

WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA

# WOODLAKE

# "A GOLDEN VALLEY WITHIN THE MAGIC CIRCLE"



WOODLAKE IS 3 HOURS FROM:
THE BEACH, LOS ANGELES, SAN
FRANCISCO, DISNEYLAND, AND
SACRAMENTO. BUT, MOST
IMPORTANTLY WE ARE MINUTES
FROM THE MOUNTAINS. THE
CHURCH FAMILY LIKES TO SPEND
A LOT OF TIME IN THE
MOUNTAINS.

#### POPULATION

7500

# CLIMATE

MEDITERANEAN

#### LOCATION

LOCATED IN CENTRAL
CALIFONIA, NESTLED
AMONG AG LANDS IN THE
SIERRA FOOTHILLS ON
THE EAST SIDE OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

#### ECONOMY

AGRICULTURAL BASED

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

PREDOMINANTLY
HISPANIC COMMUNITY

## BENEFITS

- CLOSE TO NATIONAL PARK (SEQUOIA-KINGS CANYON
- LOW CRIME
- STONG COMMUNITY
- GREAT LIVABILITY
- YEAR ROUND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- WE ARE 20 MINUTES FROM A MAJOR CITY(VISALIA) WHICH HAS ALL THE "AMENITIES" (TARGET, COSTCO, MACYS, ETC.)

# ROOTED IN FAITH

IN 1857, A GROUP OF BELIEVERS CAME TOGETHER IN A COVERED WAGON TRAIN UNDER REV. JONATHAN BLAIR OF TENNESSEE. EVENTUALLY THEY MADE THE DANGEROUS TREK OVER THE MOUNTAINS AND SETTLED IN ANTELOPE VALLEY NEAR BRAVO LAKE. THE FIRST CAMP MEETINGS WERE IN A COTTONWOOD GROVE NEAR THE KAWEAH RIVER UNTIL APRIL 18, 1866, WHEN REV. BLAIR AND REV. S. T. GILLIAM. A CIRCUIT RIDER. GATHERED AN INTERESTED GROUP OF BELIEVERS IN THE HAMILTON SCHOOL HOUSE. THERE THE 19 CHARTER MEMBERS THAT FORMED THE KAWEAH CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. REV. BLAIR SERVED AS PASTOR, WITHOUT SALARY, FROM 1866 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN JUNE, 1886. HE DONATED THE LAND TO THE CHURCH WHICH IT CURRENTLY OCCUPIES. TODAY, DESCENDANTS OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS STILL WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY. WITH A STRONG HISTORY AND A BRIGHT FUTURE. CORNERSTONE WOODLAKE IS READY FOR WHATEVER THE FUTURE BRINGS.



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# **CORNER-STRONG**

- MEMBER OF THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - 76.5
- CONTEMPORY
   WORSHIP SERVICE ON
   SUNDAY AM AND
   THURSDAY EVE
- ACTIVE YOUTH MINISTRIES
- KIDS CLUB DRAWS OVER 100 YOUTH EACH WEEK
- STRONG COMMUNITY TIES AND NETWORKING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Cornerstone Woodlake is focused on growth. We are looking for a pastor who will develop leaders to implement and bring that vision to fruition. This role will include preaching and leadership of officers (elders and deacons), staff, and committee leaders. Our town is predominately Hispanic, and our church is predominantly white, but ethnicities do not define us. We are excited to learn how to evolve our church to meet the needs of the community. We have not been successful in attracting young families and would love the opportunity to be taught how to further open our doors. The community is in need of a church to belong to, worship God in, and make a difference through.

We have some unique ministries that reach deep into the community, yet we struggle to engage the community into our church family. We have a few people doing a lot of jobs. We are eager to learn how to mentor and train deeper leadership.

The congregation is united in its desire to reach the lost with the gospel, experience numerical and spiritual growth, enhance its reach in the community and diversify its membership.

# **OVER 40%**

OF THE CONGREGATION
RATED PREACHING AS
THEIR NUMBER ONE
PREFFERED QULAIFICATION
FOR APASTOR.
"PREACHING: EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATOR OF THE
WORD OF GOD, WITH
EVIDENT PREPARATION
TIME, CONNECTING TRUTH
TO THE LIVES OF PEOPLE."

OF THE CONGREGATION CHOSE PREACHING AS THE GREATEST QUALIFICATION FOR SUCCESS.

CORNERSTONE HAS A THURSDAY EVENING SMALL SERVICE AND A SUNDAY MORNING CONTEMPORY WORSHIP SERVICE. THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER COMPELING MESSAGES. A GOAL IS TO ADD A TEAM LED (PASTOR AND LAY) MEN'S BIBLE STUDY.

LEADERSHIP, AT ITS CORE, IS REALLY ABOUT PEOPLE. THE

**SECOND** 

MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY
IDENTIFIED FOR SUCCESS WAS

**RELATIONAL** 

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# IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LEAD PASTOR

#### SURVEY SPRING 2022

THE CHURCH WAS SURVEYED AND 41
RESPONSES WERE GATHERED. THE
CHURCH RANKED 21 QUALITIES ON THE
SURVEY. THE QUALITIES WERE RANKED 15 FROM "ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR
SUCCESS", "HIGHLY DESIRABLE" TO "NOT
NECESSARY."

#### #1

Preaching: effective communicator of the Word of God, with evident preparation time, connecting truth to the lives of people.

#### #2

Relational: strong people skills, likeable, able to relate well to diverse ages, races, and socio-economic status.

#### #3

Character: biblically qualified teaching elder (1 Timothy 3, Titus1 & 1 Peter 5), displays the fruit of the Spirit, emotionally mature, with a consistent private devotional practice.

Leadership: inspires the confidence of the people to want to move forward, keeps the mission of the church front and center with a clarity of specific direction.

#### #5

**Visionary:** believes our big God will accomplish big things through his people, thinks long term, accepts the role of the primary vision-caster.

#### #4

**Humility:** not timid or run over, but quick to give al glory to God and honor others for church advances, a servant leader without failing to lead, truly feels undeserving to his calling. Calling: certain of God's calling to the pastorate evidenced by an unquenchable desire to serve in that capacity verified by the body of Christ in agreement. Counselor: competent and eager to provide pastoral counseling to individuals, couples, and families with a foundation of biblical principles, blending Christian psychology, and wisely knows when to refers to a professional Christian therapist or psychiatrist.

#### # 6

Chaplain: loves the care ministry, prioritizes calling on the sick in the hospital and shut-ins, seeks out the hurting in the church to minister to them.

Administration: prepares well for meetings, develops administrative efficiency, delegates whenever possible, known for punctuality and follow through, and returns calls.

# IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LEAD PASTOR

7 Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. 8 Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. 9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:7-9

#### #7

**Evangelism:** consistently sharing the Gospel to unbelievers throughout the week and in preaching, evident heart to reach the lost,

Coachable: a life-long learner, continuing to grow as a pastor, seeking quality networking with other pastors and qualified lead pastor coaching.

Energy: operates at a consistently high energy level, communicates with energy, raises the energy level in meetings, recharges his batteries with a balanced life of rest, relaxation, and fun.

#### #8

**Lifestyle:** abstaining from or very moderate usage of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, vaping, and gambling.

#### #9

Accountability: after ultimate accountability to God, welcomes accountable to the EPC presbytery and the church Session.

#### #10

**Staffing:** able to recruit quality part time and full-time paid staff, bring them together as a team, keep them on mission, create a healthy staff culture.

#### #11

Education: at least an MDvi or equivalent degree from a respected biblical theological seminary and a working knowledge of the biblical original languages.

#### #12

Theology: embraces EPC doctrinal Essentials, including the Westminster Confession Faith and the Westminster Catechism without reservations. Experience: at least five years' experience as a lead pastor in a growing healthy church, having conducted weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communions.

#### #13

**Age:** under the age of 45 with a targeted emphasis on reaching adults under 40.

"HERE IS A TRUSTWORTHY SAYING: WHOEVER ASPIRES TO BE AN OVERSEER DESIRES A NOBLE TASK" 1 TIMOTHY 3:1

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- Be committed to the theology and practice of Presbyterian and Reformed faith as expressed in the EPC confessions.
- Ordination or a willingness to be ordained in the EPC.
- Leadership experience including recruiting, developing, and motivating volunteers and staff.
- High capacity for work and responsibility, as well as the ability to appropriately prioritize and delegate.
- Collaborative and team-focused.
- Demonstrated ability in leading groups of people to embrace a common purpose and goals and work together to fulfill them.
- Meets the biblical qualifications for an elder as stated in 1 Timothy 3:1-6 & Titus 1:6-9.
- Demonstrated ability in evangelism.
- Demonstrated progress in personal Christian growth.
- Heart for missional ministry, demonstrated by the practice of spending time with non-believers on a regular basis.
- Demonstrated ability in preaching expository sermons.
- Humility before Christ and before others.
- Strong computer and tech skills.
- Able to work with an egalitarian view of church leadership.
- Ability to connect and minister to a multi-generational church with a focus on bringing in younger families.

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#### **LEAD**

- Equip the Church and its people to fulfill the Great Commission.
- Supervise the daily work of all paid staff with the approval of the Elder Board.
- Fully participate in the oversight of the whole church as a member of Session.
- Moderate the Session and serve as a resource to congregational committees, ministries and Deacons.
- Support and work with the Session to organize and define the responsibilities of staff, Elders, Deacons, and other leadership.
- Work with each ministry area to define their goals in light of the church's mission and vision.
- Help shape the communications of the church through the website, newsletter, email bulletin, social media, bulletin boards and other publications.
- Foster a welcoming and informative atmosphere of hospitality for all who come to worship.
- Work with the Session, Finance Committee and Staff to develop the yearly budget that advances our mission.
- Helps Session and Staff identify and develop new leaders within the church.

#### **TEACH**

- Plan, oversee and lead congregational worship services.
- Communicate scriptural truths practically. Preach expository, theologically informed, biblically faithful and spiritually edifying sermons each Thursday evening and Sunday morning and on other assigned occasions.
- Participate or be involved in Sunday School, Bible studies, Vacation Bible School, Kids Club and other programs.

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#### SHEPHERD

- Give oversight to and be personally involved in the welcoming of new people to the congregation.
- Assure timely pastoral care for those seeking baptism, profession of faith, marriage, membership, healing, encouragement, and spiritual direction.
- Seek regular interaction with unbelievers and the culture of our community to help broken people find healing, spiritual purpose, and develop a campus that supports those needs.
- Set a godly example for the congregation and elders through actions, service, attitude, words, and character.
- Regularly pray for the general and specific needs of the congregation.
- Equip and empower membership for evangelism through practical teaching and example.

#### **SERVE**

- Serve as the main representative of the church in EPC denominational and ecumenical boards.
- Work with the Ruling Elders and Deacons to ensure the care of the elderly, lonely, and shut-in members of the congregation.
- Prayerfully discern the needs of the congregation and community to help where needed.
- Know the members of the congregation and other people who visit regularly.
- Be present in the office, maintaining regular office hours, during the week for congregation members who might want/need to stop in and talk.
- Willingness to assist with and direct all aspects of church management from the big picture to the humble items.

# JOIN OUR FAMILY

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL YOU ARE TAKING THE TIME TO EVALUATE APPLYING TO BE CORNERSTONE'S PASTOR AND OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE CALLING FROM GOD THAT MAY BE YOURS.

# To apply please email:

- 1. Your resume,
- 2. Links to various sermons of various types (verse by verse, topical, seasonal) and
- 3. Your personal analysis rating of the 21 items Cornerstone highlights in our "Ideal Qualifications Survey". (See pages 6-7)

#### **Email this information to:**

- 1.Jeff Johnson, Search Committee Chair: jeffjohnson5109@gmail.com
- 2.and CC Nicky Henderson, Search Committee Secretary: cnh93286@gmail.com

If the Lord directs the search committee to consider an applicant, our EPC denomination form consisting of a Personal Information Form and a more detailed Statement of Faith will be required. Form is linked on our website. <a href="mailto:cornerstoneWoodlake.com/Pastor">CornerstoneWoodlake.com/Pastor</a>

- EPC Personal Information Form (PIF)
- Reference letters, or you may use the reference form in the PIF.
   The search committee will not contact any references without prior consultation with the applicant.



The Ministerial Vocation Committee and the Office of the Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church are responsible for denominational vocational services. As part of the process of "matching" ministers and congregations, the Office of the Stated Clerk provides resources and advice to both pastors and congregational search committees. To that end, we ask congregations and ministers to complete information forms as an introduction to each other, and a first step in the process of calling a minister for a congregation. For both the individual pastor and the congregation, this is an opportunity for self-study and for evaluation of current ministry and goals. This calls for honesty, effort, and commitment to open communication.

The Church Information Form presents the local congregation's history, challenges, and goals. It is our hope that this will be of help in facilitating the search process, assisting the church in focusing on future directions and pastors in gaining some sense of the nature and uniqueness of this congregation.

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#### Please return completed form to:

**Evangelical Presbyterian Church** ATTN: OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK 5850 T.G. Lee Blvd., Suite 510 Orlando, FL 32822

Phone: 407-930-4239 Fax: 407-930-4247 E-mail: info@epc.org



# **Part 1: Church Information**

1.	Church Name			
	Address			
	Telephone ()	Fax ()		
	E-mail	Website		
2.	Presbytery:			
	Presbytery Ministerial Committee Liaison _			
3.	Search Committee Chairman			
	Address			
	E-mail			
	Telephone ()			
4.	List all paid staff positions (use additional sl	neet if necessary)		
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			☐ Full time	Part time
			☐ Full time	Part time
			☐ Full time	Part time
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	·		☐ Full time	☐ Part time



5.	List all vacant positions	
	Position Available	Date of Vacancy
	Position Available	Date of Vacancy
	Position Available	Date of Vacancy
6.	Membership (state approximate numbers and perce	<b>.</b>
	A. Number of church members  B. Number of family units  C. Wasseline at the least of the second seco	Five years ago Currently
7.	•	Declining
8.	Profile of church members A. Age:	
	% 0-11	· % 25-34
	B. Occupation: % Business% Professional % Agriculture% Stay-at-Home F % Other (Please Specify)	Parent % Retired
	C. Educational level of adults % some high school % high school	% college % graduate school
	D. Percentage of members belonging to the congress Less than one year %  5 years or less %  6-10 years %  10 years or more %	gation



9.	Ra	cial/Ethnic composition of:				
	A.	Congregation				
		% African-American	_ % Asian	% Cauca	ısian	_% Hispanio
		% Other (Specify)				
	B.	<b>Community</b> (within 5-mile radius	of church)			
		% African-American	_ % Asian	% Cauca	ısian	_% Hispanio
		% Other (Specify)				
10	. Co	mmunity Setting (check as many as	apply):			
	Lo	cation				
		Rural Small Town Met	ropolitan	Suburban	☐ Inner	City
	Fu	nction				
		Industrial Agricultural Rec	reational	Military	☐ Colleg	e/University
	Ap	proximate population of community	/			
11	. Ch	urch Programming—Worship				
	A.	Worship Time	Average W	orship Attenda	nce	
В.	Fr	equency of communion celebrations	:			per vear
١	H	ow are members involved in plannir	ig and nart	icipation in the	IIIIIrgy/Wo	rsnin/



I	D.	Style of liturgy used in your worship (e.g., traditional, contemporary, variety)
I	Ε.	Type of music used in worship (e.g., traditional, contemporary, variety)
12. (	Chi	urch Programming—Sunday School
A	٩.	Average attendance in Church School (under 18 years)
I	В.	Average attendance in Adult Education (Sunday)
]	Lis	arch Programming—Organizations/Committees t major boards, committees, and organizations that are part of your church and quency of meetings (monthly, weekly, etc.)

Name	Purpose of Group	Number of members	Frequency of meetings	Leadership Role*

<sup>\*</sup>Indicate leadership role expected by using the number below:

- 1. Pastor takes primary initiative and responsibility.
- 2. Pastor and laity share responsibility.
- 3. Laity takes primary initiative and responsibility.



# Part 2: Financial/Church Campus Information

1.		rrent annual budget: \$ttach a copy of current budget)	Last year's annual budget: \$
2.	Pe	rcentage of income received toward bu	dget: %
3.	An	nount contributed for year	(most recent complete reporting year)
	A.	EPC Per Member Asking	\$
	B.	EPC World Outreach Global Workers	\$
	C.	EPC Special Projects	\$
	D.	Presbytery Per Member Asking	\$
	E.	Other Missions/Missionaries	\$
4.		operty owned by church Describe buildings and property (othe	r than manse).
	В.	Are your buildings adequate for your p If no, please explain:	oresent program? Yes No
	C.	Is a building program projected? If yes, describe what, when, and projected	☐ Yes ☐ No
	D.	Does the church own a manse?  Condition: Good	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Fair ☐ Poor # of Bedrooms
		Pastor's Office/Study: In Church	III Malise Not Provided
		Other	



6.

	pensation:					
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P	osition:		_ \$		<del></del>	
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С. Н	lousing					
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	_	tenants.	is a manse which is	в ситтепцу тепи	eu to	
L	The church intends to develon a program to help the pass				he past	
L	Either of the Above	purchase a home	2.			
D. B	enefits and expenses					
_	Pension (minimum 10% gross effective salary)					
_	Medical insurance					
-	Life insurance					
_	Social Security					
_	Travel/mileage					
_	Book allowance					
_	Study leave allowance (minimum 2 weeks)					
-	Annual vacation o	days (minimum 4	weeks)			
_	Number of worsh (in addition to va		ear for which pasto leave)	or is provided r	elief	
	Other (Specify)				)	

# **Part 3: Church Characteristics**

Check the box that most closely describes the current congregation characteristics and future goals

Ou	r congregation		Curre				Go		
		Agr	ee	Disag	gree	Agr	ee	Disag	gree
1.	Supports the pastor.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<b>4</b>	<u></u> 1	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
2.	Readily shares their gifts with the rest of the congregation.	<u> </u>	2	□3	<b>4</b>	<u> </u>	2	☐ 3	<u> </u>
3.	Places a high priority on sound biblical preaching.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u></u> 1	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
4.	Gladly welcomes visitors and new members.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	☐ 4
5.	Is involved in local evangelistic ministries.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u></u> 1	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
6.	Is often found living their faith in their communities.	_1	_2	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2	3	<u> </u>
7.	Has a spirit of unity.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
8.	Cares about each other.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	☐ 4
9.	Looks to its Session for leadership.	<u> </u>	_2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u></u> 1	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
10.	Ministers well to members who are hurting.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u></u> 1	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
11.	Uses members' gifts in its worship.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u></u> 1	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
12.	Contains people willing and able to lead the congregation.	_1	_2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	_2	3	<u> </u>
13.	Is capable of change when and where appropriate.	<u> </u>	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>	<u></u> 1	2	<u></u> 3	<u> </u>
14.	Is spiritually alive.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	□ 3	<b>4</b>		2	□ 3	☐ 4



15. In what ways does your church participate in ecumenical activities?
16. Describe the strengths of your congregation.
17. List specific problems with which your congregation struggles.
18. List major goals that the congregation has set for itself.



19. Has there ever been disciplinary action taken against a pastor of your congregation?
☐ Yes ☐ No
20. Has there ever been any disciplinary action against an elder or deacon of your congregation?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If you answered "Yes" to either 19 or 20, please explain.
21. Have you completed a mission statement, vision statement, and/or a strategic plan for your congregation?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, Date completed
If yes, attach conies of each statement or strategic plan the church has completed

# **Part 4: Leadership Expectations**

1. What five key characteristics, gifts, and/or skills should a person bring to the position?

# **Part 5: Church History**

1. What do you consider to be the three most important events in the history of your church?

2. What do you consider to be the most interesting and challenging event in the life of your church in the last three years?



## Part 6: Other Information

. List the last three individuals who held th	e position of
Name	Dates of Service
	to
	to
	to
Describe any significant factors about the	church not covered in previous questions.
	Data
erk of Session	Date
earch Committee Chair	Date

We encourage churches to list their vacancies on the Ministry Staff Opportunities webpage at www.epc.org/mso. For more information or to send your posting, email info@epc.org