Vacancy Announcement Full-Time Pastor

Shiloh Baptist Church 262 Macon St., McDonough, Georgia, 30253 770.957.2344

Opening Date: August 29, 2024 Closing Date: September 6, 2024

The pastoral search committee of Shiloh Baptist Church greets you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Believing that God is the One who calls pastors to shepherd his people (Jeremiah 3:15), the Shiloh Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking God's choice for the position of Senior Pastor. The Pastor must be God fearing, demonstrate an enthusiastic love for Christ, possess and apply a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible, utilize the Baptist doctrine, and have a clearly defined vision for the Church. The Shiloh Baptist Church was established over 155 years ago. We have been proudly situated in the suburban community of McDonough, Georgia since 1869, and we currently have a congregation of approximately 500 plus members. The city of McDonough is located 30 minutes south of Atlanta Georgia in Henry County with a population of over 30,000.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Must be able and willing to regularly preach and teach the gospel using various formats (i.e. bible study, Sunday school, etc.).
- Plan and conduct worship services; prepare and deliver sermons; and serve as the lead in the observance of ordinances (i.e. baptisms, the Lord's Supper, etc.).
- Lead the church in an effective program of witnessing and in a caring ministry for persons in the church and community.
- Visit the sick and shut-in.
- Cooperate with association, state, and denominational leaders in matters of mutual interest and concern; keep the church informed of denominational development; represent the church in civic matters.
- Provide pastoral counseling; perform wedding ceremonies and dedication services for children; and conduct funerals and ordinations of deacons and ministers.
- Provide the vision for the planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and evaluation of church ministries.
- Support the church leadership and members as they perform their assigned responsibilities and facilitate their training.

- Preside over all business meetings of the Church.
- Work with the leadership and finance department to manage the varied resources of the congregation with effectiveness and efficiency.
- Support and participate with the local New Era Baptist Convention and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, with which Shiloh Baptist Church is affiliated.

Qualifications and giftedness should be pursuant to 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:6-9, 1 Timothy 5:17, 2 Timothy 2:24-25 (Holy conduct), Malachi 3:10,(Tither), and Galatians 5: 22-23. (Christian Conduct)

The successful candidate:

- Must be a licensed, ordained Baptist Minister in accordance with the Baptist Doctrine and Procedures that has received the Divine calling and has demonstrated the commitment to the call.
- A minimum of five (5) years of verifiable Baptist Church pastoral experience, (e.g. Senior Pastor, Assistant Pastor, or Interim Pastor) desirable.
- Must have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university as well as an accredited seminary degree.
- Must have excellent church administration and organizational skills.
- Must have a clear understanding of the Baptist Doctrine and Articles of Faith.
- Must be an effective communicator who can demonstrate the ability to prepare and deliver biblically sound lessons and messages.
- Should have a verifiable record of community involvement.
- Should be willing to support and participate in local and national Baptist Conventions.
- Must be committed to church growth and membership retention.
- Must be able to articulate a vision for the church that emphasizes spiritual growth and development.
- Must serve to provide spiritual leadership that will lead the congregation to live in service for Christ.

All applicants must provide the following information:

- Letter of intent (cover letter) and current resume
- Copies of college degree, ministerial license, and certificate of ordination
- Verification of Theology training/Degree
- Two recent sermons on DVD or CD
- Completed Application
- Copy of valid transcripts from accredited college or university
- Four (4) letters of recommendation (2 clergy, 1 personal and 1 layperson)

Other information/items may be required throughout the interview process

To apply:

Please visit our church website; <u>https://www.shilohmcdonough.org</u> ; click on the pastor vacancy announcement link. You can complete the application online or download it to complete offline.

Candidates who submitted applications for the request posted April 1 - May 30, 2024, should email confirmation they are still available and interested by September 6, 2024 to: <u>pastorsearch@shilohmcdonough.org</u>

All correspondence should be forwarded by certified mail and postmarked by midnight Friday, September 6th to:

Shiloh Baptist Church Attn: Pastoral Search Committee P.O. Box 2410 262 Macon Street, McDonough, Georgia 30252

Deadline for submission of all materials is on or before Friday, September 6, 2024

Applicants are also allowed to submit applications via email: pastorsearch@shilohmcdonough.org

The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all resumes and letters of interest. All information presented will be treated as confidential. Final candidates must consent to perform a Criminal History Background Check, Substance Abuse History Check and Credit and Financial History Review (performed through an outside agency for complete confidentiality).

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

Pastor Candidate Application



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(Please complete all relevant fields in application. Incomplete applications will not be considered)

Personal Information

Full Name (First, Middle, La	ast):		
Marital Status: MS		W	_ Date of Birth (xx/xx/xxxx):
Spouse's Name:			
City:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	State:	Zip:
Phone Numbers: Home:		Work:	Cell:
E-mail Address:			
Website Address (if application	ble:		

Educational Preparation

List in chronological order the names and addresses of undergraduate, graduate and seminary institutions you have attended.

Institution Name Address Dates Attended Degree(s) Earned Pastoral/Ministerial Experience: (Pastoral Experience Preferred)

Church Name and Address	Position Held	Dates of Service	Reason for Leaving	Contact name and Phone Number

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May we contact your previous church(es)? YesNo Are you presently employed outside of a church? Yes No If yes, please list name of employer, address, and your position:						

Membership/Participation in Educational and Civic Organizations

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If yes, please provide a brief explanation.

Have you ever been charged/convicted of a felony?	Yes	No	
If yes, please provide a brief explanation.			

Statement of Attestation

We are called to honesty and a commitment to open communication as we seek to build the body of Christ. In that spirit, we ask that you confirm your agreement to the following statements by your signature below.

I attest that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize the persons and entities, such as members of the search committees of Shiloh Baptist Church, prospective calling body, or appropriate staff persons to make inquiries regarding all statements contained in my resume and application. I also authorize all persons referred to as references, members of congregation I have served, or personal/professional colleagues, to supply verification of the information provided in the personal reference letter. I understand that such persons may comment on and state their opinions regarding all matters addressed in my application including without limitation, my background and character.

To encourage such people to speak openly and responsibly, I hereby release them from any claims or liabilities arising from their responses and comments if made in good faith and without malice.

I hereby release Shiloh Baptist Church and all contractors or volunteers from any claims or liabilities in connection with this application.

Applicant Certification and Signature

I certify the information in this application is true, correct, and complete. I understand that, if employed, false statements reported on this application may be considered sufficient cause for dismissal.

Signature Date _____

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Applicant Questionnaire

Please note that the questionnaire is part of the application and must be filled out completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Describe your ministry objective.

2. What qualifies you to be Pastor of a Baptist Church?

3. What role do you consider the Pastor's spouse should play in your ministry?

4. How do you define marriage?

5. Do you	sincerely receive and adop	t the Baptist Article	of Faith of this ch	urch? () Yes () No
Date you a	are available to begin:			
Desired sa	lary:			
(Attach ad	ditional pages if needed)			