

**Dec 24, 2022**

**Community Church at Sun Village, Surprise Arizona is seeking a Senior Pastor**

**Community Church is a non-denominational church – See our “Basis of Fellowship” below**

- He must be gifted to both passionately preach the Gospel of grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone - as well as shepherd, counsel, and comfort those who are in their autumn years - primarily in our church, but also to residents of our very active retirement community.
- He will be our sole, “almost full-time” pastor, supported by a church administrative assistant.
- Our ideal candidate will be between 65 and 70 years old and already live in the Northwest Phoenix Valley – or ready to move into our little “Piece of Paradise” of 1382 single-family homes, patio homes and condominiums.
- Sun Village is a very active age-qualified (55+) retirement community in Surprise, Arizona, between Sun City West and Sun City Grand. Follow this link to the official Sun Village website: <https://sunvillage.org/>
- Here is a second, independent website that also has an excellent description of our community: <https://www.55places.com/arizona/communities/sun-village>
- Our church services and activities meet primarily in the Sun village Community Center. Follow this link to our church website: <https://communitychurchsv.com/>
- Our church members are over 55 years old, with an average age of about 75.
- Average attendance varies with season. From October through April, about 100 attend worship. From May through September, about 40.
- Community Church was organized in 1987 and has had only four pastors – all men who previously served as senior pastors but were still called to preach and lead a local church. Every previous pastor was cherished by our church and left us only due to health or other family priorities.
- We are congregational form of church government, with a Church Board, elected by the Congregation, responsible to work in unity with the pastor for the spiritual welfare of the church and its members, and for the direction of the Church.
- The pastor's duties consist of preaching and teaching the Word of God, leading worship, spiritual counseling, conducting funeral services, administering the ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and even occasionally, performing a marriage. The pastor shall give spiritual oversight to the entire church as the "shepherd of the flock," The pastor presides over all public services and meetings of the church and is an ex-officio member of all boards and committees of the church.
- Compensation will reflect the candidate’s existing Medicare coverage, his existing retirement planning, and the opportunity to shepherd mostly mature believers.

- Our Basis of Fellowship
  - We are a non-denominational fellowship: The members and friends of the church come to Sun Village from various geographical locations and church backgrounds.
  - We recognize the infallible inspiration and sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures as the rule of faith and practice.
  - We recognize that only persons can be members of the Church who have repented of their sins and have trusted in Christ for their personal salvation.
  - Such persons must be able to make a good profession of their faith, declaring that they know in their own hearts that they have truly repented and are truly trusting Christ, and have the witness, in a measure, of the Holy Spirit in their life.
  - All other questions of every kind shall be held to be matters of opinion and not matters that are essential to Church unity.
- Our Statement of Faith
  - We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
  - We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
  - We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, and in His bodily resurrection.
  - We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
  - We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
  - We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: that they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
  - We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - We believe in and practice two ordinances:
    - water baptism upon confession of faith in Christ as personal savior - the outward expression of our inward experience of salvation;
    - and the Lord's Supper - as an open Communion for all true believers.

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