



Overview

Ovid Community Church (OCC) is in a season of transition. After more than 20 years of faithful ministry, Senior Pastor Keith Wooden is retiring. His departure creates a wonderful opportunity for a new pastor to prayerfully love and lead a healthy church toward a vibrant, meaningful future.

The Big Idea



OCC embodies what it means to be a "community" church. Not only is it multi-generational, it draws people from a diversity of backgrounds. OCC keeps the main thing the main thing, which is the saving work of Jesus Christ. With an uncompromising commitment to prayer, unity and the authority of Scripture, OCC's mission is transforming lives by connecting people to God and one another, and their vision is to create environments to help people move from distant to dedicated to become life-long followers of Christ. Relationships are the shared currency at OCC. The church exudes a warm "family feel" where people love God, care about one another and seek to live out their faith. Missions and missional outreach are long-standing values, so the incoming Senior Pastor will have an opportunity to shepherd and grow a loving congregation, but also encourage and challenge them to put their faith into action. Communities in the region are growing, so incoming Senior Pastor will have opportunities to equip staff and mobilize congregants so OCC's unique voice/offerings (relationships, programs and events) stand out and people continue to experience it as a place where "No matter who you are, where you've been, or what you've done; because of what Christ has done, you are welcome here."

The Church

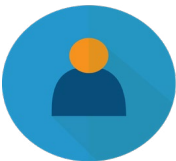


Affiliation: non-denominational

Attendance: 250+

About: Adult Sunday School is offered at 9 a.m. while worship service and children's Sunday School takes place at 10:30 a.m. A talented staff of five, in addition to the Senior Pastor, serve the church including Worship & Technology Pastor, Youth Pastor, Children's Director, Executive Pastor and Office Manager. Spiritual decisions are made by consensus between elders and pastors. Deacons are an integral part of church leadership (overseeing the budget, building and grounds) and handle discernment of all financial aspects of decisions. These groups work well together to prayerfully and effectively serve and guide OCC.

The Candidate



Ovid Community Church is ready to receive a Senior Pastor who leads from an overflow of their personal walk with God and is described as spiritually discerning, prayerful, creative and forward-thinking. The ideal candidate will champion the vision God has given and continually encourage people to find their place in it. Given the consensus-driven governance model, the ideal candidate will collaborate well with others to set vision and create the right strategic ministry plans that bring the vision to life. Having experience in leading teams, discipling people and developing other leaders, the incoming pastor will readily maximize and optimize the potential and opportunities that exist within OCC. He will be able to see the big picture while equipping, developing and mobilizing a team to execute and follow through. Remaining attuned to plans and timelines, the ideal candidate will possess an organizational eye and enough administrative ability to keep the team on track.

The Location



OCC is a regional congregation located about 25 minutes northeast of Indianapolis, IN in rural Ovid/New Columbus, minutes from the cities of Pendleton and Anderson. Situated on seven acres, the facility includes a gym and softball field (both frequently used by community youth sports and outreach), an outdoor children's play area, and a building that houses OCC's food pantry. The facility is used multiple days each week for ministry or by community organizations.

The Qualifications



Theological alignment with OCC including its "community church" ethos; Master's Degree preferred. Bachelor's degree required; A minimum of 10 years of full-time pastoral ministry experience, including regular preaching and staff oversight; Mature faith and wisdom tested and proven through life experience and intimacy with Jesus, resulting in an intimate, prayerful, Spirit-directed faith; Measured pace, and value for consensus-driven decision-making; Skilled Bible teacher communicating biblical truth in a manner that is creative, relatable and applicable; Ability to work well with others to form a plan, cast vision and see it through. A natural skill for organization with some administrative abilities.

Next Steps



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