

Island Gospel Tabernacle
Bi-Vocational Pastoral Search
Pastor Profile

Mission Statement:

At Island Gospel Tabernacle, we exist to honour God by making disciples for Christ Jesus!
(Matthew 28:19).

In light of this, we are seeking a Bi-Vocational Pastor (and family) who..... exhibits a passionate pursuit of and relationship with God as evidenced in consistent prayer, study, and application of Scripture to your lives. It is our desire to be served by and serve with a leader whose life is characterized by surrender and obedience to God, and who would lead us toward the same by example of their lifestyle (transparency), teaching, encouragement, and support.... has a strong understanding of healthy biblical relationships and models the same in your own family, and within the context of the church family and community at large. This includes fostering an atmosphere that supports cultivating healthy inter-generational relationships, humility, and a willingness to take the posture of either servant or leader, as required, when resolving personal and congregational conflict.... sees your role being fulfilled within the larger context of the community in which God has called us to live and serve.

It is our hope that you will consider Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia as your home and fully participate as active members of the community as a whole. The expectation is that you will lead by example, and equip the congregation, in being an effective witness within the community context. Forging and extending healthy relationships with the unsaved beyond our church walls is not only encouraged but supported

Pastoral Activity Priorities:

The following priorities were identified as we prayerfully thought about and discussed them:

1. Leadership: You will need to have strong relational and inter-personal skills, be adept in leadership, and in the equipping of others for ministry.
2. Communication & People Skills: You must love people and be willing to share your life and life experiences with others. It is essential that you be approachable and have the ability to connect with and relate to a variety of people, inspire and encourage others to participate using their gifts,
3. Evangelistic preaching and reaching out for souls: You need to be passionate about sharing God's Word, not just in preaching but as a daily example in your life.
4. Praise and Worship: Worship is of great importance to us as a church family. We would like you to work with worship leaders in praying for and preparing to lead heart-felt, Spirit-filled, corporate worship experiences which in turn lead into the sharing of God's Word.

5. Vision: We desire that you grasp and understand what God wants to do through this church family to impact our community.
6. Community Outreach: It is our heart to move in an even greater way beyond the walls of this building and into the community as effective and relevant witness to God's saving grace through Christ Jesus.

Key Responsibilities

1. Preaching and teaching: You will be the primary preacher for Sunday worship services. You will also provide leadership in planning, coordinating, and executing the programs for discipleship and ministry training in cooperation with the leadership team.
2. Strategic Leadership and Planning: You will be responsible for strategic planning and staff coordination in the execution of God's purpose for Island Gospel Tabernacle. This will include leading the definition of strategic goals and vision with board and ministry leaders, as well as implementing plans to realize the vision
3. Pastoral Care: You will help to establish and oversee a team of motivated members of the congregation who have a heart to visit, pray with, comfort, and otherwise care for those in need.
4. Administration: You will oversee and execute the administration of the church through appropriate staff and lay leadership teams, and ensure the completion of ministry, business, facility, and logistical support functions through staff and lay volunteers.

Final Considerations: Although age is not a direct concern for us, we would greatly value your family experience and the ability to work effectively in promoting inter-generational health and connectedness. It would be an asset if you have been a lead pastor, but certainly do not expect you to be an expert as we will willingly invest in your leadership training and growth and invite you to grow with us. We also believe that office hours, while important, can be flexible to provide you with the opportunity to conduct visitation, involve yourself in the community and inter-church councils, while maintaining a healthy and happy home environment.

About Our Church

Island Gospel Tabernacle is located at Clam Point on Cape Sable Island. A one mile long causeway connects it to the mainland.

We have been open for 50 years. Our church has a dedicated congregation that values hard work, service to others and most importantly to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We offer a unique opportunity to be part of our Island lifestyle with warm and friendly people.

Despite our tucked- away location, we are just minutes away from major retail chains and fast food, pristine beaches, natural habitats, provincial parks and nature trails,

A lovingly maintained parsonage is available with three bedrooms on the main-level, one finished room on the lower level to be used as another bedroom or office.

As a church we strive to be active within the area. We do outreach and benevolence with our Ladies Helping hands.

Weekly services include:

- Kids club and Tweens
- Bible study
- Sunday morning and Sunday evening services

Yearly:

- Vacation Bible School

God has called us to step out into the world and share His love with the lost. Our prayer is to be a light for our community.

God is doing incredible things in our region!