



CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DENTON

THE OPPORTUNITY >>>>

Christ Community Church (C3) was founded in a living room in 2009. They have become a thriving elder-led community of Jesus followers who reflect the political, socio-economic, and ethnic diversity of their city. The church may be diverse, but all have one thing in common: a desire to follow Jesus' example of a loving relationship with the Father, by the spiritual and tangible help of the Holy Spirit.

The vision of C3 is to make disciples who are being changed by the beauty of Jesus in everyday life. Their goal is for the skeptic, the exhausted, the lonely, and the mistreated to find truth, transcendence, and family through Jesus Christ. As a covenantal body of believers living missionally, they stand on the sufficiency of the Bible while pursuing the Holy Spirit and His gifts. C3 is known for loving their neighbors and doing good works in the city by healing brokenness in 3 key areas: foster care and adoption, racial reconciliation, and homelessness. C3 has a thriving kids ministry and throughout the week, members are encouraged to build community through small groups, young adults, and student ministry.

C3 is searching for a Lead Pastor to join the team of elders in seeking the Holy Spirit to know where the church is and where she needs to go. The key responsibilities will be: to serve as the primary communicator and champion of C3's vision, train up new elders and leaders, and faithfully preach the Scriptures.

THE COMMUNITY >>>>

Denton is eclectic. Known as 'Lil d,' Denton is a unique mix of small-town Texas, DFW suburb, and college town. Dallas and Fort Worth lie 45 minutes south, and north is the sprawling plains of rural North Texas. You'll find a great diversity of political and religious beliefs strongly represented. Located in the 'Bible Belt,' most residents have some history with the Christian church, though not always positive.

Much of the diversity can be attributed to the two universities, the University of North Texas (UNT) and Texas Woman's University (TWU), which attract a sizable young adult population. Well-known music and arts programs at UNT mean lots of live music, murals, and talent to be found on almost every corner. There is a variety of restaurants and nightlife spreading out from the bustling town Square which surrounds Denton's iconic historical courthouse. The city prizes the local vendors and farmer's markets. Every year downtown Denton hosts cultural events like the Arts and Jazz Festival, the Blues Festival, the Holiday Lighting Festival (lovingly nicknamed "Wassail Fest"), as well as film festivals, car shows, and many other community events.

Denton is a temporary college pitstop for many, but you'll meet many Dentonites who have lived there their entire lives or moved for college and decided to stay. Many work in education or the medical field, or commute to the DFW metroplex. There's a large and growing homeschool community, as well as a variety of public and private schools to choose from. Denton has maintained the small-town feel, even though it has experienced so much growth and change over the past 20-30 years.

THE CANDIDATE >>>>

The ideal candidate for Lead Pastor is a patient and wise leader who waits on the Lord. He's a compassionate preacher with a love for the Scriptures and a love for the church, helping her to hear the Holy Spirit while gazing at the beauty of Jesus. In addition, his responsibilities will be to:

- Prayerfully study the Bible to preach the Scriptures faithfully ~40 times a year
- Provide vision and direction for the church
- Serve as the primary communicator and champion of C3's vision
- Actively seek elder candidates and prepare them for leadership
- Have healthy life rhythms that reflect a sustainable balance between work, spiritual, and family life
- Actively seek to disciple others in Christ-likeness
- Prioritize his own spiritual growth through prayer, fasting, meditation, stewardship, and other disciplines as outlined in Scripture (James 1:22)
- Demonstrate integrity, take responsibility, and seek accountability as a gracious and loving pastor (1 Peter 3:16, Proverbs 28:13)
- Delegate duties and ministries to members of the church who are gifted or feel led by the Spirit to start/lead a ministry (Ephesians 4:11-13)
- Encourage the church in the practice of the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit

THE QUALIFICATIONS >>>>

- Exhibits the characteristics of biblical eldership (1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:6-9)
- Minimum of 3+ years of experience in ministry leadership required
- Five years of organizational leadership experience required
- Five years as Lead Pastor preferred
- Formal Biblical Education (Bible college, program, or seminary) preferred
- Demonstrates significant and relevant experience raising and equipping leaders who do the same. (2 Timothy 2:2)