

## CENTRAL and WOOTON EPC Pastoral Qualifications

*As requested, members of both Central and Wooton EPC have collaborated to identify and develop a listing of qualities we would like to see in our future pastor. We appreciate the opportunity to share members' feedback and feel it will serve as a supplement to our church information forms. Thank you for your consideration.*

- A thorough knowledge of the Bible and the ability to interpret it accurately, a deep understanding of the scriptures
- Possesses integrity and lives a life consistent with their teachings
- Honest and compassionate, telling the truth in love, ready and willing to help others
- The ability to connect with people and offer genuine support, a good listener
- Strong/ effective communication skills, with an ability to articulate their message both verbally and in writing
- Leading the congregation by example, in service and deed
- A lifelong learner, recognizing areas for improvement or skill building and being open to change
- Inspiring and guiding their church with vision
- Discernment, seeking guidance from God first in all decisions, and exhibiting wisdom and knowledge
- Genuine and excited about their role, enthusiastic and committed to their calling
- A heart for children's ministry, including collaborating with our school district to continue providing Bible Release Time
- Experience pastoring a church preferred, but not required. Other leadership roles within the church or parachurch organization may substitute (youth pastor/ leader, Sunday school teacher, ministry/ outreach coordinator, etc.)
- Willing to serve in the community and collaborate with other organizations, foundations and churches to conduct outreach in the community as well as respond in crisis situations (Ministerial Association, school district, Volunteer Fire Depts, local/ county government)
- Solution based and diplomatic; able to work through barriers to ensure the mission of the church met
- Comfortable with women serving as elders and teachers in the church
- A competent teacher of scripture, willing to lead Bible study, Sunday school, assist with Bible Release time
- Competent speaker, capable of delivering a strong message/ sermon based on scripture

