

## **PART-TIME/BIVOCATIONAL PASTOR**

### **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH - STATESVILLE, NC**

Grace Baptist Church of Statesville, NC is seeking a Part-time/Bi-vocational Pastor. We are a welcoming and affirming community of faith with an emphasis on servanthood, missions, and social justice. We are looking for a pastor who can be a minister to a church of lay ministers; a gifted pulpiteer who can convey God's love as revealed by Jesus, with a reverence for God's touch through other faith traditions; and a teacher who encourages open discussion, while understanding the importance of questioning and doubt. The right candidate will appreciate the value of both tradition and out-of-the-box thinking. He/she will be able to lead us in the art of pastoral care, as well as help us wrestle with the subtle nuances of Scripture and have the intellectual capacity to unravel great theology for the congregation's conventional consumption.

Grace was originally formed in 1970 as a unique expression of church within the Southern Baptist Convention. We are now aligned solely with the Alliance of Baptist and the Baptist Peace Fellowship. Although relatively small (50-60 average worship attendance), Grace seeks to leave a substantial footprint by supporting missions like the homeless and battered women's shelters of Fifth Street Ministries, food pantry and resource agency work of Iredell Christian Ministries and Yokefellow Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer's Awareness, the NAACP, and interfaith outreach.

We strive for spiritual growth by cultivating creative worship, personal reflection, and education for all ages. In addition to weekly Sunday School classes, we incorporate the Davis Lecture series featuring nationally-noted speakers, a co-partnership with Education for Ministry sponsored by University of the South School of Theology, our Lenten Ladies Book Study, and more.

You can find more in-depth profiles of our church, our community, and our expectations for the pastor we seek at [gracestatesville.org](http://gracestatesville.org). If you are interested in joining our journey, please send what information you would like for us to consider to [gbcstatesvillesearch@gmail.com](mailto:gbcstatesvillesearch@gmail.com). We will be accepting applicant material for 40 days and 40 nights (hermeneutically interpreted as until March 15, 2018), so we look forward to your contacting us at your earliest convenience.