
10. Moderates regular Church business meetings and supervises the execution of the Church's mission and purpose.
11. Supports local District, State, and National Baptist Conventions. Coordinates with local associations and denominational leaders to facilitate mutual interest, concerns, and civic matters.

**Qualifications:**

- Licensed and ordained in the Baptist Church.
- Five years or more of pastoral experience in church ministry and pastoral care.
- Master of Divinity or Master of Theology degree from an Accredited Seminary is desirable.
- Ability to communicate clearly with diverse groups within and outside the church, both orally and through the written word.
- Strong interpersonal skills.

**How to Apply:**

All interested and qualified applicants must submit an initial *Candidate Packet*. Completed packets will be accepted from May 1, 2021 through July 1, 2021. The following information should be included and emailed to: [stjohnsearchcommittee9@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsearchcommittee9@gmail.com).

1. A cover letter that describes your suitability for St. John Missionary Baptist Church.
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that describes past relevant ministry and clergy experiences; proficiency and special talents; and professional and educational experiences.
3. Copies of ministerial licenses, diplomas, degrees, and related awards.
4. Three letters of recommendations (clergy(2) and personal).
5. A recent color photograph.
6. Contact information: address, email, cell phone, home and work phones.

Final candidates must consent to a reference and full background check which includes criminal history, drug test, and credit check. These inquiries will be performed by an outside agency for complete confidentiality.

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Signature

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Date