

Summer Pastoral Residency
First Baptist Church, Warm Springs, GA 31830

Position: Full-time Pastoral Summer Resident serving ten weeks in the summer of 2025.

The Setting: Warm Springs is located 60 miles south west of the Atlanta International Airport. Warm Springs is the site of President Franklin Roosevelt’s Little White House. The primary industries are tourism, health care [Three hospitals are located here with one nursing home], and education [The county school system is the largest employer in the county and the Roosevelt Warm Springs is the location of Georgia’s Residential Vocational Rehabilitation program]. Warm Springs is close to Columbus, Newnan, LaGrange and the south Atlanta Metro area. Outdoor activities abound including hiking, fishing, hunting, canoeing and kayaking.

The Church: The church is 133 years old. The pastor started his ministry here in 1986. The bi-vocational youth minister has served for twelve years. The bi-vocational music minister is also the Local High School Band Director and has served for six years.

The church is significantly engaged in the community. We host the monthly non denominational minister breakfasts, the weekly Rotary Club meetings, annual Holy Week lunches, various community and school events.

The church sponsors the only soccer league in the county. We have a thirty year old commitment to provide emergency food for families in distress. We partner with Toys for Tots to supply Christmas toys for children through churches and schools. We host College students on the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge supper annually. We partner with a Licensed Professional Counselor to be available for members of the church and community.

Purpose: To support the church family and staff in leading the church to live out her mission to “Model the Life of Christ to our Community.” Our secondary purpose is to help a seminary student exploring serving a rural local church ministry to clarify their call to pastoral ministry.

Duties:

1. Assist the pastor and staff in
 - a. Leading the church to accomplish her mission,
 - b. Care for members of the church and community
 - c. Share the gospel with believers and unbelievers.

2. Participate in weekly meetings with pastor to plan and monitor the summer ministry plan.
3. Complete any assignments agreed upon.
4. Participate and help lead in weekly worship and Wednesday discipleship ministry.
5. Preach at least twice over the course of the summer.
6. Attend church meetings and social events to become acquainted with the congregation, its structure and operations, and its various ministries.
7. Engage in other pastoral tasks as determined in discussion with the pastor and personnel committee.
8. Assist with summer activities including but not limited to Soccer camps, VBS, Fine arts camp and youth trips.
9. Assist and share leadership with the pastor of a young adult [age range is 20's and 30's] bible study.

Compensation: A stipend of \$4000 is offered. Housing provided