



## River of Life Baptist Church

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### Senior Pastor Position Posting

ROLBC Bible Verse - Psalm 84:11 (ESV)

*“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”*

## Vision

**“Above All, Love God and Love Others!”**

**Vision Bible Verses** - Matthew 22:36-40 (ESV)

*<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

## Mission

**“Reach them all for Christ, Love them all in Christ, and Teach them all about Christ (Reach, Love, and Teach)!”**

**Mission Bible Verses** - Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

*<sup>19</sup> “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

## Motto

**“Don’t just go to church, be the church!”**

## **Fulfillment of Vision, Mission, and Motto:**

In fulfillment of our Vision, Mission, and Motto, our plan corporately as a church body and individually as Christ followers is to reach, teach, and love the people of Sunset Beach, North Carolina, and the surrounding areas with the gospel of Christ by using several means including:

- Being a fellowship of believers who are ambassadors for Christ in the same spirit as the early New Testament Church
- Serving as a bridge to the world, connecting it to Christ and the truths of His word, offering hope and encouragement
- Continually praying for God's guidance individually and corporately to prepare and plan for everything we do as a church body
- Remembering and being thankful that God has gone before us, has prepared the way for us, and has commanded us to join Him on this mission
- Being relational, intentional, and showing the love of Christ in our lives and neighborhoods as we seek the lost and unchurched with the good news of Jesus Christ
- Leading people to Christ as "living witnesses" by sharing God's word, our individual testimonies, and demonstrating "salt and light"
- Growing from a planted church to a church that increases in population, spiritual maturity, discipleship, and missions including prayerful support for and cooperation with other churches and church plants in the area
- Incorporating new believers into our church body and continuing to disciple and teach them to help them grow in Christ and in service to our church body, other church bodies, and church plants as appropriate

## **Pastoral Expectations**

It must be noted, in addition to being an effective leader and communicator, the new pastor must teach and preach the entire Bible as the inerrant Word of God and demonstrate a calling to this specific church.

## **Church Profile**

In 2010, Pastor Tom Gore began a series of Bible studies in small groups. A dedicated and enthusiastic group met at local restaurants and the North Myrtle Beach Flea Market and steadily grew over time.

From these community ministries and with the support of area churches across North and South Carolina, River of Life Baptist Church was formed as a church plant in Little River, South Carolina.

The first official Sunday worship service was held at the C.B. Berry Community and Historical Center in Little River, SC. As the congregation continued to grow, Pastor Gore was led to move the church to Sunset Beach, North Carolina. The church met at Sea Trail Convention Center from 2012 through 2016.

In 2015, God blessed the church with a donation of 45 acres of land along Highway 17 in Sunset Beach. After faithful prayer and determination, ROLBC held their first worship service in their new, permanent location on Christmas Day, 2016.

ROLBC has about 111 members, who are predominantly middle-class and elderly. About half are retired, professional, educated couples between 56-76 years old. This group is not feeble, but vibrant. They love the Lord and are amazingly active. A smaller group are indigenous to our region and mostly in their 40's. Another group are 75+, mostly single, yet still active and viable (and loveable).

As a fellowship of believers, we desire to be ambassadors for Christ, whom God is making His appeal through us, to the reconciled to God. Our church body continues to grow, as we obey the Greatest Commandments of Christ (Matt 22:36-40), and His Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20).

In October 2021, our Senior Pastor passed away after fighting the COVID-19 virus. We are still shocked and saddened, but our faithful Lord will send us another exceptional Senior Pastor.

## **Our Community**

Sunset Beach is one of several seaside communities in South Brunswick County, the fastest growing county in North Carolina. It's a seashell's throw away from South Carolina, thirty minutes north of Myrtle Beach, and one hour from historic, downtown Wilmington, NC.

Activities in the area include: boating, golf, fishing, kayaking, and exploring Bird Island. Family friendly parks are also nearby.

Sunset Beach hosts numerous seasonal events, such as the Sound Waves Concert Series, a variety of festivals, and outdoor markets.

Most students attend Brunswick County Schools, including Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary, Shallotte Middle School, West Brunswick High School. Some attend Christian Academies. Brunswick Community College offers some exceptional programs for anyone looking to further their education.

Top rated healthcare is available locally through McLeod Health and Novant Health Systems.

## **How to Apply / Deadline**

After prayerful consideration, please submit a cover letter and resume. The cover letter should describe how God's call on your life is leading you to be the next Senior Pastor of River of Life Baptist Church.

Please submit to ROLBC Pastor Search Committee - [ROLBCpastorsearch@gmail.com](mailto:ROLBCpastorsearch@gmail.com) by February 12, 2022.