

**Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church  
8181 Beaver Dam Road  
Autryville, North Carolina 28318**

**Pastoral Search Announcement**

**Overview:**

Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church is actively seeking a Pastor called by God to help us thrive and lead our congregation to a closer relationship with the Lord in addition to serving the community. We are a rural church located in Autryville, North Carolina (Cumberland County). We have a service-oriented congregation, seeking to grow spiritually and numerically.

We have a deep commitment to Jesus Christ. We are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church's mission is to lead people to Jesus Christ, equip them with the tools to grow spiritually, and send them out to serve Christ, the church, the community, and one another.

In efforts to continue the mission, we seek a relevant preacher who is passionate and interested in a long-term relationship with Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church. This person will be the spiritual leader and as such, should be one who is an empowering educator with strong skills in discipleship, stewardship, and community involvement.

The pastor should have dynamic preaching skills, a progressive and inclusive theology, strong organizational skills, fiscal acuity, and be adept at working with diverse populations.

## **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Serve as spiritual leader for the congregation and interpret Biblical scripture for the congregation.
- Plan and conduct regular worship services, as well and take part as visiting minister when invited to area churches.
- Serve as ambassador of Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church in the community.
- Conduct counseling sessions, perform special services such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion.
- Preside over church business meetings.
- Oversee the training and work of the Deacons, Trustees, and those in leadership roles as they perform their assigned responsibilities.
- Lead Bible Study and New Members classes, or designate this responsibility as needed.

## **Potential Candidate Qualifications:**

- Must have a minimum of 1 – 5 years Pastoral Experience
- Must be licensed and ordained as a Baptist minister with broad knowledge of Missionary Baptist doctrines, policies, practices, and Christian Education.
- Possess strong written and oral communication skills.
- Be supportive of various ministries of the church.
- Demonstrate visionary leadership to grow church membership.
- Must believe in the birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Holy Bible and willing to continue learning and growing in the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Must be able to effectively teach as well as preach God's Word.
- Must be family and community oriented.
- Must be willing and able to teach and/or attend Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Bible Study; visit sick and shut in, and support church functions.
- Must be able to clearly share one's vision for the spiritual, intellectual, physical and financial growth of the church.
- Must be willing to submit to a criminal background check.
- Will conduct worship service on a weekly basis.
- Carry out administrative and strong leadership duties.
- Ability to communicate and work with all age levels.
- Participate in outreach ministries.

## **Application Process:**

**The potential candidate must submit the following items listed below to the Pastoral Search Committee:**

1. Cover Letter Stating (a) your interest in pastoring Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church, and (b) a description of your call to ministry (c) Name, address, and telephone number of previous or current church affiliation.
2. A current resume
3. Proof of religious credentials (license/ordination)
4. Four Reference Letters from each of the following:
  - a. Your pastor
  - b. A fellow Clergyperson
  - c. 2 Personal References

References must include name, address, email address (if applicable), and telephone number.

**Completed packets should be mailed and postmarked by May 1, 2023 to the address below:**

Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church  
Attention: Pastoral Search Committee  
P.O. Box 39  
Autryville, North Carolina 28318

**Or**

**Completed packets should be emailed by May 1, 2023 to the email address below:**

ChristianLightMBChurch1@gmail.com