

## **A Minister For The Scarsdale Community Baptist Church**

We are searching for a senior minister for the Scarsdale Community Baptist Church in Scarsdale, New York. We seek a pastor who will lead us individually and corporately to live out Jesus' command to Love the Lord, care for our Neighbors, and to fulfill the Great Commission. We seek an individual who can join us on our journey to develop a closer relationship with God through bible study, worship, fellowship, and service to the community.

We are looking for a senior minister who can build upon the strengths of the congregation and to help the church grow in commitment and in numbers. Of course we are looking for an inspiring preacher who will lead worship and a pastor who will care for each of the sheep in the flock, but we are also looking for leadership and vision to make this church the church that God intended it to be...vibrant, active, and relevant to the needs of the surrounding community.

The strengths of the existing church and congregation are many. You can view our church at [www.scbcnyc.org](http://www.scbcnyc.org). It is a beautiful stone church located in the heart of Scarsdale Village next to a park, a quick walk away from the train station and about 30 minutes from mid-town NY City. Scarsdale has a population of approximately 20,000 people and it is located in the densely populated lower Westchester County area which has a population of over 500,000. The beautiful setting and convenient suburban location in a densely populated area should help us reach the un-churched or under-churched of the area.

The church holds 300 people but on any given Sunday we will have from 70 to 110 members. It is a big little church. Although we have had more attrition than new members over the past several years, we have maintained church programs, the physical plant as well as the financial health of the Church. We have strong education programs serving children, youth, and adults. We also continue to have Fellowship and Calling programs which care for our members as well as Mission & Outreach Programs which serve the larger community. Aside from the sanctuary there is a fully-equipped kitchen, an education wing, and a large general purpose fellowship hall. There is adjacent to the church a 12 room colonial house which serves as the minister's residence. Due largely to the generosity of previous generations the church has an endowment.

Perhaps the biggest strength is the diversity and unity of the congregation and our desire to do God's will. Our church has been well led the past 14 years by our beloved pastor, who will be retiring. Organized under Baptist principles the members come from a wide variety of backgrounds including: international, interdenominational, intergenerational and ethnic. We are Baptist in that each claims the freedom to direct his or her own soul without the imposition of clergy or creed. Although diverse there is a unity of purpose and while the style and tradition of the church has historically been more high church oriented with minister gowned and choir robed, there is recognition that it is the Gospel

Message that is timeless and not the style. We are open to being creative in our ministry and finding ways to better serve the growing number of un-churched in our area.

You will not be alone. There is a committed core of multi-talented members as well as a staff that includes a church office secretary, a part-time financial office secretary, a nursery school director, a sexton, and a part-time director of family ministry. The ideal candidate would possess:

- Expertise in preaching and leadership of Christian worship service
- Experience as a Senior Pastor or Associate Pastor serving a diverse, suburban congregation
- Ability to communicate the scripture and teach it's relevance in our daily walk
- Passion, motivation and desire to teach, spread the word of God and to lead in the growth of our church, in this Westchester community
- Desire to provide pastoral care for all age groups
- Ability to be ordained or have ordination recognized by the American Baptist Churches/USA

After prayerfully considering this position if you are interested in leading our journey and providing energy and vision in the service of Jesus Christ here at SCBC, please submit the following:

- Resume
- Plan describing approach for growing our church

These materials should be sent to [SCBCNY@gmail.com](mailto:SCBCNY@gmail.com). If you have questions please contact us at the provided email or call us at 914-723-1734 and ask for the Pulpit Search Committee.