

Permanent Pastor
Concord Church
3715 Concord Rd
Gates, TN 38037

Concord Church is a small, rural church in Lauderdale County of West Tennessee. Our church re-established itself by disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church on June 1, 2022. We are now an independent church but still uphold some of the Methodist traditions. Since this conversion, our church has grown by more than 40%, and we have formed a youth group. We have a total of 85 members and an average attendance of 40 each Sunday. We are a community of believers who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and believe that the Bible is the complete, infallible Word of God. We strive to serve God and our community with worship and sharing His word.

We are seeking a permanent pastor who will lead and guide us in growing and strengthening our congregation, especially in two areas: the young adult age group and families with children. We would like this pastor to bring fresh church mission and ministry ideas to spread God's word and attract new members. We would love to see our church grow even more and be a Spirit-filled congregation of disciples who seek to shine the light of Christ to the world.

We would prefer applicants to have prior ministerial experience but it is not required. Nonresident applicants must have a reliable ability to commute or plan to relocate. This is a bi-vocational position. At this time, we are able to provide only a partial salary, but we desire to grow to support a full-time pastor.

Qualifications and responsibilities are based on 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Peter 5:1-3, including these:

- Be a committed believer and follower of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior
- Believe that the Bible is the infallible, divine Word of God
- Believe that salvation is by grace, through faith, and not of works
- Believe that salvation is available to all who repent and believe [commit to] the Gospel
- Believe that marriage is only to be between a man and a woman
- Be responsible for sermon preparation and delivery
- Preach scripturally sound sermons
- Administer the ordinances of the Lord's supper and believer's baptism
- Adhere to the bylaws of our church
- Ensure that the concerns of our congregation are adequately provided for through the work of our committees and in keeping with the bylaws of our church
- Facilitate and encourage opportunities for spiritual growth, discipleship and evangelistic outreach in the community
- Have a warmth in personality that people respond well to and a heart for pastoral care
- Be available to the members of our church for counsel and guidance
- Visit in the homes of our church, community and make hospital visits, especially among the sick, aged and others in need
- Encourage unity within the body of Christ and be the mediator of handling any possible disputes

If you view this description of our church and pastor's role to be exciting, we would love to hear from you. Please send resume, including a short summary of why you believe this church is a good fit with God's calling on your life, to concordchurchpastorsearch@gmail.com.