

PASTORAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

*North Fork Southern Baptist Church
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North Fork Baptist Church, founded in 1983, and located between the small rural towns of Riverton and Seneca Rocks, WV, is currently seeking a full-time pastor to be the spiritual leader of the congregation. The qualified candidate is responsible to God and the church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a burden for the lost, a shepherd's heart to teach, equip, provide pastoral care, and Christian leadership for this body of believers in equipping them in encouraging other believers, and being on mission to reach the lost with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Church Statement of Faith

- We believe that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible inerrant Word of God.
- We believe in the Biblical account of a literal, six-day creation.
- We believe in the one Triune Godhead-God existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- We believe in the substitutionary and redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sin of the world; that salvation is available to "whosoever will", not just to a select few.
- We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and became alienated from God. Man is depraved and, of himself, unable to remedy his lost condition and is drawn by the means of the Holy Spirit to accept Christ as Savior by his/her own volitional will.
- We believe that all the redeemed, once saved, are kept by God's power and thus secure in Christ forever.
- We believe that Jesus Christ arose bodily from the dead, that He ascended into Heaven, that there is His state of glorification. He is now the great high priest, intercessor and advocate for all believers.
- We believe that personal salvation from the eternal penalty of sin is provided solely by the sovereign grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- We believe the Holy Spirit convicts, regenerates, indwells, and seals all believers in Jesus Christ until the day of redemption.
- We believe in the existence of a personal spirit, being called Satan, who is tempter and accuser, for whom the place of eternal punishment was prepared, where all who die outside of Christ shall be confined in conscious, bodily torment for eternity
- We believe the Church is the body of Christ, composed of all born-again persons in the present age, with the primary mission to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, equip the saints, and that the Church will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air prior to His return to set up His kingdom.
- We believe in the pre-tribulation future rapture of the Church, at which time the dead in Christ shall be resurrected, and we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. We believe in the coming seven literal years of tribulation and the future, person, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ with His saints to the earth to judge and purge sin and establish His eternal kingdom and to consummate and fulfill all His purposes in the work of creation and redemption.
- We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman.
- We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being, and that abortion is the wrongful taking of unborn human life.

Job Description for Full-Time Pastor

Opening Date: November 1, 2025

Closing Date: Until qualified candidate accepted

Qualifications:

- Must be a person of integrity; good moral character, good reputation inside and outside the church; exhibit self-control; not given to drunkenness, hospitable, and able to deal with people in a respectful way (gentle, not quarrelsome, overbearing, or quick tempered.)
- Exhibit qualities that he is able to manage his own finances and household (respectful and faithful to wife, if married, and, if has children, exhibit good fatherly qualities in managing appropriately for the needs and care of his children.
- The candidate must be Baptist by faith
- Must be like minded with our church statement of faith
- Formal Biblical/Pastoral education training in either Seminary or Bible College is preferred.
- At least 7 years of Pastoral and counseling experience preferred

Pastor Role: The pastor shall have in charge the welfare and oversight of the church, serving in the following:

- Shall conduct worship services on stated and special occasions
- The pastor is responsible for leading the church to function as a New Testament church. He will work with the deacons and church staff to lead the church in achievement of its mission; proclaiming the gospel, and in caring for church members in need, and ministering to demonstrated needs of those within the community.
- Minister and provide counsel to church members and community as needed
- Shall have special charge of the pulpit ministry of the church and shall, in cooperation with the deacons, provide for pulpit supply in his absence.
- Preside over all meeting of the church except as otherwise stated in the by-laws
- Serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of all organization, departments and committees

Application Process:

All interested and qualified persons must submit an initial Candidate Package consisting of the following information:

- A letter of interest which includes a description of how you became a believer of Jesus Christ, and the reason you are called to ministry as a pastor
- IA completed application. (Attached)
- A current resume which includes a summary of pastoral experience, other relevant ministry experience, and Biblical/Seminary Theological educational degrees and training.
- A website link to a recent sermon or sermons; or an audio copy of a recent sermon
- Copies of ministerial license, ordination certificate, degree certificate(s)
- Three (3) recommendation/reference letters (clergy, layperson, and personal references)

Submit the Candidate Package and mail to :

**North Fork Baptist Church
Att: Pastor Search Committee: Mike Lamborne, Chairman
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