The Baptist Church of Perry
77 North Main St.
Perry, NY 14530

July 10, 2019

Dear Prospective Pastor,

Thank you for taking a minute to prayerfully consider if the Baptist Church of Perry is where God is calling you next. We are small, 70 members, but have been well cared for by our retiring pastor of 27 years, and we feel ready to grow with someone new leading us. As a "flock," you will find us enjoying our doctrine (tending towards reformed theology such as expressed by John Piper and the "five solas"), our freedom in Christ (minimizing legalism), our unity as the Body of Christ (even in our business meetings), our ministry one to another (high proportion of involved members in ministries like AWANA, bible studies, Sunday School, Youth Group), and our times of fellowship and prayer. We are committed to keeping a large missions budget (27% of our church budget goes to our 17 missionary couples). We enjoy blended worship styles together; our occasional acapella hymn verse sounds pretty good. Many of us are fairly educated, with a notable number of teachers and health professionals, but our special needs brothers and sisters are treasured.

As a "pasture" Perry is a bucolic village of 3,500 recently thriving with the arts, a sense of community, and volunteerism. We have high quality local schools where children typically enjoy multiple involvements in sports, clubs, drama, and music. Our natural setting is ideal, sandwiched between the beautiful Genesee River gorge of Letchworth State Park and the shores of Silver Lake, a 3-mile westernmost Finger Lake. Our Wyoming County is half way between Buffalo and Rochester amid the farms of western New York State. We get lake effect snow, beautiful spring flowers, warm summers, and colorful falls. The package we can offer includes use of a nice parsonage and a salary of $34,000 plus benefits.

We are looking for a shepherd and his spouse who love God, His word, and His people. Do you pray? Can you preach? Are you more concerned about pleasing and enjoying God than about impressing us? If so, we would be honored to review your resume sent to Cynthia Weiss, our church secretary, at baptistchurchofperry@frontiernet.net or phone 585-237-2768 with questions.

Your fellow followers of the Great Shepherd,

The BCP Pastoral Search Committee and Elders.