

Antioch Baptist Church
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Pastoral Opening Announcement

Antioch Baptist Church of Bedford Hills, New York, announces a pastoral opening, effective September 1, 2014. We are seeking a full-time pastor to be spiritual leader of the congregation.

About Antioch

Antioch Baptist Church, located in the New York City suburb of Bedford Hills, has been Growing, Reaching, and Teaching for 120 years. Our mission is to move Upward and Onward in Christ through love, teaching, and community outreach.

Antioch began as a small group of African-American families that met in their homes for praise and worship service in the late 1800s. Today, Antioch is a diverse congregation with 200 active members and strong ties to the Northern Westchester County community.

Antioch is a loving church.

The Antioch congregation is a family. From those who have grown up in this church and have been members for over 60 years to the newest member waiting to be baptized, love and support are given and received equally. We love one another as Christ has loved us. Just as God is no respecter of persons, Antioch is compassionate and welcoming to all. We are committed to building meaningful and loving relationships with each other and with our neighbors throughout the community. Visitors regularly speak about the Spirit-filled warmth they feel when they attend a worship service at Antioch. Many members travel more than 40 miles to Sunday morning worship service.

Antioch is a community-involved church.

Antioch leads or participates in a number of community events. For over 40 years Antioch has led a county-wide Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration. Major elements of the celebration include an interfaith service and a scholarship banquet. We work with a consortium of local churches and synagogues to provide an emergency shelter program for the homeless during the winter months. Members of Antioch were founding members of the Northern Westchester Community Center, and Antioch continues to support many of its initiatives and hosts a fundraising gospel concert every year. Antioch's mission ministry coordinates church-sponsored local mission efforts. Examples include regular visits to local nursing homes, collection of Christmas gifts for the children of inmates at a local prison, and participation in the Junior League's family Christmas-wish program.

Antioch is a teaching church.

Our Church School and Antioch at Study (Christian Education) ministries aim to facilitate Christian maturity, character, and spirituality through sound biblical teaching and exploration. Antioch offers several opportunities every week to study God's word and grow spiritually. Our teachers clarify the Word in a way that brings it to life in our daily walks with the Lord. The Antioch at Study ministry also presents important contemporary issues that warrant deeper investigation and discussion. *For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope* (Romans 15:4). Additionally, Antioch is devoted to mentoring and counseling our youth, both spiritually and socially. We believe that teaching our youth does not begin and end with Church School on Sunday. Encouraging and supporting every aspect of their lives teaches them to be ambassadors for Christ in all venues of life and equips them to be societal role models and leaders. *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6).

Antioch is a small church with committed and dedicated members who make it possible for us to prayerfully set and reach "large-church goals." *We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us* (Philippians 4:13).

The Position

Major Required Qualifications

- Bachelor degree from an accredited college, Bible college, or seminary
- Some study at a seminary or Bible college (degree preferred)
- Experience serving as a Pastor, as a pastoral assistant, or in a pastoral administrative role
- Licensed and ordained minister
- Training and/or experience in pastoral counseling
- Effective communications skills (written and oral)
- Skilled administrator and manager of Church staff and ministries
- Demonstrated ability to work with a diverse congregation across race, gender, and age

- Ability to harmonize interests and development of multi-generational congregation
- Demonstrated community involvement
- Strong interpersonal skills

Major Duties

- Provide spiritual growth through preaching and teaching of God's Word
- Lead observances of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- Provide leadership for and participation in the Church School, Bible study, and other Church study programs
- Supervise the Church's programs and ministries
- Meet regularly with ministry leaders to plan and organize ministry activities
- Provide leadership, vision, and direction for the Church
- Develop and execute a plan for Church growth – spiritually, numerically, and financially
- Develop new leaders within the congregation and facilitate the growth of existing church leaders
- Pastoral counseling of church members
- Visitation and support for ill and bereaved members
- Officiate at weddings, funerals, dedications, etc.
- Lead and participate in community services, ecumenical services, and interfaith services



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Instructions

Interested candidates should return the completed application and the following items:

1. A current resume or curriculum vitae
2. A copy of all diplomas, degrees, and certificates
3. A copy of ministerial license
4. A copy of ordination certificate
5. Audio or video recording of two sermons within the last six months

The application can be downloaded at www.theantiochchurch.net

Mail the initial package to:

Marion Blount
Search Committee
Antioch Baptist Church
PO Box 232
Bedford Hills, New York 10507

Or

Email to: antiochsearchcommittee@gmail.com

Please note:

We may request additional information or ask for clarification of submitted information.

Finalists will be asked to submit additional information and will have to undergo credit and background checks.

All information submitted will be handled by the Antioch Search Committee with strict confidentiality.