

Glenburn Community Church

Fall River Mills, CA

Pastoral Job Opening

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Introduction

Glenburn Community Church, located at 42045 McArthur Rd, Fall River Mills, CA 96028, is a historic nondenominational Christian congregation established in 1885. Recognized as California Historical Marker Sha-014, it is the oldest church in use in Shasta County. Historically known as “The Meeting Place,” it serves as a spiritual and communal hub in the Fall River Valley, approximately 70 miles east of Redding, fostering worship, discipleship, outreach, and fellowship.

Historical Background

Founded as Burgettville Christian Church in 1885 on land donated by George M. Rock, the church served the nearby towns of Burgettville and Swazey (later renamed Glenburn.) After falling into disuse, it was restored in 1912 by Baptist minister William Hollenbeak, who renamed it Glenburn Community Church. A significant restoration in 1985, including steeple reinforcement, ensured its preservation. Key milestones include:

- Original Name: Burgettville Christian Church
- Year Founded: 1885
- Land Donor: George M. Rock
- Year Renamed: 1912
- Major Restorations: 1912, 1985
- Historical Marker: Sha-014

Beliefs and Values

Glenburn Community Church is Christ-centered, Bible-believing, and evangelical with a conservative theology. It emphasizes expository preaching. Core values include:

- **Worship:** Biblically grounded services honoring God.
- **Discipleship:** Guiding believers in faith growth.
- **Outreach:** Serving the local community and global missions.
- **Fellowship:** Building authentic congregational relationships.

Congregation and Community Role

The church serves a congregation of approximately 100 members, split between senior citizens and younger families and individuals. Sunday services at 11:00 AM attract 40–50 weekly attendees, with 85+ during holidays like Easter and Christmas. Facilities include a main church, an office/Sunday School building, and a fellowship hall with a kitchen and restrooms. The church emphasizes missions both domestic and foreign, reflecting its commitment to global missions and community engagement in the agricultural Fall River Mills area.

Fall River Valley Description

Glenburn Community Church is in the Fall River Valley (Shasta County) in Northern California. (The village of Glenburn no longer exists.) The church serves three ZIP codes:

- 96028: Fall River Valley
- 96056: McArthur
- 96016: Cassel

Demographics

- **Population** (2020 census with little change since): 3,522
- **Housing Units:** 1,850
- **Median Home Value:** \$351,000
- **Median Household Income:** \$67,000
- **Elevation:** 3,300 feet
- **Climate:** Continental, with some snow in winter and hot, dry summers

Important Sites and Attractions

- **Fort Crook Museum:** Area history with historical buildings and equipment.
- **McArthur-Burney State Park:** A unique waterfall with great hiking trails.
- **Lassen Volcanic National Park:** A beautiful park with many activities.
- **Lava Beds National Monument:** Lava caves and historical sites.
- **Hat Creek and Pit River:** World-famous trout fishing.
- **Ahjumawi State Park:** Water access only.
- **Local Park and Trail System:** Growing and well-supported.
- **Scenic Exploration:** Miles of interesting roads and snowcapped mountains on the horizon.

Education

- **Fall River Joint Unified School District:** K-12, 1,187 students
 - Fall River Elementary School (K-6)
 - Fall River Junior/Senior High School (7-12)

Local Services

- **Fire Services:** Excellent fire departments and state/federal fire agencies.
- **Healthcare:** Mayer Memorial Hospital in Fall River, a critical access hospital with a 24-hour ER (recently updated) and extended care facilities. Patients needing advanced care are transferred to Redding, CA, by ground or air.
- **Airport:** Fall River Mills Airport
- **Retail and Services:**
 - Hardware
 - Auto Repair
 - Tractor Supply
 - Ray's Market
 - Dollar General
 - Safeway (in Burney, 15 miles away)
 - Restaurants

Compensation Package for New Pastor

The church board has approved the following compensation package for the new pastor, designed to support their ministry and professional growth:

- **Base Salary:** \$4,000 per month, paid monthly, subject to annual review based on performance and church budget.
- **Fuel Allowance:** \$400 per month for church-related travel (e.g., visitations), subject to reassessment.
- **Paid Vacation:** Two weeks annually for rest and renewal.
- **Professional Development:** Coverage for expenses related to church conferences, ongoing education, and ministry-related activities (pending board approval.)

Further details will be provided in the formal offer letter, pending final selection and board approval.

Pastoral Candidate Attributes

A pastoral candidate must fully accept these scriptures, embody their meaning, and reflect their truths in his character and actions.

I Timothy 3:2-10

II Timothy 3:10-17

Titus 1:5-11

In addition, the church seeks a pastor who embodies the following characteristics:

- Leads with integrity and is respected within the community.
- Works collaboratively with supportive Elders who reinforce the pastor's vision while holding him accountable.
- Delivers courageous, Biblical preaching with a focus on expository teaching.
- Fosters meaningful congregational worship.
- Shows compassion for those who are hurting.
- Exhibits contagious spirit of joy and harmony.
- Cultivates a vision for steady numerical growth of the congregation.
- Favors balanced doctrine over denominational distinctives.
- Demonstrates unapologetic commitment to evangelism and discipleship.

Conclusion

Since 1885, Glenburn Community Church has been a cornerstone of faith and community in the Fall River Valley. Its rich history, evangelical values, and active role in the community make it a vibrant congregation. The compensation package and desired pastoral attributes reflect the church's commitment to supporting its new pastor in serving the congregation effectively.

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