

The top of the page features a background image of a cable-stayed bridge over a river at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow and reflecting on the water. The bridge's cables and steel structure are silhouetted against the sky. Overlaid on this image is the church's logo, which consists of the letters 'SV' in a large, bold, white font, followed by the words 'Severns Valley Baptist Church' in a white, sans-serif font.

SV Severns Valley Baptist Church

THE OPPORTUNITY

Severns Valley Baptist Church is a historic church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. This church community exists to love God, love people, and make disciples.

They are seeking their next lead pastor to lead a strong staff and faithful community. This role is responsible for preaching the Word of God and leading the church in functioning as a New Testament church. He is the leader of the pastoral staff to guide the congregation in ministries of worship, proclamation, education and pastoral care. Their next leader will cast vision for the future of the church, and spearhead new outreach and evangelism opportunities.

THE COMMUNITY

Founded in 1781, Severns Valley Baptist Church is the oldest evangelical church west of the Allegheny Mountains. The community has a long legacy of passionately sharing the gospel regionally and internationally, with strong roots in the Southern Baptist Convention. This deep and longstanding history of Severns Valley is balanced by a desire to innovatively communicate the Gospel and disciple Christians.

Pre-Covid, the church averaged approximately 1,500 adults in attendance. Since Covid, they have about 700 adults worshipping together each weekend, but are quickly growing again. The church mirrors the local community, many of whom are in professional and management type sectors as well as manufacturing and agricultural jobs. Geographically, the church is located near the Fort Knox military base, and in the past has prioritized connecting with military families and supporting military moms. Hardin County will also be the home of a new Ford automotive plant in the coming years, and with that influx of people moving to the region, the church is anticipating growth and the needs that growth will reveal. With increasing development in the region, Elizabethtown has a good balance between a suburban and rural atmosphere.

THE CANDIDATE

Severns Valley Baptist Church is seeking an out-going and magnetic lead pastor. Their ideal candidate will be relationally oriented and desire to be a pastor not just a preacher. They are looking for a dynamic public speaker to be the primary communicator for the church, as well as someone with strong leadership skills to shepherd the staff and congregation.

THE QUALIFICATIONS

- » Someone who possesses strong leadership skills in staff and people management
- » Strong biblical understanding and effective communicator
- » Passion for evangelism
- » Must be strong at vision casting and galvanizing
- » Masters of Divinity
- » 10+ years of pastoral experience
- » Fully adhere to the [Severns Valley Baptist Church constitution](#)

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