



Overview

BE Free Church in Branford, Connecticut, is excited to announce an opening for a dynamic and experienced Lead Pastor. The church is seeking a leader dedicated to inspiring, guiding and growing the congregation with a strong commitment to spiritual growth, community outreach, the faithful preaching of God's Word and fostering a spirit of fellowship. This is a unique opportunity to join a church family that aims to glorify God and make disciples by living out the Gospel together.

The Big Idea



BE Free Church possesses remarkable opportunities for growth and transformation. The Lead Pastor role presents a unique and exciting opportunity for a new leader to guide and inspire the congregation through a transformative period. Following the nearly 40-year tenure of the previous leader, the new pastor will build upon the foundation of an established church while bringing fresh vision and renewed energy. This leader will help the congregation rediscover and clarify its identity in the community, as they have been working to develop a strategic plan for the future. The new pastor will enhance the church's impact, foster growth, and lead the congregation to adapt to the changing cultural and societal landscape. They will also have the opportunity to build a team that complements their strengths and supports the church's mission. By embracing these opportunities, BE Free can move forward with a renewed sense of purpose, unity and effectiveness in its mission to love and serve the Lord and the local community.

The Church



At its height, BE Free Church grew to about 300-400 regular attendees. Today, it welcomes around 100 worshipers to a blended service at 10:30 a.m., preceded by a Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m. Led by a devoted and caring board of elders, BE Free carries no debt and meets in a spacious building. The church's mission is clear: "To present Christ as Savior and to pursue Him as Lord."

The Candidate



The ideal Lead Pastor will embody authentic spiritual leadership, inspiring others through their genuine relationship with Jesus Christ. Embracing the community with love, they will welcome people at all faith stages and foster spiritual growth. Their vision-casting abilities will build upon the church's foundation, collaborating with the Elder Board to execute strategic plans. By recognizing and developing the strengths of others, they will cultivate a culture of appreciation and growth. Their preaching will resonate with conviction and Biblical authority, connecting with contemporary life. As a skilled communicator, they will articulate clear, thoughtful messages, and engage effectively with all groups. Their personable and approachable nature will foster genuine relationships, while their strategic leadership will plan, implement, and supervise church activities. Lastly, their ability to assess and measure progress will ensure BE Free's continued growth and vitality.

The Location



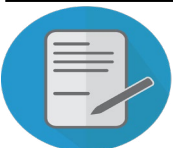
Branford, CT, blends coastal charm with suburban comfort, making it an ideal place to call home. Located in Connecticut's shoreline region, residents enjoy easy access to beaches, beautiful New England falls and relatively mild winters. The town features a vibrant community with local shops, restaurants and cafes. Centrally located, Branford offers convenient train access to New York and Boston. It boasts excellent educational opportunities and proximity to New Haven and Yale University, providing cultural attractions, employment opportunities and world-class healthcare while maintaining a peaceful atmosphere.

The Qualifications



Must be a born-again believer, committed to maturing in their walk with Jesus Christ and devoted to Scripture. Must align with the [EFCA Statement of Faith](#). Ordained or willing to be ordained in the EFCA. Ministry Master's degree required; MDiv preferred. Ten years of experience minimum leading ministry in a church, communicating in a large group setting, and caring for the people of a church community. Previous experience in oversight of ministry staff and volunteers. Highly relational and approachable. Spiritually mature and emotionally intelligent. Exceptional communication and organizational skills.

Next Steps



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