

St. John's (Burry's) United Evangelical Protestant Church



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A Grace Driven Family of God

Church Background

The Congregation of St. John's (Burry's) Church is searching for a Senior Pastor to lead our Church. We are located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh. We are an independent, conservative congregation with a German Reformed tradition.

Our church was founded in 1835 by a group of 30 families. They first met in the home of F. Burry and at once decided to erect a church and purchased one acre from Swiss F Burry for \$10.00. This being the reason for our nickname, Burry's Church. The second church was dedicated in 1859. Our current church building was dedicated on November 18, 1928.

We are a church located in a rural community. We have been blessed with 30 plus acres and our property includes not only the church, but a parsonage, picnic shelter, playground, sand volleyball court and a softball field. There is also a campsite in our woods.

We have Sunday School Classes at 9:30 for all ages and one Worship service at 10:30. Our worship style in a blend of traditional hymns accompanied by organ or piano and more contemporary praise songs all to the praise and glory of God.

Our Church Council which is made up of 2 Elders, 3 Deacons and 6 Trustees. In addition to our Senior Pastor, we have a Family and Youth Pastor and a secretary. We have active ministries for men, women and all age group youths. We are a church that wants to grow both spiritually and in numbers. We are active in our community and seek a spiritual leader who can better equip us to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all we encounter. Are you the candidate that God is leading to fulfill this need? We are praying for you and are anxious to hear from you.

The Doctrinal Basis for St. John's (Burry's) Church

1. We believe in one God who eternally exists in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We receive and hold the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice, according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death and atonement, bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father.
4. We believe that man, created in the image of God, was tempted by Satan and fell, and because of his consequent depravity, requires regeneration by the Holy Spirit for Salvation.
5. We believe that marriage was instituted by God to be between one man (by birth) and one woman (by birth) as the foundation for the family.
6. We believe that salvation consists in the remission of sins, the imputation of Christ's righteousness and the gift of eternal life, received by faith alone, apart from works.
7. We believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer empowering him to live a godly life and grow in sanctification.
8. We believe in the imminent, visible, personal return of Jesus Christ in power and glory.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the eternal life of the saved and the eternal punishment of the lost.

10. We believe in the doctrine taught in the Heidelberg Catechism and require our youth to be instructed in that document.

11. Our highest aim is the worship of God in spirit and in truth, the advancement of the Christian Life through the preaching of the Gospel, the administration of the Holy Sacraments and Christian instruction in Church and School.

St. Johns (Burry's) Church
Senior Pastor's Job Description

Job Title: Senior Pastor

Reports To: Church Council

Position Status: Full Time

Character - The Senior Pastor of St. John's (Burry's) Church will -

1. Demonstrate a clear testimony of faith and a passionate devotion to Christ and His Church
2. Exemplify the Biblical leadership qualities of an elder / overseer found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Peter 5:1-5
3. Maintain a strong devotional life of worship, prayer and personal study of God's Word resulting in a deepening spirituality and relationship with Christ
4. Live out and teach a lifestyle of adherence to Biblical standards of morality, ethics and fruit of the Spirit.
5. Accomplish his responsibilities as a shepherd of God's flock with a spirit of humility, compassion, wisdom, honesty, integrity and unity as a servant leader.

6. Possess strong interpersonal skills, being able to relate to all age groups, keep confidences and the ability to share his ministry with elders and staff members, as part of a ministry team.

Qualifications - The Senior Pastor of St. John's (Burry's) Church will -

1. Fulfill the Biblical qualifications of 1 Timothy 3: 1-7 and Titus 1:5-9
2. Be able to minister in accordance to the St. John's (Burry's) Church Constitution.
3. Possess an MDiv or equivalent from a conservative, accredited seminary
4. Have significant pastoral and preaching experience (5 years minimum preferred).
5. Possess the ability to preach clear, engaging, God honoring, Gospel-centered Biblical sermons, with relevant application to all age groups.
6. Have a proven track record of committed, compassionate and effective pastoral oversight.
7. Be competent in administrative, managerial and technological skills.

Responsibilities - The Senior Pastor of St. John's (Burry's) Church will -

1. Provide vision, understanding, encouragement and oversight for church leadership, including the Family and Youth Pastor, staff and congregants. Identify, develop and organize ministry opportunities for edification and outreach that will help build relationships within the church and the community.
2. Preach God's Word at worship services and special events of the church, preparing and working with other worship leaders.
3. Model and encourage prayer. Actively engaging in the lives of the flock, to pray for health, spiritual well being and special circumstances.

4. Teach the scriptures in large and small group settings as part of the church's ministry of edification and evangelism.
5. Administer the Holy Sacraments in conformity to the Holy Scriptures.
6. Provide personal and premarital counseling.
7. Serve as spiritual advisor at council and committee meetings. Being available to lead in training of assigned duties as needed.
8. Perform wedding ceremonies and conduct funerals.
9. Visit members, shut-ins and the sick.
10. Provide spiritual training for our youth and potential new members through the teaching of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Please submit resumes and other applicable information to:

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