



***Associate Pastor of Adult Ministry
First ARP Church - Gastonia, NC***

Position Summary: The Associate Pastor will assist the Senior Pastor in the spiritual leadership of First ARP Church by providing pastoral and ministry oversight with a general focus on those ages fifty and up. The successful candidate will:

- *Maintain a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Fulfill the character qualifications for elders found in the Scriptures*
- *Maintain a healthy personal and family life*
- *Have the ability to connect with and relate to all types of people*
- *Maintain a teachable spirit*
- *Have a heart for gospel-centered ministry in the local church*
- *Have a firm knowledge and belief in the holy and inspired Word of and the system of doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith.*

Primary Focus Areas

Teaching/Discipleship

- Teach regularly in the discipleship ministries of the church
- Train elders and deacons annually
- Lead regular Bible Study for seniors

Shepherding

- Regularly visit the members of our congregation for prayer and encouragement
- Follow up with those in personal crisis, offering prayer and counsel as needed
- Assist the elders in their shepherding responsibilities
- Mentor men within the church in coordination with the Men's Ministry
- Provide regular Scripture-based pastoral care and counseling to individuals, marriages, and families.

Worship and Leadership

- Assist the Senior Pastor in planning and leading corporate worship
- Preach approximately 8 times per year
- Serve as the Vice-Moderator of the Session

- Assist with planning and conducting funeral services
- All other duties as assigned by the Senior Pastor

Reporting Relationships

The Associate Pastor will report directly to the Senior Pastor and the Session of the Church.

Educational Requirements

Master of Divinity (MDiv) from an accredited seminary (or international equivalent)

Contact Information

If interested please send a resume and cover letter to 317firstarpchurch@gmail.com