

OVERVIEW

Metro East Baptist Church is an autonomous Southern Baptist Church in Wichita, Kansas. Metro East is a young church which was born out of a God-given vision to believers in a large downtown church to plant a Southern Baptist Church in the growing east side of town. In fifteen years, the small group of forty believers has grown to a membership of over 550. We desire to minister to one another, our community, nation and the world. We are seeking God's appointed man to be our preaching Elder ("preacher") and to work with the other Elders of MEBC to shepherd and lead us as we proclaim the gospel with courage, humility and conviction while remaining dedicated to the whole counsel of the Word. We are seeking a preacher who is a servant leader, humble before God, in love with Christ and one that recognizes his (an our) insufficiency but is willing to be used by the Holy Spirit and who loves the Gospel more than his own reputation and life.

QUALIFICATIONS

Personal qualities

Knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (John 3:7; 2 Tim 1:9; 1 Pet 1:23), born again, with a faith and calling by the purpose and grace of God.

Possesses a desire to serve (1 Tim 3:1; 1 Pet 5:2) Holy desire to serve, call to the ministry.

Is vigilant (1 Tim 3:2) temperate, well balanced and doctrinally sound and watchful over those he leads.

Is sober, (1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:8), has good judgment in holiness of character, sound mind, self-controlled, one who is serious about spiritual things and has an appreciation for what really matters in life.

Is of good behavior (1 Tim 3:2) and respectable, not a chaotic lifestyle, there is to be orderliness, correctness as a whole, his good behavior means he is one who controls his passions before God and others.

Is not given to wine (Eph 5:28).

Is not a brawler but patient with others (1 Tim 3:3; Tit 1:7), not controlled by quick temper but has meekness, gentleness, and humility, not quarrelsome or contentious but one who is peaceful not violent, considerate, forbearing, gracious, gentle.

Is not greedy of filthy lucre or covetous (1 Tim 3:3; Tit 1:7; 2 Pet 5:28). Does not market the gifts of God for gain, God should not be marketed according to misleading or secular schemes, free from the love of money, does not pursue ministry for personal gain.

Is not a novice (1 Tim 3:6), not a new convert, having spiritual age and maturity, there should be evidence of spiritual maturity so that he is not filled with pride.

Public Qualities

Is blameless (1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:6) Public and private life consistent before God and others, one who defends every part of his life so no accusation may be brought against him.

Is given to hospitality as a lover of men (1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:8) by demonstrating his love toward others, works of charity prevalent in his life, recognizes the stranger and treats him as a person.

Is of good report with others (1 Tim 3:7) and a good reputation with those outside the church, one who has good internal character and good external reputation or testimony, he practices what he preaches.

Family Qualities

Husband of one wife (1 Tim 3:2; Tit 2:6) -- has never been divorced.

Rules house well (1 Tim 3:4), manages his own household, with leadership within his own home.

Ministry Qualities

Apt to teach (1 Tim 3:2), able to instruct; capable of teaching; sound in the Word, able to communicate the Word of God.

Holds fast the faithful Word (Tit 1:9), believes and holds forth the word of God, to be a student of the Word, biblically sound.

Is a shepherd of God's flock (1 Pet 5:2) watching over them and loves them.

Is an example – not lording over others (1 Pet 5:3), has a servant's heart.

Prays and studies the Word (Acts 6:4), has a hunger and passion for God and his Word.

Exhibit the fruit of the spirit in his conduct (Eph 2:22-23).