

## A CALL FOR THE NEW SENIOR PASTOR

Emerywood is a multi-generational church that believes our congregation's faith is nourished by the independent thoughts and contributions of each of our members. All congregants are challenged to evaluate how to live our lives as disciples. The doors of our church are open to all people: we ask only that you be open to learning about Christ's love for each of us. While we debate and disagree on theological topics, we remain steadfast in continued love and support for each other. We are affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and welcome collaboration from other Christian-based organizations.

Emerywood has been served by an intentional interim minister in the past year. We've hosted large and small group listening sessions, conducted surveys, and prayerfully meditated on God's call for the direction of our church. We are now ready to call a new Senior Pastor to lead Emerywood Baptist Church into the future.

**Our next Senior Pastor should be an engaging preacher and a challenging teacher.**

He or she should demonstrate a rich personal theology rooted in deep biblical knowledge informed by modern scholarship. We seek a Senior Pastor who will help us apply Christ's teachings to the concerns of the contemporary world. Our next Senior Pastor should teach and preach in ways that challenge our minds, open our hearts, and inspire us to live more like Christ.

**It is important that our Senior Pastor listens deeply and forms authentic lasting bonds with our congregation and community.** We believe that God's Word comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. We seek someone with such a pastor's heart that he or she can reach those who are seeking, lost, and hurting, so that they hear redemption and find hope in the Gospel. In addition we seek someone who fosters trust in the congregation in such a way that challenges us to push past our platitudes and niceties and lean into the vulnerability of living a life of faith.

**We seek a Senior Pastor who is collaborative, creative, and a partner with an inclusive ministry team.** He or she must be dynamic and welcome the challenges of

leadership in sustaining and growing our congregation into the future. The Church is eager to provide strong minds, bodies ready to serve and talented lay leaders waiting for direction. We believe challenging times have created a tremendous opportunity to strengthen our spiritual programming in order to reach all Christian families during the many stages of life's journey.

**Emerywood is committed to local, national and international missions.** Over the years we have sought ways to positively impact the most vulnerable among us. Our food pantry reaches over thirty families each month, we share our worship space with Congolese and Hispanic congregations, and we sponsor missionary families in Japan, Spain and Zambia. We seek a Senior Pastor who is excited to engage our local community and eager to build on this foundation. It is our hope that our next leader will energize and encourage us in the work of God for those inside and outside the church walls.

More than anything, **we seek a pastor who feels deeply called to Emerywood.** In return, our new Senior Pastor will find a congregation that surrounds them in love, faithfulness, and trust. We will nurture the ministry of our new Senior Pastor through prayer, friendship, and financial support. We believe we are entering a covenant between Pastor and Congregation, ordained by God to build up the Kingdom of God. We are excited to see where God is calling us.

If you are interested in becoming Emerywood Baptist Church's next Senior Pastor, please send your resume and cover letter to [emerywoodbaptistpastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:emerywoodbaptistpastorsearch@gmail.com). For more information, go to <https://emerywoodbaptistchurch.com>.