

Central Union Missionary Baptist Church
501 Preston Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030

PASTORAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Union Missionary Baptist Church located in Fort Valley, Georgia has been blessed to be a faithful beacon of light in the community for over 147 years. Central Union is praying to God as we seek a Spirit-filled pastor of our congregation. The candidate must be spiritually led to proclaim the Word of God and possess strong teaching and preaching skills while serving the congregation and the community. In addition, the candidate must be compassionate and caring, people-oriented and trustworthy and have a forward-thinking vision for the church with a genuine calling from God to minister, counsel, and lead God's people toward righteous living. The candidate should have Godly values, lives and is guided by the scriptural principles found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

The Pastor will be expected to effectively guide the church's spiritual growth, provide Christian leadership and be proficient at providing pastoral care to the sick and shut-in, the congregation and the community. Additionally, the pastor will be responsible for growing the church ministries: family, seniors, young adults, children, community outreach and attract more worshippers. The Pastor will also serve as a representative for the congregation in community organizations and activities to learn new ways that the church can support and engage with the surrounding areas.

Pastoral Job Description

General Description of Position

The Pastor of Central Union Missionary Baptist Church (CUMBC) is the spiritual servant leader of the church, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The Pastor is responsible to the Lord and the church to prayerfully feed and lead the congregation through the ministries of preaching and teaching God's Word and administering the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper). The Pastor ensures coordination and collaboration with deacons, trustees, all church officers, and ministries as they perform their assigned responsibilities. Serves as administrator of both paid and volunteer church staff.

Spiritual and Professional Qualifications

- Meets Biblical qualifications in accordance with 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9
- Ordained Baptist minister with 3-5 years pastoral ministry experience (Preferred)
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited College or University (Preferred)
- Enrolled in, pursuing or have completed seminary training (Preferred)
- Devout personal faith in Christ in the Baptist tradition

Knowledge, Skills, and Character

- Comprehensive knowledge of the Bible
- Peaceful, patient, gentle, even-tempered, a teacher, persistent
- Possess strong integrity exemplary of a spiritual leader of the church
- Strong religious conviction
- Ability to show impartiality, patience, perseverance and fiscal responsibility
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Ability to show compassion for struggles and concerns of others
- Ability to relate and minister to a wide diversity of congregants
- Provide effective leadership of church operations

Some General Pastoral Responsibilities:

- Plan and conduct worship services: prepare and deliver sermons and lead observances of the churches ordinances and policies.
- Lead the church in an effective evangelism program and in a caring ministry for those in the church and the community.
- Lead an effective program of visiting sick and shut-in members and prospects.
- Conduct counseling sessions.
- Conduct funerals
- Perform wedding ceremonies.
- Lead the church in planning, organizing, directing, coordinating and evaluating all church programs and ministries in conjunction with Deacon and Trustee Ministries.
- Cooperate with the local and district associations, GMBC of GA, Inc., and National Baptist Convention leadership in matters of mutual interest and concerns.
- Represent the church in civic matters.
- Act as moderator of the church business meetings.
- Work with deacons, trustees, church officers, and committees/auxiliaries as they perform their assigned responsibilities.
- Serve as administrator of the paid church staff; supervise the work of the ministry staff, both volunteer and paid ministers and directors.

Compensation:

Compensation is commensurate with experience and will be discussed at the appropriate stage in the application process.

NOTE: All applicants must agree to a national background check and reference checks.

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CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Candidate Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

CHECKLIST

- Personal Statement (why are you interested in pastorship at CUMBC)
- Current resume
- Copy of ministerial license and ordination certificates
- Three (3) Letters of Reference: (Personal (1), Professional (1), Clergy (1) (**NO RELATIVES**))
- USB or Sermon Links of two (2) Sermons (Preached within the past six (6) months)
- Official transcripts of degrees(s), including any educational training and/or classes taken
- Completed Candidate Checklist

All material submitted, regardless of medium, will **NOT** be returned and will be kept confidential and become the property of Central Union Missionary Baptist Church of Fort Valley, GA

If you have any questions, please direct them to:

Deacon Gordon Davis
CUMBC Pastor Search Committee, Chairman
P.O. Box 788
Fort Valley, GA 31030

SUBMISSION

Submit the initial candidate package by mail to:

Central Union Missionary Baptist Church
c/o Pastoral Search Committee
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The deadline for all information must be postmarked by April 30, 2024. Any candidate package postmarked **after** April 30, 2024, will not be considered.

NOTE: Missing information may result in automatic disqualification. Final candidates will be notified and asked to provide additional information later in the selection process.