

**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**  
**1775 West Broad Street**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43223**

**Pastor Vacancy Announcement**

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor called by God to be the spiritual and administrative leader of the congregation. The pastor is responsible to God and the church to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, to preach and teach the Bible, to provide Christian leadership, and to engage in pastoral care of the congregation.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church was organized in August of 1922 by Reverend Solomon M. Smith, his wife Ida Smith, his immediate family, and a few other Christians. The church grew greatly over the years as it moved from its origin in a house on the West Side of Columbus to its sixth and current location. Friendship has been blessed to have had only three pastors in its ninety-two year history.

Today, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church has numerous ministries to serve the needs of the members and the community. Our mission statement is, "It is the intent and mission of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church to be a church centered on Jesus Christ, controlled by the Holy Ghost and committed to uplift humanity through the proclamation of the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is a member of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America, the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, the Eastern Union Missionary Baptist Association, and the Ohio Baptist General Convention.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

The ideal candidate must:

- Be a licensed and ordained Baptist preacher
- Be filled with and led by the Holy Spirit and meet the qualities and characteristics set forth in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9
- Believe and exemplify biblical characteristics
- Have a degree from an accredited theological seminary
- Have a minimum of five (5) years of pastoral experience
- Demonstrate visionary leadership to grow church membership
- Believe in and adhere to the practice of Baptist doctrine, ordinances, and polity
- Exhibit a passion to preach and teach the unadulterated Word of God
- Possess strong written and oral communication skills
- Have a sense of church administration, organization and financial management
- Value interpersonal relationships with the various ministries of the church
- Aspire to establish, foster and maintain a strong sense of community

- Be mission minded
- Recognize and actively promote the gifts and talents of the church body
- Be above reproach in personal character and financial standings both inside and outside the church.

Interested candidates should submit the following:

1. Cover letter
2. Updated and complete resume
3. Detailed listing of ministerial and pastoral experiences
4. Copies of diplomas, degrees, ministerial license, and ordination certificate
5. Four references:
  - a. Two (2) from pastors/clergy
  - b. One (1) from lay person
  - c. One (1) personal

**All documents should be submitted to:**

Pulpit Committee  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
P.O. Box 23471  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

All documents must be received between January 5, 2015 and February 7, 2015.