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CHURCH PROFILE FORM

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(www.pcaac.org/get-involved/pastoral-job-positions/)

PART I -- BASIC DATA

1. NAME OF CHURCH: Grace Coastal Church PCA

ADDRESS: Physical Address: 15 Williams Dr., Okatie, SC 29909 Mailing Address: PO Box 346, Okatie, SC 29910

TELEPHONE: 843-379-5520

PRESBYTERY: Lowcountry Presbytery

2. NAME OF PULPIT COMMITTEE CONTACT PERSON: Art Reeves (Chairman)

MAILING ADDRESS: 45 Falmouth Way

Bluffton, SC 29909

TELEPHONE: (843) 707-1758

EMAIL: psc@gracecoastalchurch.org

3. TYPE OF COMMUNITY

- Inner City _____
- Urban (Downtown) _____
- Urban (Residential) _____
- Suburban _____
- Small Town X
- Rural _____
- College _____
- Retirement X
- Resort/Recreational X
- Agriculture _____

4. TYPE OF CHURCH

- Church with Multiple Staff X
- Church with Solo Pastor _____
- Mission Church _____
- Non-PCA Church _____
- Overseas Church _____

5. SIZE CHURCH

- Under 100 members X
- 101-250 members X
- 251-500 members _____
- 501-800 members _____
- 801-1,000 members _____
- 1,001-1,600 members _____
- Over 1,600 members _____

6. TYPE OF POSITION VACANT

Pastor (Solo)	_____
Senior Pastor	_____ x _____
Associate Pastor	_____
Assistant Pastor	_____
Interim or Supply	_____
Lay Professional	_____
(e.g. Educator, Musician)	_____
Pastoral Counselor	_____

7. CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Average Attendance	_____ 90 _____
# of Adults over 65	_____ 56% _____
# of Adults under 65	_____ 28% _____
# of Teens	_____ 7% _____
Number of Children	_____ 7% _____

8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Income	_____ \$475,000 _____
Benevolent Disbursements	_____ in Church Profile _____
Church Expenses	_____ in Church Profile _____
Ministers Compensation Package	_____ TBD _____

9. MANSE:

(a) Does the church have a manse? ___ Yes No (b) If "yes," is the pastor expected to live in the manse? ___ Yes No

10. SCHOOL:

Does the church own or operate a school? ___ Yes No

11. PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

in Church Profile, web site	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**PART II -- PASTOR CRITERIA DESIRED
(Check all that apply)**

A. YEARS OF MINISTRY EXPERIENCE REQUIRED (may include ordained or nonordained experience):

None needed	_____
1-5	_____
5-10	_____ x _____
10-20	_____ x _____
Over 20	_____ x _____
No preference	_____

B. Marital Status:

Single	_____
Married	_____
No preference	_____ x _____

PART III -- CONGREGATIONAL PRIORITIES

THE CONGREGATION PLACES PRIORITIES FOR THIS MINISTER ON THE FOLLOWING:

Check no more than six (6) of the following twenty activities to indicate the highest priorities for this ministerial position.

CHECK NO MORE THAN SIX (6)

1. **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP:** Pastor and Session work to develop a rich worship life, educating the congregation for meaningful participation.
2. **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:** 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. High priority of pastor's time placed on sermon preparation.
3. **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS:** Pastor shares members' struggles regarding the Christian faith, with opportunity provided for individuals and groups to reflect on beliefs, concerns, doubts regarding Christian understanding of the spiritual dimensions of life.
4. **CONGREGATIONAL VISITATION:** Church officers and pastor develop and carry out a systematic plan for visitation of the entire congregation with special attention to prospective members and those with special needs.
5. **HOSPITAL OR EMERGENCY VISITATION:** Those in hospitals or emergency situations are regularly visited; network developed to keep pastor and others informed of crisis situations; needs of ill or bereaved are met.
6. **CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP:** Emphasis placed in developing fellowship, helping members to know one another; groups encouraged which give members the opportunity to love and support one another.
7. **COUNSELING SERVICE:** A counseling program initiated for assisting those in and outside the Church; appropriate referrals made when needed.
8. **EVANGELISM:** Pastor and congregation share faith in Christ as personal Savior in total lifestyle; seek to lead others within and outside the Church to accept Jesus Christ; congregation is informed, trained, helped to establish effective evangelism programs for the church.
9. **DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING**
10. **ENCOURAGING THE MINISTRY OF THE LAITY:** Creative ideas and directions developed together with the Session; many persons with appropriate skills stimulated to become involved in services.
11. **MISSION BEYOND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:** Awareness of the Church's worldwide mission and opportunities for corporate and individual involvement; specific projects identified: persons challenged to support, study and/or visit mission programs on six continents.
12. **DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM:** Session and pastor identify the educational needs of persons of all ages and backgrounds, developing programs to meet needs; church education supported; educational goals are congruent with the total mission of the Church.
13. **TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY:** Pastor accepts an active teaching role, interpreting and teaching the Scriptures, theological concepts, history of the Church and current events; provides instruction for Church Officers; educational leaders, and confirms new members.
14. **INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND ACTIVITIES:** Concern for identifying social problems in the community; work done with groups seeking solutions. Time and skills committed to community groups. Information and encouragement provided which enable members to become informed and involved.

- 15. ___ CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION: Two-way communication encouraged, information gathered and shared that will assist problem solving and decision making; varying opinions elicited and all encouraged to listen to opposing points of view.
- 16. ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP: Pastor accepts appropriate administrative responsibilities, in climate of delegated tasks and shared leadership; volunteers and professional staff encouraged to use their ideas and skills. Work done on developing accountability.
- 17. ___ STEWARDSHIP AND COMMITMENT PROGRAMS: Session and pastor develop a planned stewardship education program to communicate the financial needs of the local church and mission beyond the local church; congregation challenged to commitment to Church's work.
- 18. ___ EVALUATION OF PROGRAM AND STAFF: Systematic procedures used to evaluate programs and staff performance in accord with goals and objectives. Others trained to use these skills. Regular assessment and evaluation.
- 19. ___ CONGREGATIONAL AND DENOMINATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: Value placed on balance between local church and Assembly responsibilities. Congregation and Session know and are involved in the work of the denomination.
- 20. ___ DIACONAL MINISTRIES: Ministering to the needs of those inside and outside of the Church.

PART IV -- PASTORAL MINISTRY STRENGTHS OR EXPERIENCE DESIRED

Please check **NO MORE THAN SIX (6)** primary pastoral ministry strengths or experience expected for this position.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preaching | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teaching | ___ Evangelism | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discipleship | ___ Worship Leadership |
| ___ Team Work | ___ Counseling | ___ Youth Work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership Training | ___ Church Administration |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christian Education | ___ Singles Ministry | ___ Stewardship | ___ Diaconal Ministry | ___ Ministry to Seniors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Visitation | ___ Community Service | ___ College & Career Ministry | | |

GRACE COASTAL CHURCH

Gospel Transformation in Us and Through Us



CHURCH PROFILE SUMMARY

The purpose of this profile is designed to provide you and your family with a high-level overview of who we are as a church—our values, heritage, worship styles, and the beautiful community we call home in the heart of the Lowcountry.

The Pastoral Search Committee

Grace Coastal Church
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From Our Pastor Search Committee

Thank you for taking the time to review our request for a senior pastor. This profile is designed to provide you and your family with a high-level overview of who we are as a church—our values, heritage, worship styles, and the beautiful community we call home in the heart of the Lowcountry.

Our congregation remains in prayerful anticipation, trusting in God's perfect timing to reveal the minister He has chosen for us. Throughout the years, Grace Coastal Church has been richly blessed by the leadership of four exceptional ministers, each leaving a lasting impact on the spiritual growth and vitality of our church community.

We invite you to explore the accompanying information and visit our church website at www.gracecoastalchurch.com to learn more about our mission and vision. If the Lord is leading you to apply, please send the following to our Pulpit Search Committee Chair Art Reeves at psc@gracecoastalchurch.com.

- MDF (PCA Ministerial Data Form)
- Provide a cover letter explaining your qualifications, including the following:
 - Why do you see yourself (and your family) as a good fit for our church?
 - How does the gospel influence your relationship with God and with others?
 - What aspects of our church and community lead you to believe that God may call you our senior pastor?
- Links to three of your sermons

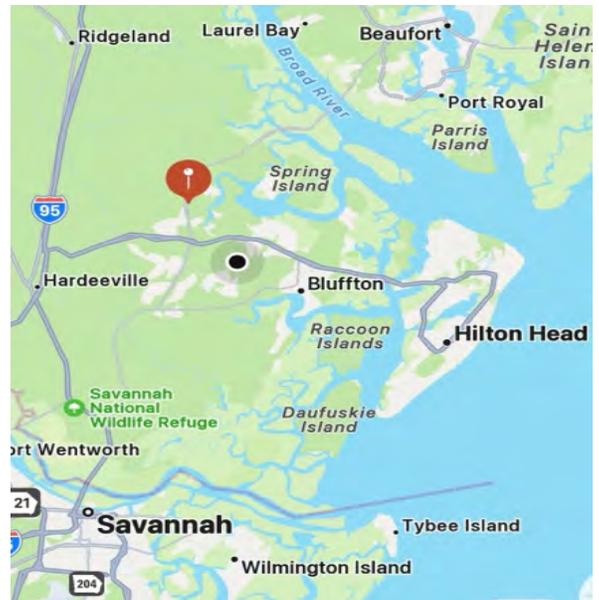
Thank you for your interest. We are faithfully trusting God to reveal the shepherd He has appointed to lead this flock.

In Christ,

Grace Coastal Church Pulpit Committee

We are located in the Heart of the Lowcountry.

Nestled in the center of Beaufort County, South Carolina, this region has earned its reputation as the “Heart of the Lowcountry.” With its strategic location and rich blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, Bluffton/Okatie is an ideal destination for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. It serves as a central hub to nearby Lowcountry towns and southeastern attractions, including Hilton Head Island, Beaufort City, Charleston, and Savannah.



A Bright Future

The growth of Beaufort County reflects the allure of the Lowcountry lifestyle. From Hilton Head’s picturesque shores to Bluffton’s blossoming neighborhoods and the expanding areas of Okatie and Hardeeville, the region thrives with opportunity. This growth extends to communities of faith, including Grace Coastal Church, which stands ready to embrace this season of expansion and connection.

Our Church Profile

Grace Coastal Church (GCC) was founded in 1998, originally known as Okatie Presbyterian. Our church has been a steadfast member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) since 1998 and is part of the Lowcountry Presbytery. The annual operating budget is \$475,000 and our church is debt-free. Full-time and part-time staff are employed to meet the needs of our members.

We are shaped by our unique demographics, located just a few miles from Sun City Hilton Head (a retirement community), nearly 50% of our congregation consists of retirees. This provides us with a wealth of time and talent dedicated to service, resulting in a strong focus on charity and local missions. Given the size of our church, we are engaged in a wide range of active ministries.

The church property sits on 12.5 acres and includes the main building, including the sanctuary, and one additional Christian Education building. Our members are young families, retirees, and local active-duty military. In addition, the church also accommodates the LearnTogether Lowcountry, a Christian homeschool group with over 200 children from 120 families.

Our Approach

Worship: We embrace an elder-led, informal liturgical worship style, rooted in historic Reformed liturgical traditions. As a community brought together in Christ from diverse backgrounds, our worship incorporates traditional elements, such as responsive readings and recited prayers, alongside contemporary features like modern instrumentation and musical styles. This blend seeks to unite the formal and traditional with the informal and contemporary.

Prayer: Jesus encourages us to talk with our Heavenly Father in spirit and truth. It is our privilege to communicate with God through prayer. Prayer is an essential element of our worship services, as we not only pray for God's redemptive work in our lives but also for others in need of God's help.



Evangelism: From the beginning, the heart of the church's mission has been the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ. Through our faith, we share the love of God, in deed, lifestyle, and word. Speak and they shall hear. It is a blessing to verbally explain the good news of the Bible to family, friends, and neighbors.

Fellowship: To love one another as a community of God's people, that Christ might be formed in us.

Discipleship: The church is responsible for developing and encouraging believers in Christ. In this we model Ephesians 4:11-12 and Colossians 1:28. We seek to train, develop, and mentor those who have trusted in Jesus. GCC encourages personal growth and discipline that will allow church members to reach out to others and form spiritual bonds.

Music: Great effort is taken to curate worship music that is true, accurate, applicable to life, and singable by the congregation. The music of the church is part of the worship offering of the congregation to the living God and must therefore be accessible by congregants while prioritizing robust theology, and biblical concepts.



We seek to strengthen the foundations of faith in the Lowcountry community through:

- Making disciples, baptizing, and teaching Jesus’ commands
- Seeking repentance and forgiveness of sins
- Evangelism by bearing witness to the testimony of Jesus
- Performing deeds in service to the message of Jesus
- Seeking forgiveness, reconciliation, and discipleship in the body of Christ

Active Ministries

Our members generously share their time and talents, actively participating in numerous ministries.

Women’s Bible Study

Hospitality Ministry

Widows of Worth Ministry

Men’s Bible Study

Youth Group

Greeters Ministry

Children’s Ministry

Learn Together Lowcountry

Community Groups

Worship Team Ministry Missions

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Operation Christmas Child

Back Pack Buddies

Godly Letters to Young Hearts

Prayer Team

Digital Disciples

Stephen Ministry

Women’s Radiance Center (Ministry Partner)

Approximate Annual Budget: \$475,000

Breakdown:

59%	Compensation expenses	2%	Insurance
4%	Administrative expenses	3%	General Assembly/ Presbytery expenses
0.5%	Worship expenses	1%	Fellowship expenses
8%	Professional expenses	8%	Building expenses
5%	Foreign Missions	3%	Educational expenses
5%	Local Missions		

There is a separately collected, distributed, and accounted Deacon’s Fund that disburses approximately \$10,000 per year.

Our Desired Strengths of a Senior Pastor

- Teaching responsibilities
- Preaching/Proclamation of the Word
- Congregational Fellowship
- Administrative Leadership
- Pastoral Care /Visitation
- Christian Education/Discipleship

Our Required Qualifications:

The senior pastor must have a Master of Divinity and be ordainable as a teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church in America.

Biblical in mind and body with the qualifications identified in 1 Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9

Leads worship services and adult education in collaboration with the Assistant Pastor and Elders.

Relationship builder - inside and outside the church

Once again, thank you for taking the time to read our church profile. Our church is steadfast in prayer as we trust God to guide us in appointing our next minister. If God leads you to apply, please be assured that the Pastoral Search Committee is committed to handling the process with diligence, maintaining your confidentiality, and keeping you informed of any relevant updates.

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