**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**Seeks a Full-Time Pastor — Florence, AL**

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florence, Alabama, is searching for a settled pastor to work with our leadership team and serve as the congregation's lead minister, preacher, teacher, and spiritual leader.

**Qualifications:**

-Prefer an ordained minister, commissioned by the Regional Board of the Disciples of Christ. Or seeking ordination with an agreed-upon timeline for completion.

-Master’s degree or attending a School of Theology.

-Must consent to and pass a background check

-A track record of successful leadership of a congregation of at least 100 members,

-Experience or ability to work cooperatively with the ministry team and staff

-Demonstrate engagement and support from family in the ministry, if applicable.

-Willing to serve the church and the community, addressing social, physical, and spiritual needs.

-Commit to lifelong learning and professional development in theology, ministry practices, and fellowship.

-Applicant should demonstrate spiritual and emotional maturity

-Possess administrative skills, including computer literacy, ability to communicate orally and in writing in English, and oversee weekly newsletters and bulletins for worship services.

**Application Process:**

Disciples of Christ congregations work through our Regional Center and the General Church’s Search and Call Process when we seek pastoral leadership. Preference will be given to ministers in good standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or the United Church of Christ. If the applicant is not yet in standing with the Region, there is a defined process to gain these credentials, and the Regional Center can assist.

**Contact:**

Alabama-Northwest Florida Region at <https://www.alnwfldisciples.org/>
Regional Minister, Rev. Kerry Kesey, phone: 205-425-5245, email: revkerrykesey@gmail.com

**The Congregation:**

First Christian Church has approximately 100 active members. It is a community ministering congregation known for its active community involvement and cooperation with other churches in the area, which have more extensive programs, such as a community soup kitchen.

Our Sunday service is traditional, with an eclectic mix of music provided by a choir, congregational singing, and special musical programs. We are an older congregation that hopes to grow by engaging local young families, especially those connected to the University of North Alabama, directly across the street from our building.

**The Community:**

Florence is part of a region known as “The Shoals.” This region comprises four cities: Florence, Sheffield, Tuscumbia, and Muscle Shoals. Each town offers a unique history, culture, great food, and outdoor adventure.

Florence is home to the University of North Alabama, a Division 1 college with over 10,000 students. The college offers both undergraduate and graduate studies.

The area has been dubbed the “Hit Recording Capital of the World.” Some of the greatest hits of all time were created in our music studios. The northwest corner of Alabama may look small on a map, but this part of the Tennessee River basin has an outsized influence on America’s culture and history. People and places in the federally recognized Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area have remarkably shaped America with music, engineering, education, and more. And it’s still happening! From outdoor recreation to Grammy hit-making to historic preservation and sustainable reuse, we remain a vibrant presence on the national landscape. The Shoals is a great place to visit and to enjoy life.

Additional information about our desirable community can be found at the following links.
*Visitflorenceal.com
Colbertcountytourism.org
Nashvillesbigbackyard.org
Msnha.una.edu*