

Ministry Opportunity

Lead Pastor

The Intersection Church
Oregon, Ohio

The Church

The Intersection Church (Intersection) was established in 1978. Formerly Heritage Christian Church, Intersection changed its name, mission and vision statement in June, 2017. The church is committed in its effort to focus not only on internal teaching and preaching but also on community outreach. We realize that being an outward facing church goes beyond financial contribution but includes personal ministry as evidenced by our tagline, "where passion meets purpose". Children's and youth ministries remain steady as do, women's, men's and senior's ministries. Intersection added Celebrate Recovery (a Christ-centered 12-step recovery program) in



1640 South Coy in Oregon, Ohio

January, 2017 that is serving the community needs as well.

Sunday morning attendance averages around 60. The current membership is a solid core that has remained faithful and loyal and is eager to see the church experience renewed growth under our next pastor's leadership. The church is ready to be led by a pastor that has a strong desire to lead (taking creative ministry ideas from thought to reality) as the pastor is being led by the Holy Spirit.

Intersection is evangelical in outlook and has recently become accustomed to manifestation of the Holy Spirit and desires a deeper understanding and movement in this area. Worship is a blend of contemporary music led by a 4-6 member worship team. The church facility has a contemporary, inviting look and feel. The sanctuary will seat over 400 people. A coffee nook has recently been added where people can gather before or after services. A small gym/multi-purpose facility is used quite often for potlucks, showers, ministry, basketball, etc. The property is



Intersection Church Foyer

located at 1640 S. Coy Road in Oregon, Ohio and includes several acres of land prominently located 8 miles east of Toledo. Currently no debt exists for the church or existing properties.

Intersection is governed by Model B bylaws, which can be viewed [here](#). The bylaws provide for the pastor to be initially elected by the membership, re-elected for a second term, and serve thereafter by review of the governing board. Present church staff consists of five part-time positions which include our children's pastor, youth leader, worship leader, office manager and custodian. Several of our staff have the ability to also serve as additional pulpit supply as needed.

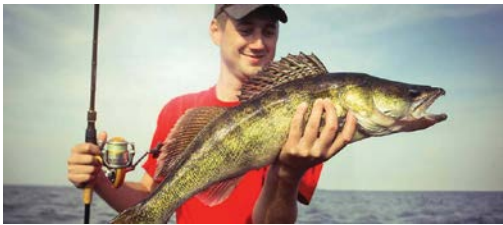
The Community

Oregon, Ohio is a close-knit community that is a major growth area for the Toledo metropolitan vicinity. It is located on the Maumee Bay of Lake Erie, a popular recreational area for boating, fishing, etc. It is a very livable community with a pleasant mix of residential and business. Mean income is \$52,780, median age is 43 and average home value is \$164,000. Excellent public and private schools are located in and around Oregon. The University of



Maumee Bay State Park

Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Owens Community College and Lourdes College are all within a 25-mile radius of Oregon. Recreation abounds with Lake Erie, AAA Baseball (Toledo Mud Hens), minor league hockey (Toledo Walleye), the Toledo Zoo, Toledo Museum of Art, and the famous Cedar Point Amusement Park all within a 60-mile radius. The abundant park systems we have available in the greater Toledo area are a plus. We are fortunate to have the Oregon Parks & Recreation, Pearson Metropark and Maumee Bay State Park within our city limits. The city has two hospitals



Lake Erie is the walleye capitol of the world

with a full complement of emergency and other medical services. Oregon is 85% white and 15% Hispanic, Asian and black in ethnicity. For more information about the Oregon area, visit www.oregonohio.org.

Lead Pastor

Intersection's next pastor should have experience as a lead or associate pastor. Our desire is for both the pastor and the pastor's spouse to be relational as well as being led by the Holy Spirit. We identify the following priority characteristics as important for our next pastor to possess:



Intersection Church Sunday morning service

Personal Characteristics

- Relational
- Conveys intimate walk with God
- Engaging personality and relatable
- Great communicator
- Works well with others
- Able to take an idea from thought to finish
- Has an evangelistic heart

Leadership Characteristics

- Passion to reach all generations
- Inspires people into action
- Supports/empowers people to reach goals
- Good at administration
- Hears, knows and is led by the Holy Spirit
- Empowers leadership

As important as these characteristics are, it is important that the next pastor be passionate, committed and have the ability to lead the church to embrace and minister to the next generation. It is equally important that seniors know they are loved and cared for by their pastor as well.

We are not locked into a particular preaching/teaching style. We realize that each pastor has a personalized mode of communication. What is of paramount importance is for the preaching/teaching style to be rich in the word of God, life application for the congregation, directed by the Holy Spirit, and personal. We love the use of humor, drama, illustrations, testimonies and humble transparency in a preaching style.

It is important for the spouse to be completely supportive of the pastor, relationally connected and actively participating in the life of the church and community. No predefined role exists for the pastor's spouse.

This is a full-time pastorate position in compensation and benefits. The pastor is encouraged and supported in their attendance at Open Bible and Oregon community events.



The Prospect



Serving at Cherry Street Mission

The church core is resolute in our support for each other, love for the church and determination to help the church move into a deeper calling in Oregon and surrounding communities. We are not content with status quo and have a vision for Intersection to possess a sovereign, distinct role to play in reaching the greater Toledo area for Christ. We are eager to grow in ministry impact in our neighborhoods. Visitors are frequently present. The facility has recently been redecorated and refreshed by new paint and has an updated, comfortable look and design. All classrooms

have also recently undergone a new coat of paint and have been refreshed as well. The location and visibility of the property are excellent. The leadership core is solid in commitment and ready to follow. We are not looking for a maintainer but for a loving, people-engaging, spirit-led, visionary pastor. Intersection is an excellent opportunity for a pastor who desires to lead a church to its desired level of growth and ministry fruitfulness.

Pastoral applicants must be credentialed Open Bible ministers in good standing. The church is willing to be patient for the credentialing process for the right, willing pastoral candidate. A selected pastoral candidate must also sign Open Bible Churches' Pastoral Covenant of Relationship. All applicants will be screened for eligibility and must agree to background checks that will be performed as part of the screening process. Submit all inquiries and questions to the regional and district directors.



Intersection Church booth at 2017 Oregonfest

To apply, please submit the following as electronic attachments to both regional and district directors by April 14, 2018:

- Letter that shares from your heart why you are applying
- Pastoral Applicant Questionnaire
- Resume
- Philosophy of Ministry
- Recent family photo
- Recent sermon (video or audio)

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www.openbibleeast.org/ministryopportunities

Church website: www.intersectionchurch.org

Church bylaws: <http://www.openbibleeast.org/?cat=8>

Church picture gallery: <http://www.intersectionchurch.org/special.html>

City of Oregon website: <http://www.oregonohio.org/>

