

West Columbia Church of Christ

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Evangelist Prospect Letter, March 15, 2023

We're looking for a faithful gospel preacher. A man who speaks where the Bible speaks and is silent where the Bible is silent. A man who knows the power to save is in the Gospel (Rom 1:16). We want a man who will lead by example and encouragement (2 Tim 2:24) in personal work and evangelism. We want to support and encourage such a man, with his family, in this work together with us. We want the lost to be added to the Lord's church and to have the church grow in love and the fullness of Christ (Eph 4:11-13).

The candidate must fulfill his responsibility to preach the word (2 Tim. 4:2), while engaging in the same kinds of works that all Christians must engage in to be pleasing to God (Matt. 25:35-36).

Currently, the congregation has around 15 in attendance on Sunday. While the church does not currently have elders, we recognize that it is God's will to have qualified men to fill that position (Titus 1:5) and this is our desire.

To learn more of us, check our website, including our bulletins. There's an indexed search box at the bottom.

What the church expects:

An evangelist that actively seeks opportunities to preach Jesus and the faith to the lost. An evangelist that encourages others in the church by word and example to do (and be built up in) the same. An evangelist to preach the word to the church, for: The perfecting of the saints; For the work of the ministry; For the edifying of the body of Christ. An evangelist that understands 2Tim 2:24,25

What the church will provide:

Support Spiritual and Physical. An understanding of 2 Tim 4 with a whole hearted desire to endure sound doctrine and support the work of our Lord, in any scriptural way requested, and physically:

1. **Salary** -Tell us what you need per month
2. **Reimbursement** of use of your personal auto
3. **Vacation** - Two weeks per year with salary initially.
4. **Meetings** – Up to two weeks per year with salary to hold Gospel Meetings for other congregations, work at summer Bible Camp, or to **speak** at lectureships, or brotherhood meetings. Mere attendance would require vacation time. **No** expenses will be reimbursed. You would be expected to provide substitutes for the preaching and teaching you normally do.
5. **Residence** 3 BR, 2 bath with major appliances, fenced yard adjacent to the church building
6. **Utilities** – You pay for utilities.
7. **Housing Allowance** - \$375/month
8. **Moving Expenses** – UHaul, food, lodging, help unloading

Church Condition:

Attendance has dropped greatly with no evangelist to support the work by following up with visitors and encouraging and teaching the members.

Self supporting since the 1970's. And we still are, we own the meeting hall and residence.

What to send us if you are interested:

1. Your Yes/No responses to our Statements given below.
2. Resume, including:
 - Personal details (where born, family, church background etc.)
 - A list congregations of which you were/are a member with approximate dates
 - Relevant schooling, training, experience. Bible degree not required.
 - Your preaching experience, incl. church name, address and dates
 - References with relationship and contact information
3. Audio or video link or file of a recent sermon/lesson you've presented.

How to send:

Please email these items, and any questions you might have, to the below:

info@WestColumbiaChurchOfChrist.org

Putting Church or Evangelist in the email Subject will help it get through email filters.

Once we have what we've asked for:

1. Men meet here to discuss these items. We'll send you any questions.
2. We'll follow up on references and questions. If all good, we'll invite you to visit some Sunday.
3. We'll pay travel expenses to/from West Columbia, SC and provide lodging and food while here
4. Your family is encouraged to come also, subject to expense consideration.
5. You'll teach Sunday AM Adult Bible class and assembly. Afterwards all will share a meal at the building to meet and talk.
6. Meet with men of the church that afternoon. We'll review the *Evangelist Prospect Letter* and information you provided. We'll review the *Evangelist Provisions* and compensation. You'll have opportunity to questions us also. Your family will meet with women and families during this time and have opportunity to visit the residence if desired.

STATEMENTS: PLEASE RESPOND TO EACH WITH A “YES” OR A “NO.”

1. The Bible is inspired of God, word by word and infallible.
2. The Holy Spirit directs us through, not separate from, the Word.
3. Miraculous gifts have ceased.
4. The Lord’s church is distinctive and therefore not in fellowship with denominations.
5. Faith, repentance, confession that Jesus is the Son of God, baptism by immersion for the forgiveness of sins, and faithfulness afterwards are all necessary for salvation.
6. Congregations of the church of our Lord are autonomous and therefore have the sole right to be self-governed in matters of opinion or expediency.
7. In matters of faith, doctrine and practice in the church of our Lord, the Bible must be the sole standard of authority.
8. God’s marriage law requires that one man be married to one woman for the duration of a lifetime. The only exception to this law is divorce because of sexual immorality. One who divorces, except on the basis of their spouse’s sexual immorality, and marries again is living in adultery as long as that relationship continues.
9. It is sinful to use mechanical instruments of music in worship assemblies of the Lord’s church.
10. The woman’s role in the church is one of submission; therefore it is wrong and shameful for her to exercise authority over the man.
11. God’s plan for church organization calls for elders to be the shepherds with deacons, preacher(s), teachers, and all members under their oversight.
12. Congregations are commanded by God to withdraw fellowship from members who walk disorderly.

Name and Date: _____

Thank you! We look forward to seeing your responses.

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