

Interim Profile February, 2021

First Christian Church (FCC) Disciples of Christ, Bonner Springs, Kansas

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We are seeking a part time experienced interim minister while we continue to seek a full-time pastor.

Our goals for the interim time are:

1. Improve and develop communications among our Glorify, Grow, Go, Gather, and Guide ministries; committees; members and staff.
2. Maintain congregational life and ministries without interruption.
3. Lead us through this transition and our search for the Pastor God wants us to find.
4. Assess our current operations and practices and create an environment of new thinking to motivate participation, attendance, and stewardship.
5. Develop bridges between all age groups participating in the life of First Christian Church.

These goals are essentially the same for a long-term pastorate.

Average worship attendance: We have not met in person since early March 2020 due to the pandemic. A worship service, including prayer, music, scripture, sermon, and communion is videotaped weekly and posted on YouTube. It is viewed from 65 to 80 times each week; we have no way of knowing how many people are watching each view. Our Elders hold a Health and Wellbeing service twice a month on Zoom.

Our mission is:

To win people to faith in Jesus Christ, help them grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, equip them for the task of building the kingdom of God through service, prayer and love, and to encourage equality among all people.

Our vision is:

It is the vision of the First Christian Church of Bonner Springs to prepare a place where hungry souls can feast on the Bread of Life and in turn, joyfully share this Bread with many others who also hunger.

Talents or skills we would want in an interim pastor are:

1. Creative sermons that motivate and inspire. However, the interim pastor will share preaching duties with two ordained associate pastors and some of our Elders.
2. A “people person” who is dynamic and outgoing and who communicates the love of God to each and every person with whom they have contact.
3. A person with strong administrative skills, experienced at managing a small staff and possessing an understanding of technology to better increase FCC’s outreach.
4. A person with the ability to communicate well across a multi-generational congregation with a track record of energizing congregations and developing successful churches.