

**Our Invitation:**

Are you called to lead a church whose members are committed to one another with a united heart to worship and serve God? Does serving in an urban neighborhood, “ripe for the harvest,” excite you for its potential? Established in 1892, and located two miles northeast of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Berean Baptist is a church rich in history. Over the years, we have experienced ups and downs, joys and heartaches, and times of growth and decline. We have planted churches and supported missionaries throughout the world, including many sent from our own congregation. We are now searching for our next lead pastor to work alongside us to see what God would have us do for His kingdom.

Who We Are:

We are a congregation of around 200 people, including about 50 children and youth, who are excited for what the future holds. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit, spending time invested in prayer, and rooted in Biblical truth. Seeking the transformation of our thoughts and actions into the image of Jesus, we strive to mature as disciples who make disciples. We are committed to developing and maintaining loving relationships both inside and outside our community of believers. Partnering with an active congregation, are you challenged to lead, inspire, love, and equip us to accomplish God’s vision for our church?

Where We Are:

Berean is surrounded by an economically diverse population. Our neighborhood is seeing a significant homeowner revitalization and growth spurred by the millennial demographic. Our facility includes a beautiful sanctuary built in 1929, a large foyer (typically used for conversations long after our service has ended), a gymnasium and kitchen (also used for our neighborhood food pantry), and areas specifically designed for children and youth. We share our facility with ministries including Urban Transformation Ministries, Navigators, and Bridge Street Ministries. In close proximity to Cornerstone University and Theological Seminary and a number of other colleges and universities, we are also within driving distance of beautiful Lake Michigan.

Preferred Qualifications:

- *Experienced minister
- *Some master’s level preparation

- *Vision for church revitalization
- *Passion for and ability to teach God's word
- *Devotion to prayer
- *Servant's heart
- *Strong relational skills
- *Calling to lead a congregation toward greater discipleship

Interested applicants should apply by visiting <https://www.convergeplacementnetwork.org/>. Please do not send a resume to the church. A video sermon sample is required to apply. Feel free to contact Kirsten at Converge MidAmerica with questions. kirsten@convergemidamerica.org

For more information on Berean, please visit www.bereangr.org