

## **PASTORAL SEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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#### **Overview**

The Tabernacle Baptist Church of Youngstown, Ohio is currently accepting applications for a Senior Pastor.

The city of Youngstown is a post industrial city, located in Mahoning County, Ohio. The city has embraced its small community status and is working to make efficient use of available resources, while capitalizing on its many cultural and recreational activities. In addition to local cultural venues, Youngstown is located within a two-hour drive of Akron and Cleveland, Ohio, as well as Pittsburgh and Erie, Pennsylvania. This entire area offers more than 25 state parks, and over 100 cultural facilities.

Throughout its 113 year history Tabernacle has proudly been situated in an urban community located on the lower north-side of [Youngstown, Ohio](#). We are conveniently located within walking distance of the downtown area, the Butler Museum of American Art, [Youngstown State University](#), and [Stambaugh Stadium, which includes the DeBartolo Stadium Club](#), The Tyler History Center of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society, and the Covelli Centre Arena and Stadium.

We are also within walking distance of the Mercy Health Youngstown's primary campus, which includes a teaching hospital; the historic Stambaugh Auditorium, and the newly developed Arlington Heights neighborhood. Arlington Heights is a Hope VI mixed income community consisting of single family homeownership and rental units, two-story townhouses, two senior high rise buildings and a community center.

Tabernacle is a close knit community made up of many second, third and even some fourth generation members. There are approximately 125 – 150 active members of various ethnicities and backgrounds. The average age of the membership is 55-60 and there is a significant professional population.

We are believers who embrace Jesus the Christ as our Lord and Savior, and our worship experience is framed in a tradition of gospel and spiritual songs and inspirational/instructive

gospel messages that reflect this belief. We are equipped to have DVD's and visuals to augment the worship experience.

Tabernacle has a rich history of ministry development and community involvement; and we are seeking to build on that legacy. Some of the current active ministries are: Deacon Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Trustee Ministry, Youth Ministry, Usher Ministry, Sunday School Ministry, Bible Study, Nursing Ministry, Van Ministry, Men's Choir, Mass Choir, Praise Teams and New Members Class. Additionally, Tabernacle has been renewed as sponsor organization for the Children's Defense Fund Summer Freedom School Program® for a fourth consecutive summer per national evaluation by CDF Staff in January 2017.

The church has no indebtedness, and we have an active youth scholarship program that helps to bolster our young people as they seek higher education. The church also has an Executive Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper, Maintenance Engineer, Church Clerk and Church Treasurer and we are active in local and state conventions.

Tabernacle is seeking a leader whose character reflects the love of Jesus with empathy and compassion, who demonstrates an enthusiastic love for Christ, possesses and applies a comprehensive knowledge of the bible and has a clearly defined vision for the church.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

The minimum requirements for this full-time position are:

- A licensed and ordained minister of the Gospel with demonstrated ability to preach and teach.
- Active involvement with Sunday School, Bible Study and ALL church ministries required.
- Possess an undergraduate degree from a four year nationally accredited college or seminary. Applicants with a graduate theological degree from a nationally accredited institution may be given preferential treatment.
- At least three (3) years of ministerial leadership experience required. Previous Pastoral experience preferred.
- Have demonstrated experience as leader of a pastoral ministry program (pastor, youth pastor, associate pastor, Christian education director, etc.)
- Be in good standing with current church
- Efficient written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to apply principles of sound financial management

The successful candidate must also have a verifiable history of demonstrated leadership, be fiscally responsible, outgoing and possess the ability to communicate effectively with various age groups through teaching, counseling and discipline.

### **Additional Desired Qualifications:**

Tabernacle will give added consideration to applicants who have:

- Demonstrated experience in leading ministry teams and/or ministry programs, as well as experience participating with teams led by others

- Appear sound in judgment and possess strategic thinking and planning skills
- Has developed successful community outreach programs in an urban inner city area
- Embrace a vision for the Body of Christ and has the ability to engage others in the achievement of common goals

**All applicants must submit the following:**

- ✓ Resume and Cover Letter
- ✓ Statement of Qualifications describing your experience, knowledge and abilities
- ✓ Copy of Ordination License
- ✓ Please provide specific examples as they relate to the desired qualifications above as your response will serve as documentation of your ability to present information in a clear and concise manner.

Without a Statement of Qualifications, applications **will not** be accepted.

*Applicants unwilling to submit to background and credit history checks need not apply.*

PLEASE SUBMIT RESUMES VIA APPLICATION LINK @ [www.ytowntab.com](http://www.ytowntab.com).

No hand deliveries or church drop off will be accepted; however telephone inquiries are welcome prior to applying.