

CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA

Ministry Opening

CHURCH / MINISTRY ORGANIZATION

Jordan Falls Baptist Church

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Jordan Falls, Nova Scotia

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<https://www.jordanfallsbaptistchurch.org/>

FULL TIME PASTORAL POSITION

Pastor

REQUESTED CREDENTIALS

Accredited Ordained Minister or
Candidate for Ordained Pastoral
Ministry

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

26-49

POSITION DESCRIPTION

CLOSING DATE

Flexible: open for applications until the position is filled

SEND RESUME / CV TO

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Pastor Job Description

PURPOSE:

Faithfully preach God's Word and model the priority of prayer and discipleship within the Church. Provide spiritual leadership to the Church and work in conjunction with the Boards to establish and implement the vision. Give oversight and direction to all ministries, help formulate policies as may be required.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. **Provide a preaching ministry** which is balanced in terms of doctrine, principles of our Christian faith in knowledge of the Word, application of those principles to our daily lives and commitment of the individuals to those principles.
 - a. Provide a balanced overview of the whole counsel of God.
 - b. Deal with doctrinal issues which may need particular attention.
 - c. Apply Biblical principles to moral, ethical, and political issues.
 - d. Ensure that encouragement, reproof, and correction are in balance.
 - e. Conduct baptisms and oversee membership.
 - f. Give opportunity for people to respond to evangelistic and commitment messages.
 - g. Conduct the Communion Service.
2. **Provide pastoral care** for the congregation personally or through groups.
 - a. Conduct visitations for hospital patients, elderly/shut-ins, members, and adherents.
 - b. Provide premarital counseling.
 - c. Counsel troubled people and those in need.
 - d. Officiate weddings/funerals.
 - e. Keep in contact with various groups in the church formally and informally.
3. **Disciple and equip** the congregation to train believers in the basics of the Christian life so that they may be assimilated into the congregation, grow, and reproduce in order to impact their homes, church, and community.
 - a. Oversee discipleship of new believers.
 - b. Provide leadership development opportunities.
 - c. Equip people to disciple others.

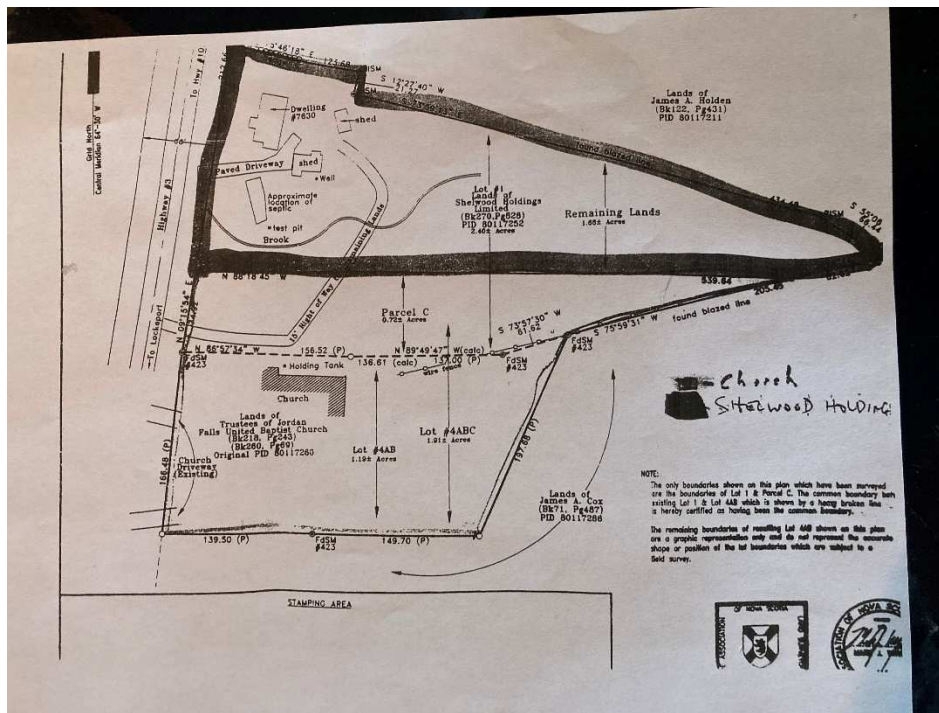
4. **Provide leadership and direction** for ministry, not only in its effectiveness but in the preparation of people to carry it out.
 - a. Provide a vision for direction and develop a strategic plan for the church.
 - b. Train and develop the Elder Board.
 - c. Develop a long-range plan for:
 - Pulpit ministry
 - Discipling and equipping,
 - Community outreach
 - d. Ensure that prayer has a prominent place in the church life and personal lives.
 - e. Act as an ex-officio member on all boards and committees.
 - f. Provide an outreach vision which is local and mission-oriented.
 - g. Liaise with the Elders in maintaining a spiritually healthy church.
5. **Plan administrative duties** to ensure the ministry of the church runs smoothly.
 - a. Oversee worship service in consultation with the worship team.
 - b. Develop a standard for performance in ministries.
 - c. Respond in a timely fashion to incoming phone calls, emails, and texts.
 - d. Advise the appropriate use of the benevolent fund.
 - e. Develop agenda for Elder meetings with Chairman/Vice Chairman.
 - f. Attend all Elder meetings.
6. **Maintain a self-development program** which will keep both personal and church life in balance.
 - a. Schedule time to concentrate on prayer and personal Bible study.
 - b. Plan for regular physical exercise and relaxation periods.
 - c. Keep current in reading.
 - d. Keep in contact with pastors, colleagues, and resource people.
 - e. Maintain consistent contact with pastoral gatherings in the area.
 - f. Take advantage of seminars and conferences.
 - g. Preach at other churches or conferences as deemed helpful.
 - h. Speak at local civic events, attend social gatherings, as appropriate.

CHURCH HISTORY:

The present church building was constructed circa 1865 and was part of a church field consisting of Shelburne Baptist, Sandy Point Baptist, Jordan Bay Baptist and Jordan Falls Baptist. The four churches shared one pastor and Shelburne was considered the "mother" church. The others would share the pastor and all contributed a share of the salary paid. This worked quite well for a number of years until Jordan Bay and Sandy Point closed their doors in the late seventies or early eighties. Jordan Falls made a decision in 1988 to go on their own, engage a pastor, build a parsonage, and minister to the village and surrounding area. There was great interest and support and a "new" life began; growing the church, conducting youth groups, VBS weeks, Sunday Schools, weeks for youth at Camp Jordan, and reaching out to community in as many ways as could be accomplished. In the last 33 years there have been seven full time pastors, one interim pastor, and some who filled in to bring the Gospel message and meeting the specific needs of the church and community.







COMPENSATION PACKAGE:

We offer a competitive salary for our full-time Pastor, along with a 3-bedroom parsonage (utilities included), paid vacation, health plan, retirement plan, mileage allowance, education budget, and more. The parsonage has just been updated with heat pumps providing both heat and air conditioning.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

The following contains information on our community of Jordan Falls and the surrounding area here on the South Shore (also called the "Banana Belt" of Nova Scotia due to our mild climate). Jordan Falls a small community of about 150 people. The people here are very friendly and welcoming. We are about halfway between the Town of Lockeport and Shelburne and are located in the Municipality of Shelburne. Our congregation comes from all the surrounding areas in Shelburne County. The church is located close to Route 103 which is the main highway in Nova Scotia and makes it easy for people to access. The parsonage is located almost next door to the church so it is very central as well.

The main industry here is fishing and some forestry. There are many beautiful beaches to visit in this county, recreational facilities (golf course, rink, curling and many walking trails as well as the beaches), historic sites, and Roseway Hospital in Shelburne. We are just one hour away from shopping and larger hospitals in Yarmouth and Bridgewater, and only two hours away from Halifax, the capital city of Nova Scotia. For those who may have school age children we have an Elementary and High School in both Lockeport and Shelburne.

The sites listed below will help you to see the surrounding communities and what they have to offer. We hope these sites will help you to see what a beautiful area to which the Lord may be leading you.

Town of Lockeport:

<https://www.lockeport.ns.ca>

Town of Shelburne:

<https://www.town.shelburne.ns.ca>

Municipality of Shelburne:

<https://www.municipalityofshelburne.ca>

God Bless you and Keep you Healthy and Safe,

Jordan Falls Congregation