

Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship Candidate

Mike Sherf



35 years of following Jesus, 16 years of marriage, 14 years of parenting, and 12 years of vocational ministry. And I've discovered along the way the beautiful realities of what Scripture promises, that there really is abundant grace for every need and more mercy in Christ than sin in us. The Lord's used that discovery to both stir my affections for Him, and to instill in me a desire for others too to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

Because the Lord's goodness towards us is always undeserved, His good gifts become even better. My wife Nicole and our four children are His greatest gifts to me. We're so grateful that the Lord in His sovereignty has brought us together as a family, and our prayer is that the faith He's given to Nicole and I will be graciously given to our children as well. Ava is 14, Liela is 11, Maxwell is 10, and Grant is 7. On a more personal note, we've all been privileged to spend most of our lives in the great state of Michigan! Some of our favorite things are time spent up north at the family cabin, day-trips to many of Michigan's lakeshore towns, but especially familiar routines like Saturday's homemade pizza and movie night! We take much delight in these good things, but greater delight in the giver remembering that they all come down from our Father above.

Michael Sherf Resume

Objective

I am looking for an opportunity to serve in a local church using my theological training and ministerial experiences in a pastoral role.

Education

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary
May, 2014 Masters of Arts in Systematic Theology

Grand Rapids, MI

Northland Baptist Bible College
May, 2001 Bachelor of Arts in Bible

Dunbar, WI

Experience

Clam River Chapel—P.O. Box 98 Falmouth, MI

Pastor

November 15, 2015 - April 15, 2019

- Responsible for a weekly sermon, a bible study, and a prayer meeting. (Have preached expositionally through Mark, Acts, Daniel, Ruth and currently preaching through Matthew.)
- Responsible for providing pastoral counseling. (Have dealt with a wide-range of things, e.g. grief counseling following suicide, alcohol abuse, marital unfaithfulness.)
- Responsible for home and hospital visitation.

Bethesda Baptist Church - 10000 Reeck Rd. Allen Park, MI

Minister of Youth

April 1, 2008 - November 1, 2015

- Responsible for discipling middle school and high school students through teaching, individual mentoring, community outreach, activities, retreats, and encouraging parents in raising their teens in the admonition of the Lord.
- Conducted counseling sessions with teens and their parents.

Hobbies and Personal Interests

- Family outings with my wife and kids.
- Woodworking.
- Bow hunting.

Candidating Schedule

Sunday, August 4

- During BSH: introduction, process review, Mike to teach
- Sherfs available after the service in the Commons

Friday, August 9

- 6:30-8:30 pm: congregational informal gathering and ice cream sundae bar with the Sherfs in the Commons

Sunday, August 11

- During BSH: moderated Q&A with Mike
- Mike to preach
- Sherfs available after the service in the Commons

Sunday, August 18

- Elders available in the Commons for congregational feedback after the service

Sunday, August 25

- Members vote on whether to call Mike immediately following the service