



PLEASANT
VALLEY CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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PREACHING MINISTER
INFORMATION PACKET

The Church

Who we are...

Pleasant Valley Church of Christ (PV) is a strong and diverse body of believers worshiping together in west Little Rock, Arkansas, with a vision to “connect, grow, serve and share.”

Everything we do at PV is designed around connection – both with each other and with God. The “PV experience” is not designed around anything so singular as a worship service or a class – but rather the deepening of relationships between real people and our Savior.

We strive to connect through serving. The staff, along with volunteer members of the church, are involved in local benevolent and evangelistic efforts with the local homeless population, at-risk children, prison inmates and others. In all, we partner with more than 20 Christian organizations who are truly making a difference in our community.

Our building is used throughout the week for ministry and fellowship. Our Day School serves 45 families and Central Arkansas Christian is an active presence introducing many families to Christ and to our church. The Family Life Center also offers exercise classes, events and workout facilities at minimal cost to the entire community.

We continue to be blessed to have strong, specialized programs for our kids, tweens and teens. These ministries focus on equipping families to grow together in faith and serving others with weekly Bible classes, various service opportunities, and events like retreats, rallies and VBS.

PV by the numbers

1,498	Members	\$2.7	(million) Donated in 2017 - PV members
18	Elders		are in the top tier of charitable giving in Ark
70	Deacons	27%	PV households earning 150K+ / year
10	Full Time / Fully Supported Missionaries	68%	PV households in the upper 3rd of economically stable homes
20	Staff Members	64%	PV adults with college degree or higher
20	Baptisms (2017)		
69	New Memberships Placed (2017)		Balanced Age Distribution:
30	Life Groups, 700 members participating		60% under age 55
17	Babies Born (2017)		40% 56 +
22	Graduating Seniors (2017)		Nearly 30% are under 40



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Where we've been / where we're going...

The firm foundation the church presents today began in 1944 when the elders of the Fourth and State church (est. 1911) had the foresight to envision a church plant in the Pulaski Heights area. In 1947, the Pulaski Heights Church of Christ began with 151 charter members, led by L. O. Sanderson as preaching minister.

In 1960, Goebel Music, a relatively young preacher at the time, came to preach at the Pulaski Heights congregation (which would later become Pleasant Valley) and remained with the church for 16 years. He was followed by Nick Hamilton in December of 1976.

Nick would remain with the church sixteen years. He was followed by Mike Ireland who served the church for eight years before becoming a Bible teacher at Harding University. Mike was followed by Chuck Monan who remained with the church for sixteen years.

2018: Love Compels

For 2018, the elders have chosen the theme of "Love Compels," pointing to 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 as our driving scripture:

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

The love of Christ is not just something to believe, we want it to be a lifestyle. We will spend this year dwelling on the transformational love of God. We will use our time in our sermons and Life Groups reflecting on God's compelling love. Our goals are to understand, imitate, cultivate and display God's selfless love for us.

2018 Budget | \$2,662,000

Outreach & Evangelism	40%
Operations	34%
World Missions	21%
Youth Ministries	3%
Body Life & Adult Ministries	2%



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What we believe

Put simply, we believe the Bible. We believe that it tells the amazing story of God's pursuit of relationship with us through his son, Jesus – and that only through him alone can we find salvation. Some of our core beliefs regarding specific items are provided here.

About God:

We believe God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. His nature is holiness and love. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is all-powerful, all-knowing and everywhere. In Him we live and move and have our being. God eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equals and are one God.

2 Cor 13:14; Genesis 11, 26, 27; 3:22; Psalm 96:2; Mt 28:19; John 14:6-7; Eph 4:6; Hebrews 1:8; 1 Peter 1:2; Deut 6:4

About Jesus:

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and he lived a sinless human life and offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He was raised from the dead after three days and won the battle over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to judge the world and bring all God's people to heaven forever. He is our example to follow and imitate.

1 Tim 6:14-15; Mt 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Acts 13:11; Romans 1:3-4; John 11:5; 14:6-30; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 4:14-15

About the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit is an equal part of the trinity (with the Father and the Son of God) and is God's power for creation and transformation. He is present in the world to make men aware of their need for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit leads us. The Spirit also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He helps us pray. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. Since his work is to create in us the character of God, we as Christians try to surrender to the Spirit's control every day.

John 14:16-17; 16:7-13; Acts 2:38; Romans 8:1-16; 2 Cor 3:16-18; Genesis 1:2; Gal 5:22-25; 2 Peter 1:21

About the Human Race:

People are amazing because we are made in the image of God, designed to be like him in character. Every person has tremendous potential for good, and is created with a divine purpose. Unfortunately, all of us have a tendency for disobedience toward God called "sin." This

separates people from God and causes many problems in life.

Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 53:6a; 59:1-2; Romans 3:23; Luke 18:19; Psalm 8:3-6; 2 Cor 3:16-18

About Salvation:

God wants you. He wants to be part of your life, and he wants you with him forever. The amazing story of the Bible is one of God rescuing mankind from a fate worse than death. In short, it is God's desire that everyone on earth accept his gift of salvation. Self-improvement or just doing good things can never cover or erase our sins – which is why Jesus came to earth. Only through obedient trust of what Jesus has done on the cross can forgiveness be obtained. Jesus Christ is the one and only hope for salvation and life after death.

Acts 2:38; Ezekiel 33:11; Romans 6:3-4; Gal 3:23-27; John 1:12; 14:8; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; 2 Peter 3:9

About the Church:

The Church belongs to the Lord. It is his body and every Christian is a



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member of that body. It is not defined racially, socially, geographically, ethnically, or denominationally. There is only Christ's body, and he alone adds those he saves to that body. The purpose of the Church is glorifying God through worship, serving others, providing a community of believers and seeking others who are lost in life.

Mat 16:18; Romans 16:16; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4-6; 5:22-30; Acts 2:46-47; 20:28; Gal 3:28.

About Baptism:

Baptism into Christ is faith responding to the Good News of Jesus and is repeatedly commanded in the New Testament. There is no instance in scripture of anyone being added to The Body of Christ without it. Baptism is a word that means immersion in water. For believers who understand that only the blood of Jesus can wash away sins, it is the seminal point where faith, a decision, and action come together to add someone to the Church. Our burial in water unites us with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and declares that our sins have been forgiven and our new life has begun.

Mat 3:16; 28:19-20; Romans 6:1-8; Eph 5:26; Titus 3:3-5; Acts 2:38; 8:38; 22:16; John 3:5; Gal 3:26-27

About Worship:

If we are not careful, the totality of church life becomes one hour each week that is labeled as "worship," when in fact worship is so much more.

Worship is central to a relationship with God. Not only do we worship individually throughout the week one-on-one with God, but we also worship as a community of believers each Sunday. A continual worshipful mindset is one that will lead you to a completely new level in your walk with the Lord.

Each Sunday is a chance when we can spend time together worshipping as a full community of believers. When we get together as a group, we are committed to using what is called acappella singing (voices only) and prayer to express praise in our worship. Each week we celebrate the Lord's Supper to affirm our covenant relationship with God. We are also committed to using methods and worship formats that will glorify God and draw the hearts of the worshipers into the presence of God as well as encourage one another.

We desire worship that is Christ-centered, community-building, and Spirit-led, engaging us in life-chang-

ing encounters with God. Worship refocuses our lives and drives all the ministries through which we endeavor to honor God and serve others.

Acts 2:42-47; Eph 5:18-20; Col 3:15-17

About Eternity:

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:11-12) People were created in the image of God to exist forever. We will live forever either separated from God by sin or eternally with God through his grace, forgiveness and salvation. Heaven and Hell are real and eternal. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be in God's presence for eternity is Heaven. Knowing these realities, we desire to use every available resource to draw people to God and the blessing of eternal life. The Bible exists to draw all of us to God.

2 Thes 1:6-10; Revelation 20:11-21:5; Mt 25:41-46; 1 John 2:25; 5:11-13; John 3:16; Romans 6:23; 2 Cor 4:17-5:1



The Position

Over the course of several months, Pleasant Valley members participated in focus groups to help better develop the picture of the minister who would make the best fit for our congregation. The results ran right alongside the church's guiding principles as set forth by the elders; to connect, grow, serve and share.

We are looking for a man who will

- **CONNECT.** A man who is personable, relatable and ready to form relationships that will bring unity to our church body.
- push us to **GROW.** PV members yearn for spiritual growth and a teacher to show us how to study and know God on a deeper level. A humble, servant-leader who loves Jesus.
- **SERVE.** This church is excited about our ministries and wants a preaching minister who will highlight and promote them. We also want to be led to love others, especially in the community, the way Jesus did.
- encourage us to **SHARE.** We want to take what is taught on Sunday and apply it to our lives; to move beyond ourselves and evangelize others. We are looking for a man who is our partner in ministry.

Position Title: Preaching Minister

Guiding Principles and Vision: Connect. Grow. Serve. Share.

Reports To: Elders

Works Closely With:

Administrative Minister, who handles day to day office operations. Will be a spiritual leader for the ministerial and office staff.

Description:

The Preaching Minister has the primary responsibility for preaching and teaching the Word of God and providing leadership, pastoral care, and vision to the body in partnership with the elders, staff, ministry teams, and congregation. Duties and responsibilities may vary based on church need and elder discretion.



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Duties & Responsibilities

Preaching/Worship

- Maintain a consistent discipline of prayer, study, reflection on the Word of God and growth in the Holy Spirit as the Spirit equips and empowers the proclamation of Christ as good news for the world.
- Consistently deliver easily understood, Bible-based sermons that are engaging, relevant, applicable to everyday life, and that challenge those who hear to seek or deepen their relationship with Christ.
- Preach the majority of Sunday services; will share preaching duties the elders, ministers and guest speakers.
- Co-ordinate preaching/worship schedules in advance with the worship committee to ensure worship services are effective regarding content, style, structure, and design.

Teaching

- Teach Bible classes, as assigned.
- Provide a focus on spiritual growth, discipleship, and Christian community.

Leadership

- In partnership with the elders, serve as the primary voice, communicating the church's vision to promote and maintain unity within the body.
- Champion the church's vision with ministers and staff.
- Continuously inspire, motivate, and lead the congregation to a higher level of commitment and devotion to serving and pleasing God.
- Serve as the primary presenter for worship services and congregation-wide meetings. The service times are currently Sunday morning (two services), Sunday evening special assemblies, and Wednesday evening. Schedule is subject to change.

Community Outreach and Engagement

- Model, train, and equip members to actively disciple.
- Provide visionary guidance, support, and enthusiasm for the congregation to participate in outreach efforts and events.
- Live life as an example, focused on reaching others with the love of Christ.

Pastoral Care

- Have a relational connection to the congregation, and provide ongoing pastoral support and care of the congregation in partnership with the elders and Pastoral Care Minister.

- Pray for, serve, and provide spiritual leadership for the congregation, staff, and community.
- Provide spiritual guidance and counsel for members and non-members in regard to their spiritual well-being; will use discretion in referring difficult cases to a trained Christian professional.
- Assist Pastoral Care Minister, as needed, with visitation of sick and shut-ins.
- Officiate and provide pastoral care for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other occasions, as requested, upon availability.

Qualities & Qualifications

Personal Qualities

- Have a strong vision and is self-motivated, creative, and innovative in ministry thinking.
- Exemplify the humility and servant attitude of Christ with a passion for reaching people.
- Demonstrate a passionate faith in God and be committed to his own spiritual growth. Examples of activities which might be pursued to achieve personal growth include personal study, meditation time alone with God, attending conferences, seeking counsel of other ministers, and seeking counsel of the elders and other Christian professionals.
- Have the desire and ability to establish healthy, strong, personal relationships with congregation. Work as an effective member of the ministry staff team.
- Use personal wisdom, as well as wisdom of others, to effectively deal with and manage the inevitable criticism that is a part of public life and working to maintain a sense of humility and non-defensiveness.

Desired Qualifications

- Four year Bachelor's degree required. Masters in relevant field of ministry preferred.
- History of faithful preaching ministry and leadership experience of at least five years preferred in a mid-sized or large congregation.
- Competent in organization, administration, and interpersonal relationships.
- Computer proficient with Microsoft Office products.
- Potential and desire to remain in a long-term ministry at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ.



The Community

Little Rock is where the Delta meets the foothills of the Ozarks, offering a diverse landscape of hills, valleys and flatlands. Its unique location affords it the ability to offer a variety of culture, education, and family fun. With around 200,000 people calling Little Rock itself home and 724,385 living in the greater metro area, the capital city is the state's largest municipality and was #1 on Kiplinger's "10 Great Places to Live" in 2013. Read more in [Capital Assets](#), the [Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Guide](#).



LR Highlights

- 22.5 Min Average Commute
- Median Home Cost: \$130,500
- Forbes #7 Best Places for Jobs & "Secret Foodie City"
- 3.7% unemployment
- 217 Average Sunny Days/Year
- Cost of Living: 88 (100+ = "high")

Culture

- Ark Literary Festival
- Pops on the River
- Many annual food festivals celebrating different cultures
- Big Dam Bridge 100
- Ark State Fair
- Boo at the Zoo
- Food Truck Festivals
- Race for the Cure
- World Cheesedip Championship
- ArkArts Center & Children's Theatre
- Ark Repertory Theatre
- Ark Symphony Orchestra
- Ballet Arkansas

- Clinton Presidential Center
- Hillary Clinton Children's Library
- Robinson Center
- LR Central High School - National Historic Site
- Wildwood Park for Arts
- BoBrook Farms
- Little Rock Zoo
- Farmer's Markets
- Museum of Discovery
- Pinnacle Mtn State Park
- Ark Nature Center

Education

- Univ of Ark at Little Rock
- John Brown University
- Harding University NLR Professional Center
- Univ. of Central Ark in Conway
- 4 public school districts
- 20+ independent schools

Sports and Outdoor Fun

- Ark Travelers Baseball
- Dickey-Stephens Park

- Burns Park and Golf Course
- First Tee of Ark
- Lake Maumelle
- Rebsamen Park
- Toltec Mounds
- Two Rivers Park
- War Memorial Park
- Witt Stephens Jr Central Ark Nature Center
- Little Rock Climbing Center
- American Taekwondo Assoc.
- Ark River Trail
- Altitude Trampoline Park
- Ark Skatium
- Wild River Country
- Big Rock Fun Park





The Process

The official application process will run from January 28 through early March. The goal of the committee is to present three final candidates to our elders by the end of April, with the final stage being the elders' selection of the next preaching minister.

We ask that you join us in prayer for this process as we seek God's will above all else. If you would be willing to talk to a member of our committee a little more about PV and the position, please reply to this email and include your preferred phone number and social media/blog/website addresses.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Helpful Links

PV Website | www.PVCC.org

Committee Members

PV Ministers and Shepherds

