

NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1026-24TH STREET NORTH

BESSEMER, AL 35020

205-426-5771

PASTORAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT and APPLICATION

Salary range \$35,000 to \$69,000 yearly

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (NZMBC), was founded in 1902 and is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor, called by God who will be the spiritual leader of the congregation. The qualified candidate is responsible to God and the church to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to teach the Holy Bible, to provide Christian leadership in all areas of the church and to engage in pastoral care for the congregation. The candidate must be able to articulate a vision for the church that emphasizes spiritual growth and Christian Education and Development.

This Pastor's main responsibilities will be to communicate God's Word, minister to the spiritual needs and provide biblical leadership for the church. The person ultimately called to serve as the spiritual leader of the congregation will possess the qualities listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. The NZMBC is trusting God to fulfill the prophetic promise expressed in Jeremiah 3:15, "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

The New Zion Missionary Baptist Church has been in existence for one hundred and fourteen years. The active membership is approximately 285. The selected individual is expected to possess and use appropriate skills in teaching the Word of God to transform lives, and promoting Christian discipleship to facilitate maturational growth of the congregation.

Priority consideration will be given to candidates that currently possess a Master's degree (preferably, a Master's of Divinity Degree from an accredited institution). Candidates should have five (5) or more years of pastoral experience at a church of comparable size. Candidates must be knowledgeable of Baptist Doctrine, licensed and ordained to the Gospel Ministry by credible religious organizations.

Opening Date: 7/24/16 -- Closing Date: 10/31/2016

All interested persons must submit a complete application package consisting of the following information:

1. The application can be found at: www.nationalbaptist.com and search for pastor openings.
2. A cover letter, current resume (include detailed listing of ministerial/pastoral experiences, accomplishments and immediate family).
3. A DVD of a sermon delivered within the past year
4. Certified copies of diplomas, degrees mailed from the issuing **accredited** institution.
5. Reference letters from each of the following: current and/former pastor(1); current professional colleague (1); personal, but unrelated, references (2)
6. Ministerial license(s), ordination certificate with the appropriate seal
7. A completed and signed application checklist
8. Current color photo (Head Shot) (5x7) and family photo (if applicable)
9. Copy of Driver's License or State Identification

Any Candidate Package received after the deadline will not be considered. **NOTE:** Missing information will result in automatic disqualification. Final candidates will be notified and asked to provide additional information later in the selection process. Final candidates must consent to a reference check, a criminal history background check, a drug screening test, and a credit and financial history review (performed through outside agencies for complete confidentiality).

All information presented will be treated as “Confidential.” For additional information or questions please submit your request to Pastoral Search Committee at nwzmbc@gmail.com or New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, c/o Pastoral Search Committee, 1026-24th Street North, Bessemer, AL 35020.

Mail OR Email:

**New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
C/O Pastoral Search Committee
1026-24th Street North
Bessemer, AL 35020
nwzmbc@gmail.com**

(Include “Pastoral Search Committee in the subject line of all email correspondence.)

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have a minimum of five (5) years of pastoral experience as a Baptist pastor
- Meet qualifications as set forth in Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9
- Must be a licensed and ordained Baptist minister and duly ordained in accordance with the Baptist Church
- Must be able to articulate a vision for the church that emphasizes spiritual growth and Christian Education development
- Must be able to plan and conduct worship services
- Must be an effective leader with managerial and administrative abilities. Pastoral or appropriate experience
- Must be committed to church growth and membership retention
- Must be committed to further religious training/education
- Must be Full-Time (available 24/7) with set office hours
- Must be willing to attend, support, and encourage members to attend local, State and National Congresses and Conventions for religious education and ideas that will enhance the church's ministries as well as establish other ministries
- Must demonstrate a record of community and mission involvement
- Must have a clear understanding of the Baptist Doctrine as well as being an effective communicator with the ability to teach sound doctrine, and to preach effectively from the Holy Bible
- Must provide a written statement of Doctrine
- Must be able to plan and conduct worship services
- Must be an effective leader with developed managerial and administrative abilities. Pastoral or appropriate experience.
- Must demonstrate a record of community and mission involvement
- Must have skills in written and oral communication
- Must possess strong leadership skills to increase the church membership

RESPONSIBILITY OF A PASTOR

- The Pastor will be responsible as an ex-officio member of all church ministries/committees. Ex-officio is Latin for "from the office," to describe someone who has a right because of an office held, such as being allowed to sit on a committee simply because one is in a certain position within the corporation.
- The Pastor will preside over worship services, funeral services, weddings, and baby dedications or designate someone else to perform these functions in his absences.
- The Pastor will be responsible for teaching, counseling and observance of the Ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism.
- The Pastor will be responsible for visiting members who are hospitalized, confined to home or, in an extended care facility as well as delegating these responsibilities to the Deacon/Deaconess Ministry and/or church leaders as appropriate.
- The Pastor will work with various ministries to provide leadership in planning, organizing, and coordinating programs in discipleship and ministry.
- The Pastor must demonstrate an intergenerational approach to spiritual growth and congregational formation.

SECTION I: PASTORAL APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Are you known by another name: _____

Current Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address, if different: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Business: _____ Other: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Driver's License State/Number: _____

Preferred method of contact regarding this position? Home: Cell: Business: Email: Mail:

Birth Date: _____ Birth Place: _____ Number of years lived in the U.S.? _____

If hired, can you present proof of your legal right to live and work in this country? Yes No

Please list all address and residence periods for the last ten (10) years:

Previous Address Information (Complete only if at current address for less than ten years):

Home Address: _____ City _____ State Zip Code _____

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Social media footprint (e.g., Twitter handle, LinkedIn, Facebook page, Instagram, etc.) (If applicable): _____

Digital media (e.g., Links to podcasts, vlogs, blogposts, etc. if applicable): _____

Are you able to perform essential functions of this position with or without reasonable accommodation?

Yes No . If needed, please explain (Attach an additional sheet if

necessary): _____

Marital Status: (Check one): Single Married Widowed Divorced

If married, spouse's name: Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Number of years of marriage: _____ Number of Children: _____ Ages/Names: _____

List your marital history (any prior marriages): _____

Personal Information Continued:

Have you ever been divorced? Yes No . If so, please list your marital history (names/dates/children): _____

Please list your hobbies and special interests: _____

Please list the training and major interests of your spouse: _____

Please list your spouse's attitude toward your vocation: _____

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Please list your spouse's attitude toward your vocation: _____

Do you have any other vocational or job skills? _____

Please list the approximate amount of debt owed other than mortgage: _____

SECTION II: ORDINATION AND CURRENT CHURCH

ORDINATION AND CURRENT CHURCH

Are you licensed? Yes No Are you ordained? Yes No

Ordination date and place: _____ By Whom: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Denomination: _____ Have you been baptized by immersion? Yes No

Name of your Current church-home? _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

SECTION III: EDUCATIONAL & MILITARY BACKGROUND AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Undergraduate School: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? Yes No

Degree: _____

Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Seminary School: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? Yes No

Degree: _____

Graduate School: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? Yes No

Degree: _____

Doctorate (If applicable): _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? Yes No

Degree: _____

Other School: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? Yes No

Degree: _____

Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

SECTION III CONTINUED:

MILITARY BACKGROUND

Are you a Veteran? Yes No Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____

Awards: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please list your employers starting with the current or most recent one first.

Employer #1 Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Position/Title: _____ Type of Employment: Full-Time: Part-Time:

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Supervisor: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Employer #2 Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Position/Title: _____ Type of Employment: Full-Time: Part-Time:

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Supervisor: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Employer #3 Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Position/Title: _____ Type of Employment: Full-Time: Part-Time:

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Supervisor: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Employer #4 Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Position/Title: _____ Type of Employment: Full-Time: Part-Time:

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Supervisor: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Add additional pages if needed.

SECTION IV: REFERENCES

REFERENCES

Please list three references consisting of clergy, employer and personal (but not related to you).

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Organization: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Organization: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Address: _____
City State Zip Code

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SECTION V: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(Each candidate will be subject to a background check, a credit check and a drug screen).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions in the following section, please attach a separate sheet indicating the nature of the suit, charge or offense, when and where charged, the date, court, and disposition or other appropriate explanation. An arrest or a conviction record will not automatically be a barred from employment. Factors such as your age at the time of the crime, seriousness and nature of the violation, time elapsed since the crime, job relatedness, and subsequent rehabilitation will be considered.

A. Have you ever been arrested for any offense? Yes No

If yes, please state nature of the charge(s), when and where charged and the case disposition. *Attach additional sheet if necessary.* _____

B. Have you ever been convicted of any crime? Yes No

If yes, please state nature of the conviction(s), when and where and the case disposition. *Attach additional sheet if necessary.* _____

Adjudication withheld? Yes No

C. Have you ever been charged in administrative, civil or criminal proceedings with improprieties regarding children? Yes No

If yes, please state nature of the action(s), when and where and the disposition. *(Attach additional sheet if necessary).* _____

D. Have you ever entered a plea of not guilty, or guilty or a plea of "no contest" (nolo contendere), or has any court ever deferred further proceedings without entering a finding of guilty and placed you on probation or in a public service or education program for any crime other than a minor traffic offense? Yes No

If yes, please state nature of the action(s), when and where and the disposition. *(Attach additional sheet if necessary).* _____

SECTION V: BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTINUED:

E. Has any employer ever subjected you to disciplinary action, suspended, terminated, or asked you to leave/vacate job position, or volunteer position on the grounds of any unlawful sexual behavior, or violation of any employer's sexual misconduct or harassment policy: Yes No If yes, please state nature of the action(s), when and where and the disposition. *(Attach additional sheet if necessary)*. _____

F. Are you presently being investigated or under a procedure to consider your discharge by your present employer? Yes No If yes, please state nature of the charge(s), when and where charged and the case disposition. *(Attach additional sheet if necessary)*. _____

G. Have you ever been suspended, discharged or resigned in lieu of discharge from any position? Yes No If yes, please state nature of the action(s), when and where and the disposition. *(Attach additional sheet if necessary)*. _____

H. Have you ever been a plaintiff or defendant in an administrative, civil matter or lawsuit? Yes No If yes, please state nature of the action(s), when and where and the disposition. *(Attach additional sheet if necessary)*. _____

I. Have you ever been treated for substance/alcohol abuse? Yes No If yes, please state nature of the action(s), when and where and the disposition. *(Attach additional sheet if necessary)*. _____

J. Driver's License _____Suspended (or) _____Revoked. If yes, explain: _____

SECTION V: BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTINUED:

K. Have you held a position that required bonding? Yes No

If yes, please state nature of the position. (Attach additional sheet if necessary). _____

L. Have you ever been accused or charged of sexual harassment? Yes No

If yes, please state nature of the action(s), when and where and the disposition. (Attach additional sheet if necessary). _____

M. Have you ever filed bankruptcy? _____ If so, explain: _____

N. What has led you to consider the pastoral position with New Zion Baptist Church? _____

O. Pastoral Experience (Begin with present or most current, if different from employer's list:)

Name of Church: _____ Position: _____

Church Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Employment Dates: From _____ To: _____

Name of pastor (if applicable): _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Name of Church: _____ Position: _____

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SECTION VI: PERSONAL EVALUATION AND DOCTRINAL INFORMATION

PERSONAL EVALUATION

What do you perceive your primary task as a pastor to be? _____

DOCTRINAL INFORMATION

With number 1 being the most important and number 10 being the least important, please number each item in the order of importance according to your philosophy of ministry:

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| — Preaching | — Teaching |
| — Counseling | — Dealing with Interpersonal differences |
| — Administration | — Discipleship |
| — Evangelism | — Building relationships |
| — Visitation | — Motivating Others |

Briefly please provide your philosophy of ministry. Include your convictions regarding:

(a) The role of church leaders _____

(b) Discipleship _____

(c) Evangelism _____

(d) Church Government _____

(e) Any other issues you believe are important _____

SECTION VII: APPLICANT CHECKLIST

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Applicant Print Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTION VII: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

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Please read and initial the below statements and sign application.

____I certify that the information given by me to the questions on this application, including representations in my resume, if given, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and have been made with no mental reservations whatsoever and I have not withheld any information that might adversely affect my chances for consideration. I understand that misleading or false statements will constitute a sufficient case for refusal of hire, employment termination or employment covenant.

____I understand that neither the acceptance of this application nor the subsequent entry into any type of employment and covenant relationship with New Zion Missionary Baptist Church creates an actual or implied employment. I understand that, if I am offered and accept employment with New Zion Missionary Baptist Church it will be on at-will basis. This means that either New Zion Missionary Baptist church or I have the right to terminate the employment relationship at any time, for any reason, with or without cause.

____I authorize the release of national and state criminal records, as well as credit history report to New Zion Missionary Baptist church. I authorize the schools, my former employers, and people named in this application to release to New Zion Missionary Baptist Church any information requested to verify the information on this application, and my education, character, and employment history with them. I also give New Zion Missionary Baptist Church permission to use the information acquired to conduct a background check on me.

____I understand that if I am a finalist I will have to submit to drug screening test.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Position: Full-Time Pastor

Mail Application to:
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c/o Pastoral Search Committee
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