



Executive Pastor/ Executive Director Search 2018



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The Executive Pastor/Executive Director and La Croix Church's committed leadership working together for kingdom impact!

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Over twenty-five years ago, a 28 year-old pastor and his young family were appointed to Cape Girardeau to plant a new United Methodist church. There were no people and no buildings. But, there was a dream and God was on the move.

Fast forward 29 years and God is still on the move! La Croix Church is thriving with over 2,200 in weekend attendance spread over five identical worship experiences and two campuses. Ministry does not just happen on the weekend here, it is happening seven days a week in the community and around the world.

Ron Watts, Founding and Senior Pastor, along with gifted and committed teams of people and an incredible staff, has been leading and painting the vision for this journey every step of the way.

La Croix Church, the next 25 years *and* an exciting opportunity for a qualified Executive Pastor/ Executive Director...



The time is now,
the place is here.

We are seeking to add a gifted, passionate and experienced leader to our team as our Executive Pastor/Executive Director.

[\[view video\]](#)

We are excited to welcome someone to our team of staff and lay leaders, to dream and strategically plan with us as we continue to see the mission and vision God has given our church become a reality. We are ready to watch God exponentially maximize the talents, gifts and abilities he has given us for the next 25 years... and beyond.

We are praying that God will send just the right individual to step into this role. We are praying that this individual will have just the right blend of character, competency, culture and chemistry to work alongside an already dedicated and amazing group of people to help move us forward in our pursuit of leading others to wholeheartedly follow Jesus.

Our Mission

Leading people to wholeheartedly follow Jesus

Our Vision

A People Prepared.
A Church Unleashed.
A World Transformed.

Our Values

We are outwardly focused.
We thrive in community.
We never stop moving toward Jesus.

The Next 25 years...

Don't mistake the intent. The mission stays the same: "to lead people to wholeheartedly follow Jesus." Our core belief has not changed: "people matter to God." As a church, we still exist to meet the needs of those outside of a saving relationship with God... not our own. We are still passionate about creating a biblical New Testament community. This is simply a new phase in this journey to continue to partner with God for [the next 25 years](#) to see:

A People Prepared: We will be equipped and spiritually empowered to impact our world.

A Church Unleashed: We will do whatever it takes to reach people far from Christ.

A World Transformed: We will throw our lives in to God's mission to redeem the world.

We are five years into the 25 year vision launched in 2013. We are looking for an Executive Pastor/ Executive Director to join us on this adventure!



We have prayed and God has revealed his vision for La Croix Church's future. By God's grace, this remarkable vision for the future is going to take the "right team of people" linking arms together and "the right Executive Pastor/Executive Director leading our remarkable staff," said Ron Watts, Founding and Senior Pastor of La Croix Church. As we seek to fill this role, we are committed to praying that God bring just the right person that is as passionate, gifted and experienced as the people that call La Croix Church their home, lay leaders and staff alike.

The Executive Pastor/Executive Director role is a critical one, not because the role itself will function independently, but more importantly, we will be entrusting to their care our equally capable staff and lay leaders and volunteers. Along with this, comes their considerable gifts and talents to be empowered, developed and led well for years to come.

We have leaders and emerging leaders committed to God and this remarkable vision he is entrusting us to steward. We are looking for someone experienced in developing and empowering others to reach their God-given potential toward this vision, and who can then train those leaders how to identify and develop other leaders in the same way.

The Executive Pastor/Executive Director, together with Ron, will be responsible for co-creating a culture that celebrates what God is doing in and through the people of La Croix. This position will be responsible for strategically aligning and implementing all the ministry teams and resources to reach the milestones established. Additionally, this leader will discern and champion teams to evaluate new opportunities for ministry as they arise... and will do the same for existing ministries that need to be evaluated to ensure the mission and vision are on point.

The People.
The Mission.
The Vision.

Leading Together for
Kingdom Impact NOW

The Next 25 years
paired with the
grace of God....

"It is going to take the right
team of people around the
table and the right
Executive Pastor/
Executive Director leading
our remarkable staff."

- Ron Watts,
*Founding and Senior Pastor,
La Croix Church*

***This is an exciting opportunity
for the future Executive Pastor/
Executive Director and for
La Croix Church.***



Cape Girardeau is the Place.

Cape Girardeau, located on the banks of the Mississippi River, is the regional destination for healthcare, education, entertainment, shopping, and employment. The population swells to 100,000 daily. Two state-of-the-art hospitals sit within city limits. Together, they serve over one million people from five states. Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) welcomes over 10,000 students from the region and across the world every day. Multiple private and parochial schools and over 50 churches also call Cape Girardeau home.

Fun and entertainment options include the area's largest shopping mall and a Golf Week Top 100 course, Dalhousie. Cape Girardeau has a thriving arts and performance community, offering something for every taste. Local artists host a monthly art walk inviting connoisseurs and tourists alike to view their latest work. Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus offers concerts, performing arts, and other events. From district fairs to ballet, Cape Girardeau is the place for quality entertainment.



Weekly events and learning opportunities at the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center keep nature enthusiasts engaged year-round. The City of Cape Girardeau also maintains 23 individual parks that offer biking, fishing, sports, and other activities. Cape Girardeau is also just 10 miles south of Trail of Tears State Park.

Outdoor lovers enjoy all the seasons' offerings at the Cape from summer water recreation in the surrounding rivers to fall festivals. Winter skiing is also only two hours away. The city of Cape is strategically located only hours from St Louis, Memphis, and Nashville.

A report by [Wall Street Cheat Sheets](#) ranked Cape Girardeau as the 5th least expensive place to live in the United States. Data shows that the overall cost of living in the area is 92 percent of the national average, and the median home cost is 76.6% of the average. Property tax is well below average as well.

**LA CROIX IS THE CHURCH.
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NOW IS THE TIME.**

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