

Lead Pastor

Prairie Tabernacle Church, Three Hills, Alberta

Prairie Tabernacle Church is earnestly praying for God's guidance to secure a Lead Pastor with pastoral experience who believes he is called by God to lead in developing a thriving church that impacts the community of Three Hills, Alberta, and the world.

Although there is no longer an organizational connection, the church's roots are in Prairie Bible Institute, which was founded in 1922. Prairie Tabernacle Church was officially established in 1956 by the directors and friends of the ministry training institute who believed in the idea of an organized church body. Through its long history with PBI, and since its inception as a church, PTC has provided a place of worship, fellowship, and ministry to the community and region and has served as a base of support for multiple missionaries and mission ministries. It is one of seven Bible and gospel-centered churches in the community whose pastors meet monthly in a church Ministerial Association. Three Hills, with about 3500 people, is located in Kneehill County, which includes several towns having a total population of about 11,000.

Prairie Tabernacle Church is an independent congregational church (180 members) currently consisting of more than 300 participants, 60% of whom are of an older demographic. With its newly constructed attractive facility on the main highway through Three Hills, the church is located in a good place for ministry and accessibility. While continuing to engage its seniors and to promote and support world-wide missions, the church is seeking new ways to reach out to people of all ages in the community.

Through a recent assessment process the church has determined that while the congregation is positively characterized by a tradition of strong biblical centeredness, family-like togetherness, and consistent prayerful mission support, it needs to find new ways to develop leadership that reaches out more effectively with the gospel to the current generation. Prairie Tabernacle Congregation is now looking for a pastor who has the spirituality, personality, and skill combination to effectively bring together the church's rich missional heritage with today's generational need for relevant biblical ministry in this vibrant rural community.

In addition to the demonstration of the qualities expected of church elders outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9, preference will be given to a person who displays the following personal characteristics and professional skills:

- ***demonstrates humility, godliness, wisdom, joyfulness, the fullness of the Spirit and evidence of being a team player;***
- ***loves and knows the Bible well, has good theological training at an evangelical Bible College and/or Seminary, and who has a track record of recognized success in ministry;***
- ***has a high commitment to sound biblical preaching and teaching that is unifying and practical for all generations;***
- ***has a good working knowledge of contemporary Canadian culture, about life in a rural context, and the heritage of the Prairie Tabernacle Congregation;***

- ***has strong interpersonal abilities that demonstrate care for all ages, good listening skills, a willingness to pursue the individual care of congregants, and to offer counsel as needed;***
- ***has ability to effectively manage staff and overall ministry with a view to equipping and developing leaders in the church for ministry according to their spiritual gifts; and,***
- ***has ability to lead the congregation in gospel-centered outreach and disciple-making ministry through personal example and the development of various church ministries.***

Preference will be given to applicants who are Canadian citizens or those who have permanent resident status in Canada and are formally ordained for pastoral ministry. They must be willing to whole-heartedly endorse the church's Statement of Faith, Constitution, and Bylaws. Prairie Tabernacle Church provides a salary commensurate with standards established by comparable denominational churches. For further information about the church, please visit the Church website at www.prairietab.com. If interested by a sense of divine guidance, please forward your resumé with references and audio sermon access information to hr@prairietab.com. PTC will acknowledge receipt of your resumé and inform you if, and when, it has further interest in pursuing your application. Applications will be received until July 15, 2021.