

# **Springville Methodist Church**

**Springville, Alabama  
Ministry Setting Profile**

## **THE CHURCH**

Springville Methodist Church recently disaffiliated from the UMC through a healthy, non-contentious process with no loss of members. Now operating as an independent church, they are committed to maintaining their traditional Wesleyan heritage and theology. At some point in the future the church may consider joining the Global Methodist Church, but there are no immediate plans to pursue this. This is their first time hiring their own Lead Pastor.

The church has three very distinct worship services every Sunday morning – bluegrass, contemporary and traditional. I (Jim Chandler) attended all of these while I was in Springville, and each service has excellent music and worship leadership. As a long-time pastor and church planter, I was very impressed with the church’s growth potential. The current average in-person attendance coming out of COVID is 200-250. The contemporary service is also live-streamed each week.

There is a committed, gifted and multi-generational group of laypersons in leadership at Springville Methodist who are excited to partner with their new Pastor to reach new people in their community. They are also eager to expand the staff by hiring a youth minister once the new Lead Pastor is in place.

The church is committed to vital ministry with children and youth, and they maintain a robust partnership with the schools in this area. One example is that the church hosts the pregame meals for the high school football team.

Springville Methodist is blessed to have a retired pastor who is leading on an interim basis until the new Pastor is hired, and his time frame is flexible to meet the needs of the search process.

## **THE COMMUNITY**

Springville, Alabama is a charming, quaint and growing town located just 30 minutes northeast of Birmingham. This suburban community is doing a great job of holding on to the small town feel as they grow and welcome new neighbors. There is a strong sense of community in this town. Most of the new residents work in Birmingham, many at the research hospital or at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Greatschools.org gives Springville High School a 9 out of 10 ranking.

## **SPRINGVILLE METHODIST CHURCH'S NEXT LEAD PASTOR**

The following are characteristics that are important for the next lead pastor to exhibit:

- A discerned call from God to be in ministry in Springville; it is a high value that the Pastor live in and be vitally engaged in the life of the Springville community
- A traditional Wesleyan theology
- Spiritual gifts for preaching and teaching, strategic and visionary leadership, evangelism, and communication
- A passion for growing through reaching new people for Jesus Christ
- Mission-oriented
- A desire to be in ministry with a team of staff and lay persons

Logistical issues, specific timelines and a compensation package will be discussed as the search process moves along.

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