

Job Title: SE London Based Baptist Pastor

**Position Overview:**

We are seeking a God-Centred, passionate and dedicated individual to serve as a Baptist Pastor at our church located in South-East London. The ideal candidate should be well-versed in serving to lead and theology – and be able to practically engage a community and further evangelise the glory of God. They will possess strong leadership skills and have a heart for pastoral care and spiritual guidance. This position offers an opportunity to lead a congregation that is needing to enter its next era of growth, one where the next generation of evangelists and youth are welcome, and a new wave of community engagement is paramount. We are an evangelical church founded on practical Christianity: listen, learn and do is the way in which we believe the Faith should be taken out in the vicinity of the church.

**The Church**

Olivet Deptford Baptist Church is based in the heart of Deptford between New Cross Station and New Cross Gate. We are a short walk from Greenwich and the community is one of city commuters, families with their children going to Deptford Green Secondary School and many who are going about their day to day lives working in the surrounding areas. The church has had twenty years of one minister and when he joined the congregation was small but steady – there is now a committed membership of 60 people with Sunday Services having attendees' of 60/80 people. Since the pandemic we have moved to one Sunday morning service and plan to return to our usual morning and evening service as and when conditions are possible. We have Bible studies and Prayer meetings on Tuesday at the church, with a zoom service for those not able to physically attend. We have a Sunday school for our children every Sunday morning. We do have monthly Men and ladies fellowship meetings and engage with our partner to undertake prison and homeless ministries. We feel it now time for the reformation by the new resident Pastor for the church premises to be used for various church function throughout the week.

The areas that would be wonderful to focus on are:

The worship in the church, someone who can reinvigorate the worship agenda.

Someone who has a heart for youth.

Instil pride in members to be committed in the involvement of God's work.

Work in our community to bring people into the church as their families grow.

Commitment to evangelism.

Engage with our partners and local churches to serve our community.

**Responsibilities:**

**1. Pastoral Care:**

- Provide pastoral counselling and guidance to individuals and families, offering support during times of crisis, grief, and celebration.

- Visit congregation members in hospitals, homes, and other locations, demonstrating care and compassion.

## **2. Preaching and Teaching:**

- Deliver engaging and relevant sermons, rooted in Baptist doctrine, that edify and challenge the congregation.
- Lead and facilitate Bible studies, discipleship classes, and other educational opportunities to promote spiritual growth.

## **3. Leadership and Administration:**

- Lead and oversee church operations, working collaboratively with church leadership/diaconate to effectively manage resources and coordinate ministries.
- Collaborate with church committees to plan and implement worship services, special events, and outreach initiatives.

## **4. Community Engagement:**

- Foster positive relationships within the local community, actively participating in community events and engaging in community outreach initiatives.
- Seek opportunities to serve and support individuals and organisations, representing the church's mission and values.

## **Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated commitment to Baptist theology, principles, and practices.
- Ordained as a Baptist minister or willing to complete the ordination process.
- Strong biblical knowledge and ability to apply scripture to contemporary life and issues.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Proven ability to lead and inspire a diverse congregation.
- Dedication to pastoral care and a heart for serving others.
- Ability to work in collaboration with church leadership
- Flexibility in adapting to changing ministry needs and demands.

## **Education and Experience:**

- Bachelor's degree in divinity, Theology, or a related field (Master's degree preferred).
- Minimum of 5-10 years of experience in pastoral ministry (UK Baptist context preferred but not exclusory).

## **To Apply:**

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and statement of faith outlining your alignment with the job specification above. Email applications to be sent to [olivetpastorgb@gmail.com](mailto:olivetpastorgb@gmail.com)