



Pastor Vacancy Announcement

Savannah Grove Missionary Baptist Church

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Savannah Grove 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 wedding, 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 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 includes spiritual counseling and regular visits (homes, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.), 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 meeting 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
- At least 35 to 60 years of age. Prefer pastor to be married.
- Three to five years or more of pastoral experience in church ministry and pastoral care.
- 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.
- Pastor should live within a 100 mile radius of the church.

How to Apply:

All interested and qualified applicants must submit an initial *Candidate Packet*. Acceptance of completed packets will be from December 1, 2024 until May 31, 2025. Please make sure to include the following information and email to: **savannahgrovembc@gmail.com**. Please include the following:

1. A cover letter that describes your suitability for Savannah Gove MBC.
2. A current resume or curriculum that describes past relevant ministry and clergy experiences; proficiency and special talents; and professional and education experiences.
3. Copies of ministerial licenses, diplomas, degrees, and related awards.
4. Three letters of recommendations (Clergy (2) and Personal (1)).
5. A recent color photograph.
6. Contact information: Address, Email, Home, Cell and Work phone numbers.

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

Signature _____ Date _____