

Church History

The year 2017 will mark 148 years of existence for Star Pilgrim Baptist Church. The church has served the New Iberia community as a “spirit-filled church. Formerly known as *“The Old Ironside Baptist Church”*, it was founded in the year of our Lord 1869 by former slaves and the descendants of slave only four years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

During the establishment of the church, its founders chose the Rev. Jessie Giles to serve as their pastor for 28 years to their waiting congregation. Others to serve were Rev. A. J. Horton, 19 years; Rev. Prince Albert, 16 years; Rev. William Bowser, 2 years; Rev. John Parker, 24 years; Rev. Cyrus V. Jackson, 39 years; Rev. Adam Curley, 1 year as a supply minister; Rev. Ernest M. Davis, 10 months; Rev. Francis L. Davis, 10 years; Rev. Craig Gregory, 2 years; and Rev. Shawn P. Watson, 3.5 years. Star Pilgrim’s former pastors have richly blessed us with understanding the teachings, preaching and pastoral care.

While Star Pilgrim has a long illustrious history and rich tradition, we have seen the Lord God work mightily among us. We have had seasons of encouragement and seasons of trials, but through it all God remains faithful.

“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

Jeremiah 3: 15

Affiliations

Union Sixth District
Missionary Baptist
Association

Louisiana Baptist State
Convention

The National Baptist
Convention U.S.A., Inc.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

All information should be forwarded to:
Star Pilgrim Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee
P.O. Box 13055
New Iberia, LA 70562-3055

Contact Phone Numbers for questions:
(337) 224-2009 or (337) 967-8262

Star Pilgrim Baptist Church Pastoral Search



“The Church of the opened door, the loving heart, and the helping hand.”
Matthew 25: 35-40

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Star Pilgrim Baptist Church Pastoral Search

The pastoral search committee of Star Pilgrim Baptist Church of New Iberia, Louisiana is actively recruiting for the next Pastor of the congregation. The Committee believes that God has already selected a chosen Pastor and will reveal him through this process. He will be a spirit-filled leader who is thoroughly versed in the Scripture, a rooted in sound Baptist doctrine. It is important that applicants have served in churches similar in size to Star Pilgrim and possesses the administrative skill necessary to delegate responsibility to appropriate church support and staff members. Strong skills in finance and budget management are necessary to plan, prepare, and oversee our annual budget while shepherding the church toward its growth.

If the spirit of the Lord guides and directs you to apply, please respond to this calling. All responses will be kept in strictest of confidence. In requesting an application in your cover letter of interest, please submit: a) an updated resume; b) a photo; c) three (3) references; d) copies of certificates and degrees; e) evidence of your conversion and Baptist ordination; and f) memberships and affiliations, service groups, and other organizations and conventions. Any omissions subject your application to a void of consideration. **All submissions and requests will be acknowledged via postmark only. No hand deliveries** will be accepted. All request and returns can be mailed to the attention of:

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Pastoral Committee
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Deadline: March 17, 2017

Qualifications

Requirements of God

- Be an “overseer”
(Acts 20: 28a, 1 Peter 5: 2b)
- “Rule well”
(1 Timothy 5: 17, Hebrew 13: 7, 17)
- “Shepherd” the flock
(Acts 20: 28a, 1 Peter 5: 2a)
- Be an example
(1 Timothy 4: 12)
- Preach the Word
(2 Timothy 4: 2)
- Do the work of an evangelist
(2 Timothy 4: 5e)
- Pray for his flock
(Acts 6:4)
- Teach
(1 Timothy 3: 2; 4: 11)
- Care for and comfort the afflicted
(James 5: 14-15)
- Equip the church for ministry
(Ephesians 4: 11-12)
- Counsel the flock
(Acts 6: 2-3)
- Appoint leaders in the church
(Acts 6: 3)
- Watch over “soul” of the flock
(Hebrew 13: 17)
- Admonish the flock
(1 Thessalonians 5: 3)
- Protect the flock
(Acts 20: 28-30)

Biblical Requirements

- Must be a male (1 Timothy 3:1, 2b)
- Must the desire the work of a pastor
(1 Timothy 3: 1; Titus 1: 6a)
- Must be blameless
(1 Timothy 3: 2)
- Must the husband of one wife
(1 Timothy 3: 2c; Titus 1: 6b)
- Must be vigilant (drinking no wine)
(1 Timothy 3: 2c)
- Must be sober (prudent)
(1 Timothy 3: 2b)
- Of good behavior
(1 Timothy 3: 2b)
- Given to hospitality
(1 Timothy 3: 2b)
- Apt to teach (able to teach)
(1 Timothy 3: 2g)
- Not given to wine (not addicted to wine)
(1 Timothy 2: 3a)
- No striker (not quarrelsome)
(1 Timothy 3: 3b; Titus 1: 7f)
- Not greedy of filthy lucre
(2 Timothy 3: 3c; Titus 1: 7g)
- Patient (gentle, meek)
(1 Timothy 3: 3d)
- Not a brawler (quiet, peaceful)
(1 Timothy 3: 3e)
- Not covetous
(1 Timothy 3: 3f)
- Ruler of his house
(1 Timothy 3: 4a)
- Having his children under control with dignity
(1 Timothy 3: 4b)
- Not a novice (not covert)
(1 Timothy 3: 6a)
- Of a good report outside of the church
(1 Timothy 3: 7)