

First Church of God | St. Johns, Michigan

Currently seeking a full-time pastor

St. Johns, Michigan, often referred to as the "Mint City," is a charming small town located in Clinton County. Known for its rich agricultural heritage, particularly its historical significance in mint farming, St. Johns offers a welcoming community with a blend of rural charm and modern amenities. The town boasts picturesque parks, family-friendly events, and a strong sense of community spirit, making it an ideal place for both residents and visitors to experience the warmth and hospitality of Mid-Michigan.

The local schools in St. Johns are highly regarded, providing excellent educational opportunities and fostering a supportive environment for students to thrive academically and personally. Additionally, St. Johns benefits from its convenient proximity to Lansing, the state capital, and Grand Rapids, one of Michigan's largest cities. This prime location offers residents easy access to a wider range of cultural, educational, and employment opportunities, enhancing the appeal of this delightful community.

St. Johns Church of God

- This congregation has been growing for over 100 years and is dedicated to consistent growth and open to change.
- We have worshipped and served God at our current location since 1974.
- Our present facilities were constructed mostly through the combined service and work of congregants.
- The congregation is financially healthy.
- The congregation enjoys gathering in various ways, including Sunday morning pre-service coffee hour, an annual July 4th fireworks viewing party for the community, and annual summer picnics and Christmas banquets.
- The church organization is led by a Board of Directors with the pastor as executive.
- The Board works in partnership with the pastoral staff to embody the character of Christ.
- In February 2023, NXTStep Church Services completed a full church assessment.
- The Church congregation has been eagerly and actively developing ministry teams (worship team, first impressions team, outreach teams, prayer teams, financial teams, security teams, etc.) to develop and foster the Church culture.

Pastoral Call

- We recognize a pastor as someone who feels and is actively pursuing a calling.
- We believe God is preparing the person who will be our next pastor.
- We are seeking God's leadership in guiding us to that person.
- We are seeking a full-time pastor who:
 - Willingly submits to spiritual guidance.
 - Is credentialed, or is willing to enter the process of being credentialed, by the Church of God Credentials Committee.
 - Has or is seeking appropriate education in the biblical, theological, and practical aspects of ministry.
 - Understands the importance of technology to contemporary church worship and outreach.

- We are seeking a Pastor who understands the congregation's desire to actively participate in ministry and outreach, rather than relying solely on the Pastor to perform the work of the Church body.

Pastoral Character

- We believe that the character of a pastor is vital and must reflect scriptural guidelines.
- We are seeking a pastor who:
 - Biblically teaches with the capacity to engage the hearts and minds of those seeking God, and to educate and challenge toward spiritual growth.
 - Is a Holy Spirit disciple of Jesus who emphasizes prayer and biblical soundness.
 - Is a community-minded leader who actively engages in ministry inside and outside the church walls.
 - Is a listener who is able to provide congregational care.
 - Is able to see and respond to people with compassion, care, and sound instruction.
 - Is a good communicator.
 - Has emotional intelligence and a commitment to on-going personal growth and maturity.
 - Is genuine, nonjudgmental, and humble.
 - Provides visionary leadership and is willing to take risks and go where God leads.

Pastoral Benefits

- Sabbatical, continuing education assistance as well as others to be discussed further. Non-monetary benefits stem from a caring congregation (meal trains, cutting and delivering firewood, fall clean-up assistance, etc.)

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