

Pastor Profile

Spiritual:

- **Whole hearted devotion to God by modeling his life after:**

1 Timothy 3:2-7 ²Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. ⁵(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

Galatians 5:22-23 ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- **His beliefs are in line with our essential beliefs:**

NLCC Statement of Faith

We believe the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men were moved by the Spirit to write the words of Scripture. Therefore, the Bible is without error.

We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). We believe that Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity (the Son of God) who became flesh to reveal God to man and to become the Savior of the lost world.

We believe that man was created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him, but became alienated from that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man is totally incapable of coming back into a right relationship with God by his own effort.

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, salvation only occurs when a person places his faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as the sufficient payment for his sin.

We believe all believers should follow the example of Christ in the sacrament of baptism. New Life practices baptism by immersion.

We believe that every Christian should live for Christ and not for himself. By obedience to the Word and daily yielding to the Spirit, every believer will mature and become conformed to the image of Christ.

We believe that the church is the body of Christ of which Jesus Christ is the Head. The members are those who have trusted by faith the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving Him and by making Him known to a lost world.

This document is for the members of NLCC. Members are those who have signed the membership covenant (see Addendum "A") and are regularly practicing the expressions of Christian faith contained in the covenant.

The NLCC government is built around four teams of people:

1. *The Elders*
2. *The Staff*
3. *The Stewardship Team*
4. *The Ministry Team Representatives*

- **He seeks to know God's will completely by prayer, study of the word, and accountability to other believers**
- **He emphasizes the importance of strong families and whose own family reflects that**
- **A man who has the courage of his conviction**
- **Sincere-without deception**
- **Intense desire to reach the lost and to spiritually strengthen and develop the saved, through discipleship.**
- **Not legalistic (Matthew 23:23-24)**

Leadership:

- **Organizer able to give attention to advance planning and clear communication and able to hold staff and ministry leaders accountable for the responsibilities they've accepted**
- **Creates new ways to effectively communicate well prepared sermons that relate to those who are new to the faith and those who are growing in their faith and supports worship style (progressive)**
- **Gifted teacher who is able to help us learn and apply God's word**
- **Person with leadership vision who has the ability to take the congregation to that destination – will work with the Elders to build that vision.**
- **Man experienced with small group ministry and able to advance the small group idea**
- **Open to innovative ideas**

Personality:

- **Humble-does not think himself higher than others**
- **Excited positive attitude**
- **Great sense of humor**
- **An ability to not judge people by appearance**
- **Thick skinned, peacemaker – yet, strong enough to make changes when deemed necessary.**
- **Nurturing**

General Expectations:

- **Experience, Discernment & Wisdom with congregational growth as Pastor or Associate Pastor**
- **Seminary graduate (preferred)**