



Pastor Profile

Cedar Grove Baptist Church (Carthage, Texas)

Beliefs: Should completely agree with Cedar Grove Baptist Church's Faith and Message.

- **Authority of Scripture.** The Bible is divinely inspired; it is the final authority in all matters of life (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).
- **Worship.** We are created to worship God—this is the ultimate reason for our existence (John 4:23-24). We seek to praise & worship—as individuals, families, & a local church.
- **Salvation.** We believe redemption is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior, who, by His blood, paid the price for our sins (John 3:16).
- **Baptism.** Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water (Acts 8:36-39). It is an act of obedience symbolizing faith in the crucified, buried, & risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, & the resurrection to walk in a new life in Christ Jesus.
- **The Lord's Supper.** The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience in which members memorialize Jesus' death and anticipate His return.
- **Prayer.** Prayer is every believer's privilege and responsibility; God releases His power and leads the lives of those who spend time in prayer (Matt. 6:7; 1 Thess. 5:17).
- **Life Transformation.** Christians should daily pursue a growing, personal relationship with Christ and are responsible for becoming more like Christ in their beliefs and conduct (Eph. 4:13; Col. 1:28). We provide opportunities for believers to develop a Christian worldview and thus love others as God so loved us.
- **Personal Evangelism & Missions.** Every person is loved by God, who has entrusted us with communicating the message of salvation (Matt. 28:19-20; 2 Cor. 5:18-20). We seek to share that message with all people—regardless of race, ethnicity, or economic status—at home and worldwide.
- **Stewardship.** In that God owns everything, Christians should adopt a lifestyle of stewardship, practicing the Biblical principle of tithing (giving at least one-tenth of income) to support God's work through the church (1 Cor. 4:2; 1 Peter 4:10). We also believe that Christians are called to give offerings above the tithe as God leads to further God's Kingdom work on earth.
- **Message of Faith.** Our Message of Faith is stated generally in the Baptist Faith and Message of 2000.



Education/Experience: Seminary graduate preferred with 5 years of pastoral experience.

Preaching: Focuses on preaching biblically sound sermons that are relevant to people's lives and produce spiritual growth. A well-prepared Bible teacher whose teaching inspires people to become followers of Jesus and live faithfully to the Gospel.

Leadership: A passionate follower of Christ, a person with strong communication skills, personal humility, and a heart to see members grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, a leader who empowers staff and leads from a place of love and care.

Ministry Skills: Places his relationship with God first, his family responsibility second, and the church third to balance the demands of the ministry.

Fellowship: Demonstrates Christ's love towards church members, believers, and non-believers within the community. Promotes a relationship of unity within the church and with other congregations, helping to spread the word of God.

Discipleship: Equips and encourages members to engage in acts of service both inside and outside of the church. This includes but is not limited to sharing the gospel, meeting the physical and emotional needs of others, and being involved in events, all while showing the love of Christ.

Administration: Leads and works in conjunction with church staff, committees, and deacons; delegates responsibilities appropriately and as needed; maintains responsibility for the day-to-day activities and operations of the church. Holds staff accountable and helps committees and all members accomplish all responsibilities.

Vision: Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and through collaborating with God's people the pastor will cast a compelling vision of where he feels God is leading the congregation in the near and distant future.

Shepherding: Always looking out for the needs of the entire church body. Guarding the fellowship of Cedar Grove against false beliefs and secular and/or blasphemous teachings. Promotes a spirit of unity and love among the body.