



## **Pastor / Church Planter Job Description**

Calvary Baptist Church of Paradise is looking for an individual with the skills and passion of a church planter to come in and help reestablish the church while reaching the people who are moving back to the Town of Paradise and the community of Magalia.

### **A BRIEF NARRATIVE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Calvary Baptist Church has served the Town of Paradise and its surrounding areas for over 80 years. Its current location, at the intersection of Clark Road and Nunneley Road, was established in the late 1940's. In September 1966, Calvary Baptist Church opened Paradise Christian School which operated until the early 2000's. The school facilities also housed Champion Christian School for 2 years and most recently the Achieve Charter High School.

On November 8, 2018 Calvary Baptist Church was lost in the Camp Fire which raged for 17 days. The Town of Paradise and its surrounding areas were devastated by this tragedy. Over 153,000 acres were burned and over 18,800 structures were destroyed or damaged. Of the 18,800 structures destroyed, 14,000 were residential sites; homes, mobiles, and apartments. The population of Paradise dropped more than 90%; the 2010 Census indicated 26,800 people resided in the Town of Paradise and 11,300 in the community of Magalia. Based on a door-to-door count conducted by the Town of Paradise in April 2019, approximately 2,034 people resided in the Town of Paradise; it is estimated that there are approximately 7,000 residence in the community of Magalia, located 4 miles northeast of Paradise. As of February 2021, approximately 1,506 building permit applications have been submitted and 642 homes have been rebuilt within the city limits. The Town of Paradise is committed to its rebuilding efforts, but it's difficult to determine how long it will take for it to return to pre-fire status; this could be a 5-to-10-year effort.

Over three quarters of the Calvary Baptist Church membership lost homes in the Camp Fire and were forced to move from the area. Tragically we lost one member to the fire. While it has been a trying experience for our body, we continue to meet to worship and praise God for all He has done and will be doing. Currently we have between 8 to 12 people attending our Sunday Morning Service. Membership consists mainly of retired senior citizens. We presently meet in the fellowship hall of the Paradise Ridge Southern Baptist Church. We don't know what the future holds for our church, but we stand firm in the knowledge that God has a purpose for us. We look forward to His leading as we move forward in the life of our church. Due to insurance,

the church does have the resources to re-build and take care of pastoral compensation. The Board is beginning to gather input related to rebuilding. It is our desire, God willing, that the church be here as people return to the community. The church currently has a pastor, Gerry Zordel. It is his desire to help with the transition and assist in anyway; his retirement plans include moving from the area.

Certainly, at this time, there are many unanswerable questions related to the rebuilding of the Town of Paradise and the community of Magalia. The Board understands these issues and wants to make sure any candidate is aware of these issues and understands the challenges surrounding the rebuilding of Calvary Baptist Church. This task will not be accomplished by the wisdom and hands of man but through the leading and will of God.

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Meets the Biblical qualifications of a pastor/elder
2. Have a Servant's heart
3. Committed to preaching/teaching and application of the Bible
4. Gifted and experienced in outreach and evangelism
5. Doctrinal alignment with the church
6. Completion of a Bible college or seminary degree
7. Completion of a Church Planter Assessment through the GARBC
8. Willingness to pursue further Church Planting training (if needed)
9. An eagerness to build a core team to re-plant the church
10. Experience in launching new organizations or ministries
11. Willing to lead the church through a re-building process
12. A commitment to remain in the GARBC Association

If you feel lead of the Lord to accept the unique challenges which lay before the rebuilding of Calvary Baptist Church, we welcome you to contact us.

Please submit resumes to: Ron Hutto at [calvaryoffice@att.net](mailto:calvaryoffice@att.net)

Thank you,

Ministry Leadership Team  
Calvary Baptist Church of Paradise