

SENIOR PASTOR OPENING

The Bridge Church Rochelle, Illinois

Fall 2021

COMMUNITY

Rochelle is a growing city in Ogle County, Illinois, with a population of 9,574 people. The city is 25 miles south of Rockford and 80 miles west of Chicago. It is a typical mid-western town of hard working, middle class people. The population of the county is about 51,032. It is known as the “Hub City” because of its location at the intersection of several main transportation routes (Highways 38 and 251; Interstates 39 and 88; and the UP and BNSF rail lines). A healthy manufacturing sector anchors the community’s growing economic base. Del Monte, Rochelle Foods (Hormel), Crest Foods, Sara Lee, Americold (cold food storage), Illinois River Energy ethanol plant, Big R Farm, Home, and Ranch store) and a super Wal-Mart. There are many restaurants and expanding retail shops. The community has four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school (new) with a total of over 900 students. Kishwaukee Community College and Northern Illinois University are about 15-20 minutes from the city.

Rochelle is an attractive community with excellent parks, 6-mile bike/walk path, country club, library, recreation center with indoor and outdoor municipal swimming pools and exercise facilities. Rochelle also has a Rail Park where people come to watch trains come and go. There is a large Hispanic population in the area. Restaurants include Mexican, Italian, Chinese, Starbucks, and multiple fast food options.



Hub City



Railroad Park



Front of Facility



New Addition

CHURCH

The church was founded in 1988. The current pastor has served for the past 6 years and there is a good spirit in the church. The average attendance is 25 with ages ranging from early childhood to 80. The church is ready to grow to the next level under new leadership and currently offers adult and children's Sunday School, Sunday morning service, and a midweek discipleship class. The church is located 2-1/2 miles west of Rochelle on Hwy 38. The original facility includes an entryway, sanctuary that will seat 200 people, and a church office. The new addition includes restrooms, serving kitchen, fellowship/activity area, and a nursery. They are located on 3-1/2 acres of land and have a small mortgage. We have appointed an interim pastor to serve the congregation during the pastor transition.



Worship Center



New Sign



Fellowship Area



Kitchen

PASTOR

The church is praying for a Spirit-filled leader with a vision and a heart to grow the ministry and to impact the community for Christ. They desire a pastor with a good balance of preaching and people skills, and experience in developing life-giving ministries. This is currently a bi-vocational position, but employment options are plentiful in the area.

APPLICANTS

Applicants should submit the following attachments to Bruce A. Pfadenhauer, Regional Executive Director, at bruce@openbiblecentral.org:

- Cover letter expressing why you are interested
- Resume including references
- Philosophy of Ministry
- Family Photo
- Links to two or three online sermons
- [Pastoral applicant questionnaire](#) (unless credentialed with Open Bible)

Applicants may be asked to give permission to have a credit and criminal background check. The new pastor will be expected to agree to sign the [Pastoral Covenant of Relationship](#) with Open Bible Churches.

If you have questions, please contact bruce@openbiblecentral.org or 515-282-6491.

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