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Two private airports - Columbia Airport and Pine Mountain Lake Airport

Why we love living in Groveland

One minute you're traveling through incredible scenic views, the next you find yourself in the beautiful mountain community of Groveland, population 3,585. Families, retirees, and vacationers enjoy outdoor activities, an abundance of special events, and a strong sense of community. Groveland has four distinct seasons with pleasant summers and mild winters. The average resident is 53 years old, married, and works in a professional capacity. With greater flexibility in remote work, many families are moving into Groveland, where students can attend [Tenaya Elementary School](#), [Tioga High School](#), and [Columbia College](#).

Located in the Pacific time zone, the Groveland community is situated along the Highway 120 corridor and is the main town on the northern route to Yosemite. It's located in Tuolumne County and includes the towns of Groveland, Big Oak Flat, Moccasin, Buck Meadows, and a portion of the Don Pedro area. It's rich in the history of the Gold Rush — you can still visit the [Groveland Hotel](#), which opened in 1849, and the [Iron Door Saloon](#), which was built in 1852.

About 30 miles from [Yosemite National Park](#), Groveland is at an elevation of 2,900', which helps protect against the fog — and smog — often experienced in the Central Valley and Bay Area. Peak season for visitors is May through September in areas without snow and December through mid-March for snow activities.

[Pine Mountain Lake](#) is a gated community in Groveland that attracts families, retirees, and vacationers. With more than 3,400 properties, Pine Mountain Lake offers an 18-hole championship golf course, restaurant, swim center, marina, swimming beaches, picnic areas, tennis and pickleball courts, stables, a shooting range, hiking trails, an archery range, and campgrounds. Tuolumne County owns and operates an airport at Pine Mountain Lake, including facilities for fuel and parking.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Groveland Evangelical Free Church is located in the beautiful mountain community of Groveland, California. The church is also located within the Pine Mountain Lake Association.

The campus is on a main road, has great visibility, and easy access with good parking. Our facilities are on 2 acres and consist of a charming mountain chapel with a maximum capacity of 220, a multi-use Fellowship Hall with a full commercial kitchen, a Lead Pastor's office, and a Secretary/Receptionist's office. There are several rooms for a nursery, children's ministry, middle school and high school ministries, and an office for the Youth Director. Our church is debt-free and financially sound.

Our church's average attendance is about 100 faithful, dedicated, and loving believers. We recently celebrated our 50th anniversary, and have approved updated mission, vision, and values statements, which, with God's guidance, will help us better serve our congregation as well as individuals, families, and non-believers in our community. We recognize our purpose is to love, learn, share, and serve.

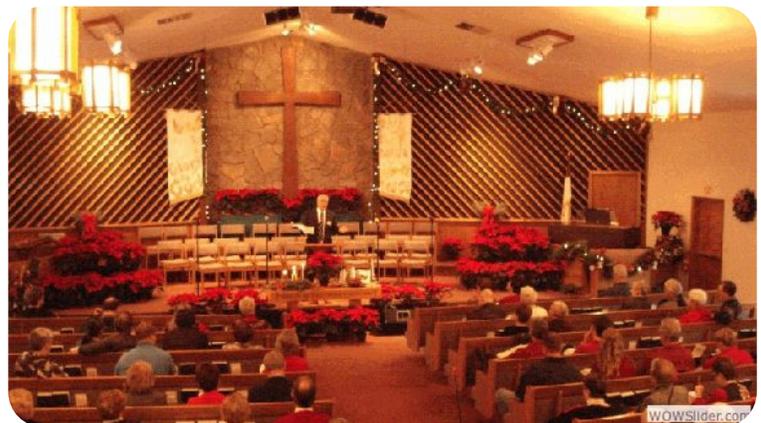
Please refer to our [website](#) for detailed information on our new mission, vision, and values statements; current and ongoing projects; and our local and outreach ministries.

Ministries

- Bible studies
- Children's ministries
- Middle school and high school youth groups
- Vacation Bible School
- Music worship team
- Prayer teams
- Community outreach, global and national missionaries
- Food Closet (Monthly food distribution in partnership with nonprofit and county agencies)

Ideas for increased outreach ministries

- Home/life groups
- Recovery groups
- Marriage and family counseling
- Local missions
- Evening service/follow-up
- Multi-use fellowship hall



OUR PASTOR

Our pastor will model the vision of GEFC: To *love God, learn to be a disciple of Jesus, share our resources, and serve others.*

LOVE GOD

Our ideal pastoral candidate is passionate about the Word of God, faithful prayer, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our pastor needs to feel the call to serve Groveland Evangelical Free Church and support our mission, vision, and values statements. We are searching for a pastor who will be a strong advocate for prayer life in our church and have a passion to see people of all ages grow in maturity in Christ. Our ideal pastor will have a high value for — and a solid relationship with — family, and maintain a proper work and home life balance as described in 1 Timothy 3.

LEARN TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

Our ideal pastor will be an enthusiastic, dynamic preacher and teacher of Biblical truths, focusing on life-applicable messages and encouraging a deeper relationship with Jesus. We seek a pastor with adequate pastoral training and experience to match our church's needs. We're looking for a pastor who has a commitment to life-long personal growth — intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually — in order to grow in relationship with Christ. A winning personality will help engage people of all ages who will find our pastor approachable and easy to get to know. For example, we seek a pastor with a good sense of humor (though not at the expense of others), who is humble, able to admit mistakes and ask for help. The ideal candidate will be a good listener who asks clarifying questions, and provides good counsel. Combined, this expertise and ability to build strong relationships will be key to helping congregants grow in their walk with Christ.

SHARE OUR RESOURCES

Our church is blessed, and we use our gifts to support and serve our church and our neighbors, and effectively bring the message of the gospel to the people in our community. To assist us in this goal, our pastor should be a team leader with skills to effectively communicate, set goals, delegate, and constructively encourage each task or project to completion.

SERVE OTHERS

Guiding the future of our church will require a pastor experienced in collaborating with Elders to establish the overall vision and ministry goals. We seek a pastor who will serve our church family and local community, which means being administratively organized, with the ability to effectively lead staff and promote a positive, respectful, working environment that includes accountability and reviews. Our ideal pastor will seek with a missionary's heart to learn about the culture and build bridges with our mountain community. This will include visiting the sick and shut-ins, leading outreach programs, and representing our church in the community. At times, our pastor may need to respectfully help others resolve conflicts and differences in a healthy, Biblical manner. Importantly, we want to be inspired by someone who can dream dreams and encourage others to do the same.