

# *Christ Presbyterian Church*

## *Pastor Candidate Profile*

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### **Our Mission:**

Christ Presbyterian Church exists to glorify, worship and know God by proclaiming His grace and ministering to the surrounding community.

### **Our History:**

The seed that would later become Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) was planted when a family from Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church in Peachtree City, GA, wrote a letter to the Elders encouraging them to plant a church in the Newnan/East Coweta area. The congregation was surveyed and several families emerged to form a core group for the new plant. In October 1996, this group began to meet, pray, and plan for the new congregation.

Bob Orner was called to be the Organizing Pastor in July 1998.

CPC held its first public worship service in March of 1999. God blessed CPC with steady growth and a solid community. In October 2000, we were asked to partner with Perimeter Ministries International (PMI). PMI was a network of churches committed to bringing the people of greater Atlanta into life-changing encounters with the Kingdom of God.

CPC particularized as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America Sunday, June 2, 2002. As a result of strategic planning and recasting of vision, it was decided to change the name of the church from Christ Church Newnan, to Christ Presbyterian Church.

In October of 2007, CPC secured a site to build. This beautiful four acre plot is located on Shenandoah Blvd. and sits alongside the 15<sup>th</sup> green of the White Oak Golf Course. In August 2009, Christ the King Charismatic Episcopal Church graciously offered to share their building with us, rent-free for two years, to enable us to more quickly pursue building our facility. Meeting at Christ the King has required us to change our gathering time from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

In October 2009, founding Pastor Bob Orner announced that he would be resigning as Lead Pastor, effective 12/31/09. He has been called to serve as the Director of Training for Global Church Advancement.

### **Our City:**

CPC is located in Newnan, GA, a city with small town charm, historic character, and ample modern conveniences. Newnan is located approximately 40 miles southwest of Atlanta and is one of the fastest growing cities in Georgia. With Atlanta growing southward, there are many new people moving into the area served by CPC. For more information about Newnan, please visit [www.mainstreetnewnan.com](http://www.mainstreetnewnan.com).

## **Our Ideal Candidate:**

### **Ministerial Requirements**

1. Candidate must meet the requirements of 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
2. Candidate must be an ordained Teaching Elder in good standing with a Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) Presbytery, with at least 3 years of church leadership experience.
3. Candidate must be committed to Reformed Theology and the system of doctrine set forth in the Westminster Standards.

### **Personal Qualities**

1. Candidate must be a married man, preferably between 30 – 55 years of age.
2. Candidate's family must demonstrate loving Christian hospitality.
3. Candidate must be able to motivate and lead people with a shepherd's heart.
4. Candidate must be able to demonstrate an evangelistic lifestyle.
5. Candidate must be a man of prayer.
6. Candidate must be a committed and capable visitor among the flock.

### **Candidate Strengths – listed below are the top six strengths desired in the new Lead Pastor for CPC, in no particular order:**

1. Preaching
  - a. The Word of God is preached with urgency and conviction, bringing it to bear on the changing needs of individuals, the community, and the world.
  - b. Preparation for the Preaching of the Word takes a high priority in the Lead Pastor's time scheduling.
2. Teaching
  - a. The Lead Pastor accepts an active teaching role in the congregation to include: Expositing the Word, Theological Concepts, and Contextualizing Church History and Current Events
  - b. The Lead Pastor provides instruction for church officers, educational leaders, new members and inquirers.
  - c. The Lead Pastor provides leadership in the training of elders and deacons.
3. Discipleship & Shepherding
  - a. The Lead Pastor and the session encourage relationships within the church, with the goal of spiritual growth, especially in those new to the faith.
  - b. The Lead Pastor equips Community Group Leaders to effectively shepherd their groups and develops/determines the training material for them.
4. Fellowship
  - a. The Lead Pastor participates in and encourages genuine community within the church that leads to the inclusion of outsiders.
  - b. The Lead Pastor is actively engaged in a Community Group.
  - c. The Lead Pastor provides a systematic plan for visitation of the congregation, especially those with special needs and prospective members.
5. Evangelism
  - a. The Lead Pastor encourages the congregation to share their faith in Jesus as personal savior in both proclamation and deed and lives it out himself.
  - b. The Lead Pastor equips the congregation to establish effective evangelism programs for the church.
6. Worship
  - a. The Lead Pastor understands that the Christian life is to be one of constant worship and regularly clarifies the doctrine of worship for the congregation.