Baptist Bible Church

550 S. Jackson St. Decatur, Illinois 62521

Phone: (217) 423-4545

**Pastoral Search Announcement:**

* Position: Pastor
* Work Schedule: Full time preferred (but will consider bi-vocational)
* Opening Date: February 1, 2023
* Closing Date: March 31, 2023
* Salary: $35,000 - $44,200 (bi-vocational negotiable)

With the recent retirement of our pastor, the Baptist Bible Church Search Committee is prayerfully seeking candidates who are interested in becoming our new pastor. Recognizing that it is God who calls church pastors, candidates must meet the Biblical qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Since we are a small congregation, we are also looking for candidates who have a vision for revitalizing and growing our church. Such a candidate can be full time or bi-vocational.

**Principal Responsibilities:**

* Preaching and Teaching
* Godly leadership and pastoral care/counseling of congregation
* Administering church ordinances
* Working with deacons to manage church resources in a wise and efficient manner
* Lead and promote outreach to community

**Principal Qualifications:**

* Strong Biblical knowledge with ability to apply it to everyday life
* Ordained Baptist minister
* Bachelor’s degree or accredited seminary courses with willingness to continue education
* Experience as pastor or assistant pastor
* Able to articulate a vision for the church that emphasizes growth (spiritual/numerical) and development
* Willingness to participate in the Baptist Fellowship Association (BFA) and the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC)

**About Our Church:**

Baptist Bible Church was established over 60 years ago and currently averages between 12 and 15 faithful worshipers each Sunday. Through the years, our church has been led by 4 Biblically sound pastors. Despite our small size, our property is debt free and has been well maintained. Our church is located in Decatur, Illinois (population 70,500), which is in central Illinois.

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**Pastor Application Form**

**Personal Information: Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Married \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Single \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Widowed

Spouse’s Name (if married): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Is this your first and only spouse? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No
* Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

Are you currently bi-vocational? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

Will you consent to a mandatory controlled substance test? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

Do you have a condition that would require job accommodations? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Have you been dismissed from a pastoral/assistant pastoral position? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

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Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

If yes, please explain the nature of the crime and the disposition of the case:

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**Educational Background:**

* College or University Attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* *Please list any additional academic information on the back of this page.*

**Pastoral Experience:**

* Church Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* *Please list any additional pastor experience information on the back of this page.*
* May we contact your previous church for reference? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_No

**Certification:**

I certify that the information in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete. I have not knowingly withheld any information that might have an adverse effect on my chances of being chosen for this position. I understand that false statements on this application could result in dismissal if I were to be selected as pastor of Baptist Bible Church.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

All applicants for this position must include a copy of the following with their application:

* Cover letter with personal testimony
* Official transcript of academic record
* Certificate of Ordination
* Two recent sermons on DVD or CD
* Current resume
* Current photo
* Four personal references with names, addresses, phone numbers and specified relationships (2 from pastors, 1 church lay person and 1 personal)

All applications should be mailed to the following address no later than March 31, 2023:

 Pastoral Search Committee

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All information received by the Search Committee will be treated in a confidential manner.