

# Part Time Pastor Search

## Flat Branch Covenant Presbyterian Church

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### Who We Are

We were organized October 3, 1873. We are a church made up of loving members who bear one another's burdens, bear the fruits of the Gospel and bear witness to the world of our faith in Jesus Christ. We voted unanimously to leave the PC(USA) on Sunday, October 4, 2015. We became a member of ECO, a Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians in 2016. We are a rural, agricultural community located in Harnett County, NC, near Fort Bragg, the largest United States Military Installation in the world. Our community and church are made up of farmers, businessmen and women and active and retired military. Many of our covenant partners are employed locally and in neighboring towns. Schools for all ages are located a short distance from our church. We are located 20 miles from Fayetteville, NC and about 40 miles from Raleigh, NC. While we are an older, smaller congregation, we remain eager to worship God and care for others.

### Church History

The story of Flat Branch began in the early 1870's when a Sunday School was conducted in a log schoolhouse where the present church stands today. On Friday, October 3, 1873, a church was organized and called Flat Branch, after the branch that flowed at the foot of the hill. Twenty-three members were received.

The current sanctuary was completed in 1965 followed by the educational building and fellowship hall, built in stages and completed in 1984. In recent years, we have added a large picnic shelter to enhance our fellowship space. We are currently planning a handicap accessible restroom addition on the sanctuary level.

Many have served. Many have been faithful to the work and ministry of Flat Branch Church. Our 148<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurred in October 2021.



## Church Demographics

We have approximately 116 covenant partners and friends.

### Ages

0-10	9
11-18	10
19-35	9
36-50	18
51-70	26
71 +	44

Average worship attendance: 50

Annual Budget \$140,000

Session: 12 members on a 3-year rotation

Part-time Staff includes a Music Director, Secretary, Bookkeeper, Housekeeper, and Groundskeeper.

## Services

We have Sunday school at 10 a.m. for youth and adults, followed by worship at 11a.m. on Sundays. Our youth meet on Sunday evenings and our JOY Club Children's program is on Wednesday evening.

## Fellowship and Outreach

- Fellowship to Go - quarterly night out
- Annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon
- Annual Chili Cook Off and Souper Bowl Sunday
- Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday Services
- Easter Egg Hunt and Resurrection Lesson
- Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast
- Family Fun Day and Fall Festival
- Joy Club - Weekly Children's program
- Sunday School for all ages - kids, teens, and adults
- Blessing of the backpacks
- Monthly ladies' lunch and circle meetings
- C.A.R.E. (Christians Actively Reaching Everyone)
- Christmas Musical and Children's Christmas Program
- Adult Choir



## Programs We Support

Operation Christmas Child  
Buddy Backpacks  
Harnett Food Pantry – donations and volunteers  
Girl Scouts – provide facility



## Part Time Pastor

Our prayers and our humble desires are that the Lord will lead us to find a part-time bi-vocational Pastor who loves the Lord, has a heart for spiritual growth and who will lead the church.

## Pastor/Shepherd Qualities

Be devoted to the service of Christ and His church  
Preach and teach Biblically based messages  
Administer the sacraments to all of God's people  
Assist the Elders in ministering to the sick and shut-ins  
Effective communicator  
Prepare weekly worship experiences  
Pastor and shepherd, the flock at Flat Branch  
Inspire and support Bible studies  
Prepare the church to become a Flourishing Church  
Moderate session meetings in a way that values the wisdom and faith of others  
Working with our youth and children, providing confirmation classes, if required  
Officiate weddings and funerals  
Someone who will challenge and encourage the leadership to lead, teach and be examples  
Adult discipleship and youth background  
Provide pastoral care for the congregation who seek comfort and guidance through the church  
Serve as head of staff  
Assist boards and committees in their ministry  
Train newly elected officers and assist in preparing persons for membership

## Our Vision

Foster strong Christian discipleship by providing spiritual worship, Biblical teaching and opportunities for service to the community and world.

## Our Mission

Changing Lives for Christ by: Inviting, Winning, Growing, Equipping, Sending

### Flat Branch Pastoral Search Committee Responsibilities

Matters such as salary and benefits for the Part Time Pastor will be negotiated within the parameters that ECO provides for the position.

We pledge support from our session.

Alvin McArtan- Committee Chairman

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