

Pastoral Search Announcement

Hopewell Baptist Church | Alameda, California *(Bay Area)*

To the Hopewell Baptist Church Friends in the Ministry: We are excited to now share a ministry opportunity with our congregation and church network of friends in the ministry. We move forward in full confidence that God has already prepared the right man to serve as the next pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church.

We are not searching anxiously but seeking expectantly, trusting that the Lord is even now stirring the heart of the man He has chosen. The current pastor will stay, guide and advise the church until this qualified man is called and then will onboard and support the transition in any way that brings glory to God.

About Our Church: Our brothers and sisters at Hopewell Baptist Church in Alameda, California, form an independent, fundamental Baptist church committed to the old-time religion. We are King James Bible, practice biblical separation, model personal soul winning, hold to local church autonomy, full immersion baptism, pre-millennial, and stand on salvation by grace alone through faith alone and are decidedly non-Calvinistic. We are an Independent Fundamental Baptist congregation prayerfully seeking a godly man with a true pastor's heart to lead them. If you are that man, we invite you to step forward with the same confidence that God has been preparing you for such a time as this.

About the Current Pastor: When Mike Chantigian arrived in 2006, he was a bi-vocational pastor hoping to simply be faithful. Now, twenty years later, he is retiring, fully supported by a church family that has taught him far more than he ever taught them.

God has allowed him to stand on His promises while raising a family in the ministry. Mike and his wife (Joni) of 38 years have watched their four children grow, marry, and establish their own homes where Christ is the head. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Throughout these years, he has sought to lead by personal and ecclesiastical example—cultivating a love for the Lord, a hunger for His Word, a compassion for

the lost, and support of Faith Promise Missions giving. He has strived to keep the main thing the main thing: souls.

Here in the Bay Area, over seven million people make up our diverse regional population, and our island church reflects the demographics. We have grown together with brothers and sisters from Nepal, Spanish-speaking nations, as well as people from the active-duty United States Coast Guard. Today, we number 86 active members who love the Word and the lost.

If the Chantigians have helped to chisel out a remnant of believers who prioritize the gospel and personal discipleship, it is only because the Master Sculptor was guiding their hands.

Mike retires believing that the best is yet to come for this church and the next pastor and his family. As for his next chapter, it will be spent investing in his family and learning to be a faithful and active member of the next church they join.

Additional Mini Profile:

- **History:** Founded in April 2005 in Oakland, California, Harbor Baptist Church was planted by Hopewell Baptist Church of Napa, CA, under the leadership of Pastor Mike Ray.
- **Current Location:** We are situated at 461 Marshall Way, Alameda, CA 94501—an island of 80,000 residents in the heart of the East Bay. Connected to Oakland by a series of tunnels and bridges, our location offers access to a dense, diverse population across the Bay Area.
- **Community:** Located steps from Coast Guard Base Alameda—home to three high-endurance cutters—we have a unique opportunity to minister to both military families and local civilians in a dense, residential neighborhood.
- **Worship:** Traditional, conservative services anchored in the old hymns of the faith.
- **Facilities:** A debt-free church with a long-term lease on facilities in a thriving, residential neighborhood.

- **Position Type:** Full-time, paid pastoral role.

How to Apply: Interested and confident candidates should first jump on a call with Pastor Chantigian for an initial interview. Email pastor@hbcameda.org to start the interaction.

Note: After an initial conversation, the pulpit committee may send a brief survey for you to complete. Upon review, candidates may be extended an invitation to come and preach in view of a call.

Prayer Request: Please join Hopewell Baptist Church in prayer, asking the Lord of the harvest to send the right laborer to this field:

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." – Jeremiah 3:15

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