

South Blendon Reformed Church Part-Time Worship leader profile

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Building Disciples: Growing in Faith and Serving in Christ's Name

Quick snapshot of who we are

South Blendon is situated in a "triangle" of growth in West Michigan. This triangle includes Georgetown Township in Jenison, Michigan west to Holland, Michigan north to Grand Haven, Michigan. This area had seen a lot of building in the past years and now again with the upswing of our economy, housing is once again started. There are many opportunities to reach singles and families from the many subdivisions located around our church location which is in a rural setting.

This year our church celebrates 132 years in the ministry of working with people and seeing people saved because of their belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

In the 132 years as an organized Reformed Church of America, we have had 19 Senior Pastors who faithfully proclaimed the Gospel of a Loving God, a Living Christ, and an active Holy Spirit in worship and celebration. How we praise God for His faithfulness to South Blendon Reformed Church and with each Pastor and consistory, they have strived to lead our congregation in being a "body" that would honor God through becoming what He wanted us to be as "a church at the crossroads."

We have very talented people in our church that serve on consistory, teach, and take part in our Praise Band. We also video tape our worship service and it is shown on the local WCET Television Channel twice a week. We also do c.d.'s and bring to our shut-ins or members who would like to hear it again or because they were not able to come to our service.

I. **Mission Statement**

Building Disciples; Growing in Faith and Serving in Christ's Name

II. **Vision Statement**

To have everyone at South Blendon Reformed Church know their Spiritual Gift's and know how their gifts support South Blendon's Evangelistic efforts.

III. **Core Values**

The Bible

We believe the Holy Bible is the final and only authority for Truth. Biblical truth as we understand it is informed and shaped by the Creeds and Confessions of the Reformed Church in America of which we are a part.

Prayer

Prayer is an essential means of communication with God and is vital for accomplishing His purpose in the world. We believe we need both private and collective prayer as a congregation for the planning and implementation of God's ministries and activities of our church.

Worship

The focus of Worship is not for us but to give glory to God. We believe worship includes: praise in song and music, prayer to The Father, and reading God's Word. We also believe that as we worship the Trinity, God blesses us and communicates His Presence to us faithfully.

Outreach

We believe that we are commanded to "go out and share the gospel of His love and salvation to those around us and out into the world." We will encourage a Christ-like **hope** both in our inner life and the community around us. The Holy Spirit empowers us to reach out to a world around us desperate for **hope** and love.

Relevance

We believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is timeless and unchanging. Valuing ministry that is both doctrinally pure and culturally relevant, we strive to tailor the presentation of the Gospel message so that the audience hears and receives it. We will remain faithful to the tenants of the Reformed faith, while communicating the Gospel in relevant ways.

Accountability

We are to hold each other accountable by challenging, encouraging and building up each other in His redemptive grace. We need to extend forgiveness to each other when we fall short.

Spiritual Gifts/Serving

We all need to discover, develop and use our gifts in serving the Kingdom. We need to help each other with encouragement to involve all members to take their gift and use it for service wherever it is needed with a joyful heart.

Education

We strive to teach God's Word so all may find Christ and mature in their faith with knowledge. We believe strong homes make strong churches.

Relational Community

We value loving, intergenerational relationships and will care for one another, pray for one another and trust one another. We know God builds a community of faith using His people. We want to be a community like what is described in the Bible; where people are real, honest, respectful, forgiving and encouraging of one another. Therefore, we commit to create a non-threatening environment for all, inviting people to explore the Christian faith.

Spiritual Growth and Discipleship

We are committed to the continuous growth and spiritual formation of every Christian in biblical knowledge, wisdom, stewardship, service and their relationship with God. Discipleship is a life-long, grace filled journey. Therefore, we will devote ourselves to practices which promote spiritual growth realizing that, wherever we are with God, He has more for us. We will commit to provide opportunities for Christ-followers to pursue and continually take steps towards intimacy with Christ as life-long learners.

Stewardship

We believe everything we have belongs to God and we are asked to bring back to God our tithes and offerings. Our time, our talents, our love, our hospitality and our spiritual gifts are also to be used when we think of stewardship. God will hold each one accountable for all He has entrusted to us.

Worship Services We strive to offer God our very best as we gather together to worship Him in spirit and in truth. We have been averaging about 140 people in worship from with an even distribution of ages from newborn to 99 years old. Our schedule is as follows:

10 a.m. – Morning Service

11:15 a.m. – Sunday school

Worship leader Competencies/Qualities

- Strong in leading and empowering a praise team
- Coachable in leading the congregation in worship
- Coachable in designing theologically, pastorally rich worship services
- Strong in leading and equipping instrumentalists within the Praise Team
- Able to walk alongside and empower vocalist leaders on the praise team who can coach other vocalists
- An equipping leader whose primary ministry goal is developing others so they can serve successfully