SENIOR PASTOR OPENING: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAIRO, NE Learn more about this opening at <u>www.cairofbc.weebly.com</u>

WHO WE ARE

Our church was planted before our town existed as six pioneers chartered a new church while gathering to worship in a central Nebraskan sod house. Today, First Baptist Church of Cairo, Nebraska, has grown into a multi-generational congregation of 125 people comprising more 10% of our community. Besides weekly worship services and small group gatherings, our church family is actively involved in community outreach, mid-week children's programming, regional disaster relief, and global missions. As an active participant in the **Converge Heartland District**, we strive to be a gospel-centered church that ministers and models Christ's transforming power within and to our community. Though we have experienced much throughout our 140-year history, our constant vision remains to connect the unconnected to Christ and together grow in full devotion to him.

WHERE WE ARE

The town of **Cairo** is located in central Nebraska just 15 minutes from **Grand Island**, 30 minutes from **Hastings** and 30 minutes from **Kearney.** We enjoy small town living with the conveniences that larger cities offer within a short drive. Though Cairo's population is just over 1,100 our Tri-City Micropolitan area population is 160,000. Cairo thrives on community involvement, with a volunteer **Fire Department** and **EMTs**. Our **Senior Center** offers daily meals during the weekdays for elderly and our quaint coffee shop, **The Medina Street Vault**, offers delicious coffee, breakfast, lunch and a great place for friends to gather and chat. We have a gym, swimming pool, basketball, tennis, and pickleball courts, baseball fields and two city parks. We are a short drive to several small lakes and state recreational parks including **Sherman**, **Davis Creek**, **Mormon Island** as well as several others. Cairo is an exceptionally desirable community to call home.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are praying for God to provide our next pastor. This man will model a strong walk with Christ, a clear calling to pastoral ministry, and be an experienced ministry generalist who understands small-town and bedroom community church ministry. We desire for him to bring strengths in the areas of expository preaching, worship service planning, and pastoral care. Though this position requires a self-starter with strong work-ethic, we desire our pastor to maintain a healthy balance of ministry and family life. Furthermore, our next pastor will need to have administrative capacities that develop current and future staff, volunteers, and ministry systems within the church. He will need to work well with the elders and other church leaders to effectively provide spiritual care and guidance to our multi-generational congregation. We are a Great Commission-oriented church, so it is important that our pastor leads us with an outreach orientation while being personally connected with our community, mission efforts, and broader denominational district.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please e-mail the following to pastorsearch@convergeheartland.org

- Intro Letter (briefly discuss your testimony of faith, ministry calling and general fit for this opening)
- Current Resume (include your personal, family, work and educational information)
- A Personal or Family Photo
- 2 Sermon Samples (please e-mail digital recordings of audio or video sermons. We prefer weblinks.)
- 3 References (2 references from ministry leaders and 1 from non-family members of your choosing)
- Signed copy of the Converge Ministerial Code of Ethics