

We are seeking a Pastor to shepherd our congregation. Edison Bible Church is a small, dedicated congregation currently functioning with an interim pastor. Pastor Jim Rupp, has done a great job of maintaining and providing spiritual growth for our church for the past three years but has voiced a desire to retire from the pulpit. His absence has created the need for us reach out to you and others like yourself.

Please read the following to get a feel for what we believe at EBC and some of the requirements we have established for a new Pastor. Not knowing you personally, or your current situation, this opportunity may not work for you. However, if there is an individual that comes to mind that needs an opportunity like this please feel free to have them contact us directly.

AN INTRODUCTION

Edison Bible Church is an active and friendly assembly of fundamental Christian believers that worship free from denominational influence in the spirit of II Corinthians 6:16. The joy present in the congregation comes from what lives in the heart of every believer, and is contagious to all that worship here.

The style of worship we desire reflects that of the New Testament Church with full emphasis placed on the Bible and its teachings, remembering that there is but one body, and that is the body of Jesus Christ in which all believers are members. A primary goal at Edison Bible Church is to deliver strong preaching and teaching of the gospel, leading towards salvation that can only result from true repentance, and the acceptance of what Jesus Christ did by His sacrifice on the cross.

The church's mission is also to edify the saints, defend "the faith" once delivered to the saints, and to proclaim to the world the gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive always to reflect Christ's great commission, which was handed to each believer to further proclaim his Gospel until his return.

THE GOALS FOR A PASTORAL CANDIDATE

Church Plant: Edison Bible Church is effectively a "Church Plant" with strong leadership and established policies that have been developed over the last 3 years. We have a Church Constitution and Doctrinal Statement established and in place. Our current church attendance ranges from 35-40 people each Sunday with a voting membership of 18 members.

The following is taken directly from the EBC Constitution as to the Position our church holds:

"...that the Church is a local assembly of Christian believers free from any denominational control and separated from the prevailing denominational apostasy in the spirit of II Corinthians 6:14-18. It is patterned after the New Testament Church, being made up of a group

of witnesses, emphasizing the scriptural thought of “the fellowship of believers,” free of a sectarian spirit, remembering there is one body, the body of Christ, in which all believers are members. The Church is independent in polity and fundamental in doctrine. This position cannot be changed except by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the active members present in a congregation business meeting specially called for that purpose.”

Salary: Based on the current giving and expenses of the congregation, the church board has authorized an annual salary of \$15,000/yr. We understand that with this annual compensation a candidate would need to have an additional source of income, however, we would like it to be known, that it is the goal of the church congregation to provide a full-time position once church finances are available.

Duties of the Pastor: Again, taken directly from the EBC Constitution, the general duties of a Pastor shall include:

“The Pastor shall have general oversight of the spiritual life, regular services, and business administration of the Church and shall work in conjunction and cooperation with the Church Board. He shall be a member of this Church by reason of his office and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees connected with the Church or any of its organizations. He shall preside over the Elder’s meetings and the meetings of the Church Board...”

Given the salary and bi-vocational requirements discussed above, the Pastor shall be available for the following duties. These duties will include, but are not limited to:

- A single 10:30 AM Sunday Service
- 9:30 Sunday school class. (led by the Pastor, or an individual under the Pastors supervision)
- A Wednesday evening service, or Bible study (led by the Pastor, or an individual under the Pastors supervision)
- Attendance at quarterly board meetings
- Funerals
- Weddings

If you are interested in this position, please email your resume and cover letter to the below address,

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