

Senior Pastor

Bowdon First Methodist Church – Bowdon, Georgia

Who We Are

We're located in Bowdon, Georgia — a close-knit town of about 2,500 people, roughly 60 miles west of Atlanta. Our church family is multi-generational, including older adults, young families, youth, college-aged individuals, and 15–18 children. Our current average attendance is around 70.

We are small enough to feel like family, but large enough to make a meaningful impact — and we believe our best days are ahead.

The Opportunity

We are excited to announce an opportunity for a motivated and qualified individual interested in joining our ministry. We are seeking a full-time Senior Pastor who will serve as spiritual leader, preacher, shepherd, and vision-caster for our congregation.

This position offers a dynamic work environment, opportunities for professional growth, and the chance to contribute meaningfully to our church's Christ-centered goals.

This is currently a solo pastoral role, supported by:

- A church secretary
- Paid music personnel

- A paid children's ministry worker

The pastor reports to the Church Personnel Committee and Church Council and works within a council-led governance structure.

This is an opportunity for a leader who desires to build, grow, and shape a healthy, vibrant church culture in a community that is ready for renewal.

What You'll Do

Preaching & Worship Leadership

- Preach biblically faithful, Spirit-led, Christ-centered sermons each Sunday
- Emphasize strong expository teaching grounded in Scripture
- Cultivate worship that is passionate, authentic, and expectant

Shepherding & Pastoral Care

- Provide compassionate pastoral care through visitation, counseling, prayer, and encouragement
- Lead members toward spiritual maturity and holiness
- Model Christ-like servant leadership in everyday life

Discipleship & Spiritual Formation

- Develop clear discipleship pathways
- Revitalize and expand Sunday School and small group ministries

- Equip believers to become apprentices of Jesus in daily life

Evangelism & Community Engagement

- Lead the church in intentional evangelistic outreach
- Build meaningful connections within the local community
- Foster a culture of genuine hospitality
- Promote and support missions locally and globally

Leadership & Vision

- Collaborating with Church Council and ministry leaders
- Oversee staff and support ministry teams
- Encourage the development of youth ministry
- Provide strategic leadership toward renewal, growth, and revival

Who We're Looking For

- A clear testimony of saving faith in Jesus Christ
- A calling to pastoral ministry within the Wesleyan theological tradition
- Strong communication skills and relational intelligence
- A belief in the ongoing work and gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Master of Divinity preferred

- Prior pastoral experience (varied levels considered)
- Ordination not required

Preferred: Married male between the ages of 28–40

We are especially interested in a leader who desires to grow with a church, invest deeply in relationships, and build something lasting in a small-town setting.

Governance & Accountability

- Council-led governance structure
- Major decisions affirmed by the Church Council
- Annual Church Conference votes on budget and leadership matters
- Pastor reports to the Personnel Committee and Church Council

Our Prayer & Vision

We are praying for revival — not just growth in numbers, but renewal in hearts.

We long to see:

- A renewed passion for Jesus
- Stronger Sunday School and small group ministries
- Bold evangelistic outreach
- A thriving culture of hospitality

- Believers deeply formed into the image of Christ

We are seeking a shepherd who will lead us into vibrant worship, intentional discipleship, and courageous community engagement.

Compensation & Benefits

The position offers a competitive annual salary in the range of **\$52,000–\$55,000**, commensurate with experience and qualifications. In addition to salary, the compensation package is designed to support the pastor's ministry and well-being. Further details will be discussed during the interview process.

If you sense God may be calling you to lead a church that is ready to build, grow, and impact the next generation — we would love to hear from you! Submit your resume to llhelveston@gmail.com or call 404.775.6989.