

# Open Door Church

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Walhalla, SC 29691

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## **Position: Reports To:**

Senior Pastor – Full Time Elder Board

## **About us:**

Founded in September 1980, Open Door Church in Walhalla, SC, is a welcoming congregation with over 40 years of ministry and a strong commitment to serving its community. Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Oconee County, Walhalla is a charming small town known for its natural beauty, welcoming community, and rich history. This quaint town offers a peaceful setting with easy access to outdoor recreation, including nearby waterfalls, lakes, hiking trails, and scenic drives. Its historic downtown features local shops, restaurants, and cultural landmarks, creating a warm, small-town atmosphere that appeals to both residents and visitors. Open Door Church is committed to the mission of helping people discover and have life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ.

## **Position Summary:**

Open Door Church is prayerfully seeking a Senior Pastor who has a clear calling from God to pastoral ministry, is grounded in Scripture and committed to Baptist beliefs. The Senior Pastor will serve as the spiritual leader of the church, providing vision, biblical teaching, and pastoral oversight to the congregation. He is responsible for proclaiming the Gospel, equipping believers for ministry, leading the church in fulfilling its mission to reach the community, and growing disciples of Jesus Christ.

## **Qualifications:**

- Minimum of 5 years of pastoral ministry experience
- 2–3 years of seminary training preferred

## **Biblical Qualifications (1 Timothy 3:1-7):**

- Above reproach: a faithful, devoted husband.
- Self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, and able to teach.
- Gentle, not violent or quarrelsome: not a lover of money.
- Manages his household well and leads his family with integrity.
- Mature in faith, possessing a good reputation within and outside the church.

## **Personal & Professional Qualifications:**

- A strong family man who models Christlike love and leadership at home.
- A compassionate shepherd with a genuine love for people.
- A calling and passion for rural ministry.
- Demonstrated experience in preaching, pastoral care, and leadership.
- Alignment with the church's doctrine, mission, and values.

## **Mission Fit**

The Senior Pastor must be committed to guiding the church toward its core mission: **helping people discover and experience life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ**. He must lead with humility, vision, and a heart for spiritual transformation.

## **Work Schedule:**

Full-time position, including weekends and occasional evenings as required.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

### *Preaching and Teaching*

- Prepare and deliver biblically sound, Spirit-led sermons on a weekly basis
- Provide clear, engaging teaching that is rooted in Scripture
- Ensure doctrinal integrity in all teaching ministries of the church

### *Evangelism and Outreach*

- Lead the congregation in fulfilling the Great Commission through personal and corporate evangelism
- Encourage and model outreach to the local community and beyond
- Support and promote missions' efforts locally and globally

### *Pastoral Care*

- Provide spiritual care, counseling, and support to church members
- Conduct weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other pastoral duties
- Ensure members are visited in times of need (hospitalizations, crises, etc.)

### *Equipping the Saints*

- Train and develop members for ministry and leadership roles
- Mentor staff and ministry leaders
- Foster spiritual growth through discipleship and small group involvement

### *Leadership and Administration*

- Provide overall leadership and vision for the church
- Work collaboratively with church Elders, staff, and ministry teams
- Oversee church operations to ensure alignment with mission and values
- Serves on the board of The Learning Center Pre-school

Please submit applications to:

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