

Tiki Island Chapel
Pastor Call Narrative (3/30/22)



Tiki Island is a beautiful seaside community with approximately 1200 residents. Tiki Island Chapel has 59 active members of which 15 have joined this past year. These new members were mostly regular attendees who officially became members. There are another 65 or so members who may attend but are not active members. Our members come from diverse religious backgrounds (Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, etc.). This diversity comes from the fact that many of our residents have weekend homes here and because the chapel is the only place of worship on Tiki Island so many will attend when they are here.

Tiki Island Chapel is a loving, praying congregation who enjoy learning the Bible's teachings. There is a strong comradery and friendship among the congregation based on their sincere belief of learning God's word while serving each other as well as their community. Many church visitors or first-time attendees tell us they feel the welcoming spirit of the church on their initial visit.

Because of the "island lifestyle" that drew many of us to Tiki Island, our congregation tends to dress casually. It is common for worshipers to dress in shorts, resort wear, and

flip flops. We call those “Tiki Tuxedos.” We want all who come to feel welcomed and comfortable. Currently there are 1,040 homes, 30 condo units, and a small RV park that make up Tiki Island.

Most of our congregation are retired (65 and up) or nearing retirement age (early 50’s to mid-60’s). This is also true of the island although in the last two years we are seeing more homeowners in their 40’s and a few more children however most of these families are “weekenders”. There are not many children who live on the island full time however weekends and summer brings many more children and teenagers. Our Vacation Bible School in June tends to draw a good attendance of 25-35 children.

Tiki Chapel seats 100 when full. The Chapel has a pastor’s study and a fellowship hall for events. We also have a full kitchen, and it is very functional. Each Sunday one of the church members will provide snacks after church for fellowship time. Our services start at 10 a.m. They typically conclude at 11:00 a.m., and there is always a group that is going out for brunch who will invite any and all who want to attend.

We are very close geographically to Galveston and several other communities. Recently we have had new members join from nearby communities such as Bayou Vista.

The church does not face any major challenges or obstacles currently. We average 45 to 50 on any given Sunday but see holiday weekends or special event weekends push us over 60. We would like to grow our average attendance of 45 closer to 60. On Christmas Eve and Easter, we draw significantly more worshipers. Last Easter we had two services and well over 200 people attended.

We seek a pastor who has a passion for the Word, a vision for his ministry, and will teach us God’s Word so we will grow spiritually. A pastor who will guide the congregation to being mature Christians as well as having a vision for growth. Our pastor will need to have conservative views and a sense of humor. Those would do well on Tiki Island. The time commitment of our pastor is not full time since we do not have all of the administrative overhead that many churches have. Our current interim spends approximately 1 full day and part of a second in the office. This is mostly for sermon preparation.

In addition to leading Sunday worship services, we expect the pastor to conduct office hours only one day per week, be on call for life’s emergencies, and do occasional visits to those unable to attend services.

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