

## Senior Pastor Job Posting:

First Methodist Church in Pleasanton, TX has been proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1857 and is currently seeking a full-time Senior Pastor called by God to stand in agreement with His sacred word. Our church is a financially stable independent Methodist congregation with a Book of Discipline and Bylaws.

Our ministry staff includes two associate pastors and a church secretary. We have a Wesley Nurse serving our church and community. We also have several volunteers dedicated to leading children and youth ministries, community service, and various Bible study classes.

The Senior Pastor will:

- Preach the Word of God and lead Sunday worship service
- Guide this congregation by the power of the Holy Spirit
- Collaborate with the Church Council regarding administrative duties of the church
- Preside as the primary officiant for church functions; communion, baptism, weddings, confirmations, and funerals
- Provide pastoral care for the congregation.

Qualified applicants will demonstrate alignment with our Doctrinal beliefs. Education in a field of theology or degree from a seminary/bible college is preferred. Prior experience

in church leadership as Pastor is preferred. We are seeking candidates who will be personable and engaging with all ages and backgrounds, be an effective communicator and administrator, and be computer literate. Parsonage is available and salary will be based on experience.

Pleasanton is a growing rural community conveniently located 40 miles south of San Antonio. The town offers good schools and many amenities of a larger city. Pleasanton is known as the Birthplace of the Cowboy filled with live oaks and friendly folks!

### **Job Summary**

The Senior Pastor serves as the spiritual leader of the congregation, guiding and nurturing the community through worship, teaching, and outreach. This role requires a deep commitment to Christian values and a passion for fostering spiritual growth among members. The Senior Pastor will be responsible for preaching, counseling, and leading various church activities while providing mentorship to church staff and volunteers.

### **Duties**

- Deliver engaging and impactful sermons that inspire and educate the congregation.
- Provide Christian counseling to individuals and families in need, offering support during times of crisis.
- Lead and organize church events, ensuring they align with the mission and vision of the church.
- Mentor church staff and lay leaders, fostering their spiritual development and leadership skills.

- Communicate effectively with the congregation through various platforms, including public speaking engagements and written communications.
- Manage crisis situations with compassion and wisdom, providing guidance to those in distress.
- Collaborate with church committees to plan programs that meet the needs of the community.
- Maintain a visible presence within the community, representing the church in various outreach initiatives.

## **Requirements**

- A strong foundation in Christian theology and practice, with a commitment to lifelong learning.
- Proven experience in leadership roles within a church or similar setting.
- Exceptional public speaking skills with the ability to present messages clearly and compellingly.
- Strong mentoring abilities to guide staff and volunteers in their spiritual journeys.
- Experience in event planning to coordinate meaningful church activities.
- Proficiency in written communication for crafting sermons, newsletters, and other church-related materials.
- Familiarity with hospice care practices is a plus for providing compassionate support during end-of-life situations.
- Ability to manage crisis situations effectively while maintaining a calm demeanor.

This position calls for an individual who is dedicated to serving others while embodying the principles of faith, compassion, and community engagement.

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