

OPEN BIBLE CHURCH

Dunning, Nebraska

Open Position: FULL TIME PASTOR

INTRODUCTION:

- Our congregation, membership and church board are saying farewell to their current pastor of nearly 20 years as they enter retirement.
- A Search Committee has been appointed to begin the formal process of seeking to fill the open position of pastorate.
- We are prayerfully believing God is leading and directing those He has chosen to lead our congregation in the many facets of ministry.
- Ministry desires could include: Youth outreach in community, families of children seeking inclusive fellowship, caring support for those hurting and seeking answers, contact and visitation of shut ins, encouragement to strengthen the faith of believers, spread the Gospel.
- We believe the challenges facing a small church in a rural area will be viewed as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks.

OVERVIEW:

- Dunning is located along Highway #2 in central Nebraska. The Sandhills consist of grass covered prairie land.
- Small Town America: Population numbers are decreasing (approximately 88), church attendance is small compared to our city cousin congregations.
- Sandhills Public Schools is a consolidated system that encompasses nearly 904 square miles. It includes the communities of Brewster, Dunning, Halsey, and Purdum. The high school is located in Dunning and is Grades 5-12 with 54 students. The elementary school is located in Halsey and is Grades K-4 with 34 students. The K-12 student/Teacher ratio is 5/1.
- The Sandhills schools celebrate being rated as a “Great” district according to the Nebraska Department of Education’s AQuESTT Accountability system. Further, the K-6 Elementary Grades are rated as “Excellent” which is the top rating an individual school can achieve.

- The Nebraska National Forest-Halsey is the world's largest man made forest (hand planted) and offers a unique environment to experience outdoor recreation, camping, hiking and hunting.
- The Sandhills Scenic Journey ByWay includes Dunning, as home of the Sandhills Heritage Museum, historic Community Hall, and known as the village nestled between two rivers, the Dismal and the Middle Loup.
- The nearest traffic light is 40 miles to the east (Broken Bow); Essential groceries and gasoline are within 2 minutes; necessary groceries are within 25 minutes; Hospital, Pharmacy, Fast food, and larger Grocery /deli conveniences are 40 minutes away. (speed limit is 65 mph)
- Financially, the church is debt free, supportive of Open Bible Standard Churches programs, missions oriented. Salary for pastor is comparable for the area.
- There are two churches in Dunning and share in joint community services (Easter and Christmas); Community Vacation Bible school, Youth Group, Awana Kids program, and Praise in the Park.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Minister to an established congregation
- Outreach potential in rural community
- Involvement in a friendly and neighborly minded community
- Community Services for large gatherings such as funerals, weddings, Blood Mobile, etc.

Facilities:

- Church - Sanctuary seats 100, 4 Restrooms, Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, 3 class rooms, nursery, library, pastors office.
- Parsonage - 3 bedroom 2 bath, attached garage, upper room for extra guests.
- Unattached garage/storage
Large backyard , developed garden, Middle Loup River.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

- Sunday School— Adult
- Sunday School— Children (one class)
- Call to Worship—overhead , video, piano, Clavinova (leadership is welcomed)
- Pastoral Preaching and Teaching

- **Awana—Wednesday after school, Community co-sponsored**

POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES:

- **Youth Group**
- **Midweek Bible Study**
- **Summer Youth Camp**
- **Retreats**
- **Mission trips**
- **Vacation Bible School (Community)**

CONTACT:

The Church Board eagerly awaits all applicants for the position of full time Pastor, available March 1, 2019.

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