FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Pastoral Search Announcement

In response to the recent announcement regarding the impending retirement of Rev., Dr. W. E. Givens, Jr., First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) is actively seeking a pastor to serve our congregation and community. Located in Summerville, South Carolina, we are a service-oriented congregation, seeking to grow numerically and spiritually. We are evangelical in style, active in outreach, and have a deep commitment to Jesus Christ. We are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., The Baptist E & M Convention of South Carolina, and the Charleston County Missionary Baptist Association.

First Missionary Baptist Church's mission is to lead people to Jesus Christ, equip them with the tools to grow spiritually, and send them out to serve Christ, the church, the community, and one another. In efforts to continue this mission, we seek a relevant preacher who is passionate and interested in a long-term relationship with FMBC. This person will be the spiritual leader and as such, should be one who is an empowering educator with strong skills in discipleship, stewardship, and community involvement. The pastor should have dynamic preaching skills, a progressive and inclusive theology, strong organizational skills, fiscal acuity, and be adept at working with diverse populations.

Please direct inquiries and/or send your letter of interest and curriculum vitae (CV) no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 11, 2016. The letter and curriculum vitae should address the items listed on the enclosed document and be mailed to: Pastoral Search Committee | First Missionary Baptist Church | P. O. Box 51509 | Summerville, SC 29485 or submitted electronically to fmbcpastorsearch@gmail.com. Upon receipt of your letter and CV, an official application packet will be forwarded to you. The closing date for receipt of all application material, including references, is 11:59 p.m. EDT on Friday, April 22, 2016. All application material will be handled with the strictest confidence.

NOTE: Only persons who express interest with a letter and curriculum vitae will be considered.

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Criteria to be addressed in Letter of Interest and Curriculum Vitae

- 1. Reasons for your interest in and application to this church
- 2. Conversion experience
- 3. Your call—Have you been divinely called?
- 4. Experience—religious and secular
- 5. Education/Religious training
- 6. Vision for the Church and Christian Education
 - a. Congregational training
 - b. Children/youth
 - c. Future
 - d. Family
- 7. Affiliation with Baptist bodies
- 8. Expectations
- 9. Accomplishments