

Central Baptist Church

“Loving God, Loving People, Serving the World”

With a long history in the downtown area of Springfield, Illinois, Central Baptist Church finds itself in an intersection of exciting and challenging ministry. To continue our presence in downtown Springfield, as well as our rural campus in New Berlin, we are looking for a creative, strong leader who will help us adapt to the changes brought through this season of Covid, as well as strengthening our aging congregation through growth and discipleship.

The foundation and history of our church lies in missionary endeavor through planting churches, strong involvement in international missions and servicing our local community in the love and name of Jesus Christ. As we look ahead we see potential in both campuses (which are unique unto themselves) and we are overwhelmed with the possibilities of ministry in reaching out into these communities, and need YOUR help in prioritizing and implementing the mission God would have for us.

Downtown Campus

There is a rich history and tradition in serving the downtown Springfield area. Located right across from the Governor's mansion and 2 blocks from the Capital Building, Central decided a number of years ago to stay downtown while some other churches have left for the West Side of Springfield. Our mission in downtown Springfield is not completed. This decision leads us to the practical issues of reaching those living downtown (apartment buildings), the nearby residential areas, the businesses in the downtown area, and being present in downtown activities.

New Berlin Campus

On January 3, 2010, United Baptist Church in New Berlin merged with Central Baptist Church to become one church family in 2 locations. Over the last decade some wonderful ministry has happened in New Berlin, particularly with a youth ministry that grew and students who served at Camp Barnabas and attended an annual Youth Event in Florida. With the coming of COVID, the ministry in New

Berlin dissipated almost completely. We are now seeking to rebuild this campus and have great hopes of being a strong presence for God's Kingdom as we reach out into New Berlin and the surrounding communities.

What Central Baptist Church Desires In a New Lead Pastor

Central Baptist's Lead Pastor gives spiritual oversight to the congregation, using God-given gifts, and personal skills, in the leadership of worship, teaching, prayer, vision and outreach of the church. Working with other staff and the Leadership Coordination Team, the Lead Pastor is responsible to keep the church focused on the mission of the church.

As we have looked at Central's leadership needs, the following are some of the strengths we are looking for in our next Lead pastor:

- **Leadership** - a strong leader who has experience leading and guiding a church and can connect the strengths of the congregation to the vision of Central.
- **Vision** - To be able to see the uniqueness of our ministry setting and possibilities of ministry as we seek to follow Jesus and communicate a vision the whole of the church can rally around.
- **Church Planting/Evangelism** - Because of the uniqueness of our 2 campuses and the needs of each to reach out beyond itself in new ways, a new pastor must have an evangelistic mindset/gifting.
- **Preaching/Communication** - To connect the congregation to the Word of God and be able to communicate the truth of God's Good News to those both inside and outside the church.
- **Relational** - We want to know our Lead Pastor so that we can walk side-by-side in ministry and care for one another. We are in this together.
- **Energetic** - We know the work to be done is extensive and it will take a strong and energetic person to lead Central Baptist Church.

Qualifications:

If Interested, please send your resume, a statement of faith and a link to a worship service and preaching video to: leadpastorsearch@cbcchurchfamily.org