

Official Vacancy Announcement

PASTOR

Strangers' Home Missionary Baptist Church
314 West Taft Street
Greenwood, Mississippi 38930

Opening date: July 15, 2015

Closing date: September 1, 2015

The Strangers' Home Missionary Baptist Church of Greenwood, Mississippi, founded in 1907, is seeking a pastor for a mid-size congregation. We are a traditional general Missionary Baptist Church committed to Christian education and mission services through in-reach/out-reach and youth ministries. Primary reference sources are the King James Version of the Holy Bible, the General Missionary Baptist Church Covenant and Baptist Doctrine. Proper procedure and orderly conduct in church operations have been hallmarks for the church since its existence.

The church is seeking an energetic spiritual leader who is committed to Christian service with exceptional standards of Christian character, ethics and moral integrity. The candidate must have a clear understanding of the Bible and the ability to effectively communicate biblically sound teachings and/or messages to all age groups regardless of one's socio-economic background. The candidate must also be able to articulate a vision for the church that emphasizes spiritual growth and development, membership growth and retention. The candidate must also have the ability to promote a sense of love, unity and commitment to Christian service in the church and community.

Additional qualifications:

- licensed and ordained by the Missionary Baptist Church and aligned with and committed to the tenets of the Missionary Baptist Church
- a degree from an accredited college or university
- a degree from an accredited Theological Seminary - School of Divinity is preferred
- a minimum of two to three years' documented previous pastoral experience (e.g. senior pastor, assistant pastor, associate pastor)
- must have church administration and organizational skills
- must demonstrate competency in leadership, management and communication skills (oral and written)
- must reverence and embrace the family structure
- must work closely with the Deacon Board and direct the ministries of other pastoral and support staff of the church
- must be willing to support and participate in the local, state and National Baptist Conventions, U.S.A., Incorporated
- must have a plan for increasing the spiritual growth and development of church membership and ministries, especially the youth and young adults in the church
- must have the ability to apply sound principles of financial management and work with officers to manage the church's resources effectively and efficiently

To be considered for the position, a candidate must submit a complete application packet to include the following: cover letter, current resume', recent photograph, Certificate of Ordination, copy of ministerial license, an official transcript from a college or university, verification of Theological Seminary - School of Divinity training and/or degree(s) and three letters of recommendation. Incomplete packets may result in disqualification.

All packets should be forwarded to: **Strangers' Home Missionary Baptist Church**

Attention: Pulpit Search Committee – Deacon Roy Curry, Jr.

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APPROVED BY: Members of Strangers' Home M. B. Church – June 11, 2015