

The Avonglen Gospel Mission

Pastoral Ministry Opportunity

We are seeking a full-time pastor who is committed to faithful expository preaching and teaching of the Bible and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Church Profile

We are a Bible-believing, non-denominational country church located in eastern Alberta, 24 kilometers northeast of Irma, AB and 30 kilometers northwest of Wainwright, AB. We are a small congregation with a mix of older members, singles, and young families. Attendance is approximately 30-65. Currently, we have the following ministries: Sunday morning worship services, children's church ministry, mid-week Bible study and prayer, junior youth group, ladies' Bible study and prayer group, outreach to seniors' lodges and long-term care facilities in Wainwright, support of missionaries serving in Canada and overseas. Housing and utilities are provided on the church grounds.

Qualifications

- professes faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and demonstrates this in personal life and ministry
- fulfills the biblical qualifications of an elder (1 Timothy 3:1-7/Titus 1:6-9)
- in full agreement with the doctrinal statement and constitution of the Avonglen Gospel Mission
- faithful in prayer
- educational requirements: theological degree or pastoral training from an evangelical college or seminary

Responsibilities

- provide spiritual leadership to the church, in conjunction with the elders, through preaching, teaching, visitation, prayer and intercession (2 Timothy 4:2-5)
- provide biblical counsel and pastoral care
- build relationships within the congregation and community
- train and mentor leaders

Please send resume (including personal testimony) to Alannah at alannahcreasy@gmail.com along with names and contact information for 3 references.

HISTORY OF THE AVONGLEN GOSPEL MISSION CHURCH

Realizing the need for Christian teaching in the Avonglen district, some local farmers started the Avonglen Gospel Mission in 1945. It began as a Sunday School, then became a nondenominational church the following year. Francis Ford Sr. and his son George Ford along with Richard and Annie Schieck (Francis' daughter) were instrumental in the founding of the church. Church services were held in the Avonglen schoolhouse.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, alternate midweek meetings were also held at the Roseberry School and the Auburndale School (north of Wainwright).

The Avonglen School closed in 1952, but church services continued there until 1954 when the Avonglen School building became part of the Albert Centralized School. Services were then held at the Roseberry School, and later, at the Passchendale School. In 1955 Sam and Joyce Eeles started the first youth group.

The Jarrow schoolhouse was purchased by the congregation on May 25, 1961, and moved to SE 2-47-8, a piece of land donated by Frank Ford Jr. A service of dedication was held in November of 1961. An addition to this building was completed in 1981.

In 1969 the church was incorporated as The Avonglen Gospel Mission.

A Nelson home package was purchased in 1973 and a parsonage was built.

After much prayer and discussion, construction of a new church building began in the spring of 2000. With God's faithful provision of finances and many hours of volunteer labour, we enjoyed our first Sunday in a new debt-free church building on February 3, 2002. The original Jarrow School bell was installed as part of the new building. Many former pastors and members, along with community friends, celebrated with us at a reunion weekend in August that culminated with a dedication service on August 22.

As a congregation, we are very grateful to those who founded the church back in 1945. We are also thankful for each one of our pastors and their families who ministered here and gave so much of themselves for us.