

OPPORTUNITY SNAPSHOT

LEAD PASTOR SonLight Community Church

Overview

Embracing their core values "to bring people to Jesus, build into people like Jesus, and send people out to replicate like Jesus," SonLight Community Church in Angola, Indiana is eager to call a new Lead Pastor to love them and lead them as they embark on a new path toward greater health and deeper impact.

The Big Idea



After the recent departure of their previous Lead Pastor, SonLight is ready to welcome a new leader who will help them cast a refreshed vision, be relationally present, and lead them into a new season of impact and ministry. SonLight is strategically located and ready to minimize leadership turnover and regain momentum as it looks to the future. This brings a unique set of challenges and opportunities to integrate new attenders while bringing stability and leadership to the existing congregation. As a church that highly values biblical preaching and relational engagement, this next pastor will have the opportunity to lean into strong communication gifts. Oversight of staff, collaborating with the elders, rebuilding outreach to the local university, and being present in the community are all exciting elements to this role that make it attractive and life giving to the right leader.

The Church



Affiliation: Fellowship of Evangelical Churches

Attendance: 150 (historically higher)

About: SonLight is warm and welcoming, with a contemporary Sunday morning worship service at 10 a.m. in a beautiful theater-style sanctuary. SonLight values biblically-based preaching and engaging worship. The building feels fresh and has been designed with growth in mind and space for people to gather and fellowship.

The Candidate



The right pastor for SonLight will be an energized, visionary leader. Casting a clear, compelling, and consistent vision while working with elders and others, the Lead Pastor will possess a keen understanding of best practices and how to integrate them within the context of SonLight and the cultural DNA that exists in the community. The ideal candidate will maximize the good things that are already happening, bring fresh ideas of what can improve the ministry, and what can bring greater impact. With an eye for development, this next pastor will identify areas of strength and address gap areas while fostering healthy community amongst the body. The ideal candidate for SonLight is an experienced and inspiring communicator and preacher with a passion for God's Word. Possessing high relational intelligence, this leader will respond appropriately in a variety of interpersonal situations.

The Location



SonLight is located in Angola, Indiana a town of 9,000 people on hour northeast of Fort Wayne. Home to Trine University, the town is a dynamic mix of campus and community. With fantastic neighborhoods, a "college town" district, abundant lakes, and an appreciation for the beauty of all four seasons, the Angola area is a lovely place to call home.

The Qualifications



Bachelor's degree required, Master's degree strongly preferred; 5–7 years' experience leading ministry in a church, communicating in a large group setting, and caring for the people of a church community; Highly relational and approachable; Previous experience in oversight of ministry staff and volunteers; Spiritually mature and emotionally intelligent; Exceptional communication and organizational skills.

Next Steps



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