

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church is Accepting Applications for a Pastor

Title: Pastor, Full-time

We seek a full-time pastor for Milledge Avenue Baptist Church (MABC). The pastor will be expected to provide genuine pastoral care; present engaging and effective sermons; and possess expertise in biblical scholarship. Candidates should be ordained in ministry and possess a seminary degree. Candidates with a master's degree or higher level of education are preferred. More details about our church and about the pastor we are seeking are below. *Please send letters of interest and a resume to our Search Committee at mabcpastorsearch2021@gmail.com Priority consideration will be given to candidates who submit materials before or by August 1.*

About MABC

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church is a community of believers that have made our home near Five Points in Athens and who belong to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We are called to serve each other and all of our community in Christian love. We are known in our community as a mission focused church and a church who seeks partnerships with other faith and civic organizations to meet human needs. The members of Milledge Avenue Baptist Church believe in the love of God for all persons, and we believe that inclusion is central to the gospel call "to love." We are committed to providing equal access and participation in all facets of the life and ministry of our church (including, but not limited to, membership, baptism, ordination, marriage, teaching, staffing, and leadership) without regard to ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, or gender expression. We hold several other core values:

- The Bible is God's written word.
- Christians are free to interpret the scripture as led by the Holy Spirit.
- The local church is free to choose its direction under God's guidance
- We receive salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Baptism by immersion is Christ's example, but like the early church, we recognize baptism by sprinkling and pouring.
- All people can be called equally for special Christian service.
- Our mission is to evangelize and meet human needs.
- Our giving of monies, prayers, and work support Christ's mission, evangelism, education, and discipleship.

About Our New Pastor

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church seeks a full-time pastor who will inspire and guide us in our journey with Christ. Our pastor will have a vital walk with Jesus demonstrated by faithfulness, humility, passion for the Gospel, and an appreciation for God's grace. Our pastor will be the primary leader, teacher, and visionary for our congregation and will have a broad responsibility for the spiritual welfare, growth and life of the church. In addition we seek a pastor who will:

- Embrace our open door, welcoming, and tolerant culture
- Guide our congregation in building Christian community within and between members
- Lead us in clarifying and renewing our vision
- Inspire us to love our neighbors as Christ commanded through fellowship, service, and missions
- Help us grow our membership utilizing our existing ministries for senior adults and young families
- Love our church and surrounding community of Athens
- Share with us the spiritual gifts of faith, leadership, teaching, preaching and evangelism
- Be highly skilled with leadership competencies in the following areas: Managing vision and purpose, priority setting, organizing, collaborating, and planning