

Livingston Methodist Church profile and job description

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Livingston Methodist Church is a 158 member Global Methodist Church congregation located in Livingston, Alabama, a charming Southern town in west central Alabama of 3500 residents and home to the University of West Alabama. Our church was founded in 1834 and has maintained a tradition of providing the love of Jesus throughout our community and beyond since. Currently, our church offers two Sunday worship services: The Bridge, a semi-contemporary service in our fellowship hall at 9:15, and traditional worship in our sanctuary at 11:00. In between the two services, "Life Groups" and Sunday School classes are held. During the school year, our WOW Wednesday's bring our church together for fellowship and growth. Community Holy Week services are also hosted by our church.

Our church experienced a very unified and peaceful transition to the Global Methodist Church. In February 2023, our church voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church (86% of present members voted to disaffiliate), and we were approved for disaffiliation by the Alabama-West Florida Conference in April 2023. In September 2023, our church body voted to join the Alabama-Emerald Coast Conference of the Global Methodist Church (87% of present members voted to join GMC).

Our beautiful sanctuary building, built in 1890, features pristine stained glass windows and handcrafted woodwork. Our educational building features five classrooms and our nursery. Our fellowship hall houses the pastors' office, a conference room, and multipurpose seating area, along with a full kitchen. Our parsonage is located one block away from the church and is a four bed, three bath home with a large basement area.

Livingston Methodist Church is seeking a full-time minister who:

- Above all loves Jesus and radiates that love with our church, community, and beyond.
- Effectively communicates biblical truths and practices
- Conducts their ministry and leadership of a church according to the Global Methodist Church Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline
- Understands the importance of Methodist traditions and Wesleyan principles
- Willing to conduct two services each Sunday
- Encourages unity as a church having two services but one church family
- Exhibits compassion towards all and understands ministry extends beyond the pulpit
- Has a passion for children, youth, and college ministries, and a gift for growing discipleship with those groups
- Has a passion for growing Sunday School/Life Group and bible study ministries
- Is intentional in ministering to elderly and/or members unable to attend service in person (i.e. shut-ins, nursing home, hospital patients)
- Has a passion for local service and witness in addition to broader efforts

- Capable of effectively handling administrative and church business tasks as needed (part-time secretary is budgeted)

Salary/Benefits:

- Current pastoral salary of \$61,000.
- Current budget of \$23,300 to cover insurance (if needed) and benefits.
- Living quarters provided via church parsonage.
- Current stipend of \$6500 annually to cover parsonage utilities and expenses.
- Current budget of \$7500 annually to cover reimbursement of pastoral related expenses such as travel and continuing education.
- Total budgeted pastoral package of \$98,800.

Additional church/local information:

- Current giving exceeds \$232,000 annually, with budgeted expenses \$231,236. The church is in great financial standing with a savings account currently exceeding \$110,000 and no debt.
- Livingston is known for its peoples' kindness and hospitality, and our church reflects that.
- The University of West Alabama enrolls over 6000 students and we have traditionally supported outreach efforts such as the Wesley Foundation on campus.
- The University Charter School located in Livingston is a highly regarded PreK-12 charter school that has been featured on The Today Show and numerous other media for its role in integrating Sumter County education in 2018.
- Community activities such as sporting events, festivals, plays, and more add to the quality of life component to living in our community.
- Sumter County is in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt and is home to world-class hunting, fishing, and various outdoor activities.