

SENIOR PASTOR

Opportunity Profile




MACHIAS VALLEY
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Welcome

We here at Machias Valley Baptist Church are searching for our next senior pastor. We invite you to read through this Senior Pastor Opportunity Profile page as well as the rest of our website to get to know us. As you do, would you pray and ask the Lord if our church would be a fit for you? We are praying right along with you and have faith that God will lead us both. Machias, Maine is a close-knit rural, community and we hope you will get a sense of that as you read about us.

Our desire here at MVBC is to be a church devoted to the teaching of God's Word, the fellowship of believers, the worshiping of Christ, the ministry of prayer, and the serving of one another. Read about our mission, vision and values here.

We are looking for a pastor who is devoted to the expository preaching and teaching of the Word of God that can be understood and applied by all ages, a leader who casts a clear vision for the church that people want to follow, and a man who is authentic and transparent about his walk with the Lord.



Our Community

Machias Valley Baptist Church is located in Machias, Maine, the county seat of Washington County.

Our town is situated in eastern Maine near the Atlantic Ocean. To us locals, it is the land known as "Down East."

It is approximately 72 miles from Bar Harbor, 85 miles from Bangor and 216 miles from Portland.

Machias hosts the government center for the county, a regional hospital Down East Community Hospital, as well as a University of Maine campus, specializing in the studies of marine ecosystem biology, teaching and nursing. The historical industries which built this area, timber, wild blueberries and commercial lobster fishing, all still play a major role in the economics of the greater region.

But our area is also seeing an increase in eco-tourism, with visitors from across the nation and even from around the world coming here to experience our Bold Coast, our state's public reserved lands and parks, and other gems which we call the rural and "unspoiled" part of Maine. Our annual Blueberry Festival is the event of the year, held in August and is the peak of our tourist season. The seemingly endless opportunities for camping, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, biking, fishing and hunting are all delightful benefits of this area that we call home.

View some photos from our area below and also check out these Instagram profiles to see more of our local area. These photographers are all members of MVBC.

Instagram:

@down_easter

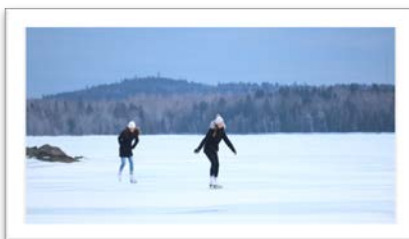
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QUICK FACTS

- **Population = 2,221**
- **Situated on Machias River**
- **45% between ages of 25-64**
- **Site of first naval battle of the American Revolution**



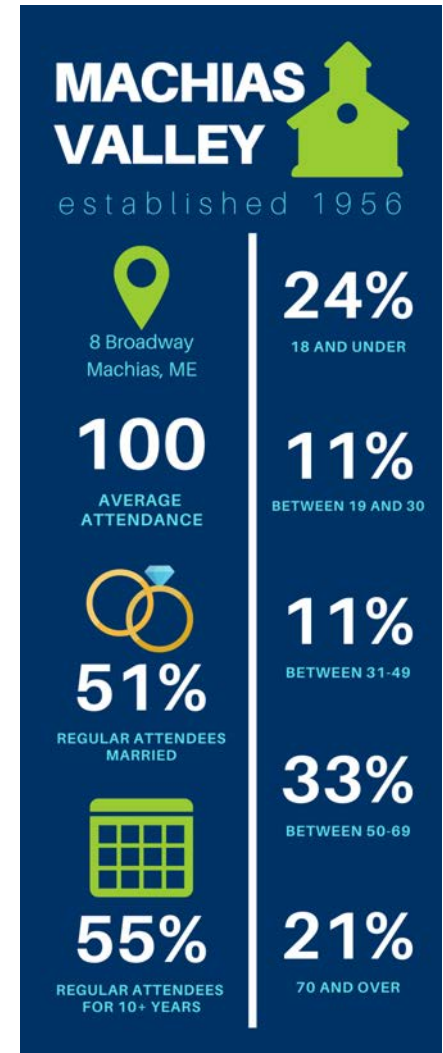
Our Church

In the early 1950's, two families moved to the area and saw a need for a gospel preaching church in Machias. They started meeting in homes, grew in number, and prayed for a pastor and a building.

In 1956, as an answer to prayer, they called George Henderson, an ambitious young man straight out of Bible college to be their pastor. The growing body of believers rescued the abandoned Universalist Church building in 1959.

The ministry continued to grow and reach out to the people in the Machias Bay area. With a few additions and many renovations, the building continues to be the meeting place for Machias Valley Baptist Church. Pastor Henderson faithfully served as pastor for 50 years. Since his retirement in 2008, we have had three pastors serve and walk with us as God continues His work here. Adam Wolfgang is currently serving as our interim pastor.

From the very inception of the church, its purpose has been to teach the Word of God, share the gospel, and lead people to salvation and growth in the Lord. As church members, we are dedicated to this mission and look forward with anticipation and much prayer for our future pastor, knowing that God will do *"immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."* (Ephesians 3:20-21



Our Senior Pastor

Title: Senior Pastor, Machias Valley Baptist Church

Position Summary

The pastor will be a man who will serve on the elder team with a heart for God's word and a passion to show scriptural relevance to life issues as faced by all generations. This full-time position requires leadership for the equipping and engaging of the body for service.

Qualifications

A man who:

- meets the elder scriptural qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.
- is in full agreement with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Machias Valley Baptist Church.
- is a multiplier who focuses on making disciples.
- is a team player who works well with others.
- is a mature Christian who continues to grow in his relationship with Christ.
- is a visionary willing to introduce effective ministry models.
- demonstrates our stated mission, vision, and values.
- handles conflict in a healthy, biblical manner.
- shows strong organizational, communication, and time management skills

Accountability

To God, the elder team and the members of the Machias Valley Baptist Church

Duties & Responsibilities

- To conduct the regular spiritual services of Machias Valley Baptist Church and to exercise a spiritual watch care as an undershepherd.
- To preach on the Lord's Day and help administer baptisms and communion.
- To carry out the spiritual responsibilities of an elder of Machias Valley Baptist Church as detailed in 1 Peter 5:1-4 and Acts 20:28-31.
- To provide leadership for continual spiritual growth.

To Apply

Please review the church, community and pastoral profiles and all areas of our website. Submit the following to apply for the position of Senior Pastor of Machias Valley Baptist Church:

- **Cover letter***
- **Resume**
- **2 demonstrations of preaching (video preferred)**

*In your cover letter, please include the following:

1. Your personal testimony

2. Address the following question:

Of the seven spiritual gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8, which one best describes you and why?

1. Prophecy - you demonstrate God's love by proclaiming God's truth with power and clarity to the present culture for correction, repentance, or edification. "What went wrong?"
2. Service - you demonstrate God's love by meeting spiritual needs (by you or others) through practical physical needs. "What can I do to help?"
3. Teaching - you demonstrate God's love by understanding and giving detailed explanation of biblical truth. "What is the truth?"
4. Exhortation - you demonstrate God's love by coming alongside others to reassure, strengthen, affirm, and challenge their faith. "What must be done to fix this?"
5. Giving - you demonstrate God's love by liberally using your resources to further the gospel message. "What can I give?"
6. Leadership - you demonstrate God's love by executing the plan as a point person utilizing others to accomplish the common goal. "Where's the goal?"
7. Mercy - you demonstrate God's love by identifying with the pain of others and seek to bring comfort to them. "How can I make them feel better?"

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