NEW PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastoral Vacancy Announcement

Overview

New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church is a spiritual community located in Williamston, South Carolina. We are actively seeking a devoted spiritual leader who is called by God to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to feed the flock of God, oversee the ministries of the church, and to serve as a teacher and shepherd of our congregation. We seek a pastor who is led by the Holy Spirit and adheres to Jesus' teachings, commands, and statutes, as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

Community

Williamston, South Carolina, is a vibrant and close-knit community with rich cultural and spiritual roots. Our community values tradition while embracing the dynamism of modernity. It offers an environment where faith, family, and fellowship thrive, and the church plays a significant role in binding these threads together.

The Church

Founded in 1870, New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope, faith, and love for the community. Our mission is to "Glorify God by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Faithfully build the Kingdom through our Worship, Gospel Preaching, Bible Teaching, Personal and Corporate Evangelism, Missionary Efforts and through consistent Christian Living to grow the Church and Community. We clearly understand that this mission must continue until Christ returns.", and over the years, we have initiated numerous programs and outreach activities that reflect this vision. We are proud of our diverse congregation that comes together with the common purpose of worship, spiritual growth, and community service.

Principal Responsibilities:

- Preaching and Teaching: Proclaim the word of God through biblical preaching and teaching.
- **Leadership**: Provide leadership within the framework of an 'in-person' congregational style of church governance.
- **Pastoral Care**: Address the needs of the congregation through counseling, prayer, and ministry, including visits to the sick and shut in.
- Sacraments: Administer the church ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- Missions and Outreach: Take the lead in supporting missions and outreach efforts at local, national, and international levels.

Qualifications:

• Attest to a Divine Call to serve, ordained in the Baptist Ministry, and meet the qualifications for Pastor as stated in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

- Pastoral Experience: 3-5 years preferred.
- **Educational Qualifications**: Preferably hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree/Divinity Degree from a seminary or have five years of experience pastoring a Baptist Church.
- Gender: Open to both male or female candidates
- Marital & Family Status: Open to all marital statuses: single, married, divorced, widowed.
- **Residential Proximity**: Preferred residence within 30 miles and a maximum of 50 miles from the church to ensure timely response to pastoral duties.
- Preaching/Teaching Commitment: Expected to preach/teach twice (worship service & bible study) a week or as required by church schedules.
- Affiliated Convention or Association: Open to candidates affiliated with Progressive and the Baptist Educational & Missionary Conventions of South Carolina or any other related associations, preferred.

Additional Qualifications:

- **Doctrinal Beliefs:** Must align with the foundational beliefs and doctrines of New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church.
- **Pastoral Care:** Demonstrated ability to offer counseling, perform weddings, funerals, and other pastoral responsibilities.
- **Leadership:** Ability to lead and guide with biblical principles various church committees, groups, and events.
- Communication Skills: Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- **Technological Proficiency:** Basic understanding of current technology for church administration, online sermons, or virtual meetings (if relevant).
- **Community Engagement:** Experience or willingness to engage with the local Williamston, SC community and represent the church in local events, services, and community programs.

How to Apply:

All qualified candidates are invited to submit the following documents to the Pastoral Search Committee:

- Cover Letter: A letter of interest, detailing your spiritual journey and calling to pastoral ministry.
- Résumé: A current résumé, summarizing relevant ministry, professional, and educational experiences.
- Statement of Qualification: A statement explicitly stating how you meet the set qualifications.
- **Qualification Examples**: A statement of real-life scenarios or experiences that demonstrate each qualification.
- Copy of Ordination License: Copies of ministerial license and ordination certificate.
- **Certified Academic Transcripts**: Copy of degree with official (sealed) transcript from a post-secondary institution. (Finalist Only)
- Reference Letters: Three (3) letters of reference: One (1) Professional, one (1) from a religious leader and one (1) personal. (References will be contacted only for semi-finalist candidates.)

- Background & Credit Check: Candidates must be willing to undergo a comprehensive background check at the candidate's expense, including previous employment, criminal record, and personal references. (Finalist Only)
- Online Application: All applicants must complete the online application.
- **Sermons/Messages**: Three (3) recent video-recorded sermons submitted via DVD, MP4, or YouTube (high quality, HD preferred), delivered within the last six (6) months. *If you participated in our "Preacher of the Month", and would like us to use these sermons, just let us know.*
- Photograph: A recent color photograph (Head Shot) in JPG, PNG or PDF format, either 5x7 or 8x10.

Additional Consideration:

- Personal Testimony: Provide a written statement of your personal journey of faith.
- Doctrinal Belief Statement: Provide a written statement of your core doctrinal beliefs.

Additional Important Information:

- Only one submission per candidate will be accepted.
- Incomplete packages will not be considered.
- Hand-delivered submissions to the church will not be accepted.
- Complete online application www.newprospectwilliamston.org

Deadline for applications: December 31, 2023

All application packages must be mailed to the address below and be postmarked on or before the deadline:

New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church Attention: Deacon Diallo Moore P.O. Box 127 Williamston, SC 29697

Or via email:

admin@newprospectwilliamston.org

Interested candidates must apply through our online application portal and mail application packet by December 31, 2023. For any queries or further information, please contact Diallo S. Moore, admin@newprospectwilliamston.org, and 864-710-4434.

We pray for God's guidance in this pivotal phase of our church's journey and look forward to welcoming a new spiritual leader who resonates with our mission and values.

In His Service,
Deacon Diallo Moore
Pastoral Search Committee Chairman
New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church
Williamston, SC