

INFORMATION FOR PASTORAL PLACEMENT

Organization name CrossWay Bible Church

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Ministry position you seek to fill Senior Pastor

Position open since June 2018 Full-time Part-time Temporary Long-term

Current Interim Pastor is Pastor Howard Friesen.

Job Description: To work alongside the lay elders to shepherd the flock of God at CrossWay. Responsibilities will include being a consistent prayer warrior, preaching and planning the worship service on most Sundays, teaching on Wednesday evenings during the school year, cultivating and displaying genuine love for our people, being an example in personal evangelism, and administrative duties.

Distinctives of your organization: See Church Profile as well as Articles of Faith & Faith in Practice

CROSSWAY BIBLE CHURCH PROFILE

Reason this position is open

Our previous pastor, Brandon Ragsdale, took a position at Countryside Bible Church in Southlake, Texas. We currently are served by a faithful interim pastor Howard Friesen.

Form of church government

“Elderled with meaningful congregational involvement.” By this we mean, the elder board serves as the final decision-making body in the church under the headship of Jesus Christ. They do so seeking input and guidance from the church body especially in major decisions such as calling a pastor.

Position on Bible versions

We believe in the eternal preservation of God’s Word and accept faithful copies and translations of the Bible to be the trustworthy and authoritative Word of God.

Affiliation with ecclesiastical groups

We are not officially affiliated with any denomination, but we do enjoy fellowshiping with believers from other like-minded churches at events such as the Ironmen Summit at the Flint Hills Bible Church. From time to time we also welcome visiting pastors from other churches into our pulpit.

Church practice on evangelism and missions

The day to day practice of evangelism and supporting missions is largely carried out on an individual basis. We do encourage such activity through teaching, inviting missionaries in to give reports on their work, and encouraging our young people to get involved in summer missions by covering their travel expenses.

Position on church discipline

Biblical church discipline is an indispensable part of a healthy local church. The church that allows its member(s) to live in unrepentant sin without consequence demonstrates that it does not truly care for the spiritual well-being of its members.

Position on separation

Persons, groups, or organizations that are known to hold and advocate belief(s) or practice(s) that differ from the faith and moral teachings of the church are not permitted to use our church facilities.

Describe worship style

Generally our worship style is “conservative” and “traditional” in nature. We appreciate the hymns that have been handed down to us from previous generations and it is our desire to use them. We also enjoy singing some of the newer songs that have equally rich words. We encourage the use of instruments, as long as they are played in a manner that does not draw attention to themselves. We generally refrain from applauding so as not to highlight the performance.

Describe ideal pastor attributes

- *Meets the qualifications of an elder found in the New Testament*
- *Deeply loves God and desires to glorify Him in life and ministry*
- *Has an unshakeable commitment to the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture*
- *Skilled in handling the Word of God; gifted in expository preaching (We desire a strong pulpit ministry.)*
- *Loves people; has a passion to see people grow in the Lord*
- *Heart for outreach and missions*
- *Preferably one who has had some pastoral experience*
- *Preferably a family man*
- *Preferably a middle-aged man*
- *One who desire a long term ministry*

Other full-time staff members: *None.*

Name & contact information of church leaders

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Annual budget \$80,000 Missions budget Given in addition on an individual basis

Contacts and references for your church

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