

Youth (Teen) Ministry Intern

First Baptist Church offers families a church home in the New River Valley where the spiritual dimensions of life are nurtured, relationships are fostered across generations, and respect and love for all persons is honored. Teens are nurtured spiritually and socially through social gatherings, Bible studies, community service projects, and encouragement and support from key adults.

The Youth Ministry Intern is a key facilitator of these values.

Position Overview

The youth ministry intern will plan and lead the youth ministry (grades 7-12) in coordination with the rest of the ministry staff. This is a paid internship with no benefits. Opportunity is offered to be involved as deeply in “behind the scenes” aspects of church ministry as time and desire allows.

Required Duties & Responsibilities

Serve 3-7 hours each week with the youth ministry:

1. Be present to greet teens and their parents on Sunday mornings.
2. Lead a curriculum-based youth gathering on Sunday evenings that includes fun activities and Bible study, and which fosters healthy interaction and group-building. At present, more of our teens live in Christiansburg, so the location for gatherings may rotate through the homes of church members who live in Christiansburg. The youth intern is also responsible for scheduling the host homes, communicating needs for the gathering to those parents, and expressing appreciation to them in follow up.
3. Plan at least one monthly fun outing or community outreach project each month, enlisting at least one other adult volunteer as an assistant. *Examples: a hike in the nearby mountains, a bowling & laser tag outing, a progressive dinner, a rock wall climbing event.*
4. Meet with the staff supervisor weekly. Be able to explain plans in detail, lesson plans for learning experiences, and to share concerns and accomplishments.
5. Be available to join families for lunch on Sunday, as invited, in order to further foster relationships.
6. Communicate weekly with parents and teens through multiple social media channels.
7. Provide timely information to the church office for weekly and monthly publications that promote activities for teens and families.
8. Reach out to potential new teens who might join the group and encourage them.

Optional Opportunities and Responsibilities

The intern may choose to be involved in other aspects of teen ministry depending on his or her skills and interests. The intern is not expected to participate in any of the following; they are strictly voluntary. Examples:

1. Assisting with pastoral care for teens and families (such as visiting a teen having a medical procedure, or offering to be a listening adult to a teen in crisis).
2. Identifying gaps in the youth ministry.
3. Learning the church's operational processes.

Position Requirements

1. A growing and vibrant Christian spiritual life.
2. A passion for reaching and nurturing teens, and helping them experience God's love and work in their lives.
3. A strong sense of ownership for guiding the church's youth ministry, complemented by a team-oriented approach to accomplishing shared goals.
4. Availability on Sunday mornings and for monthly special event.
5. Willingness to work respectfully with persons of diverse backgrounds, ethnic groups, and sexual orientations.
6. Comfort with leadership roles in small and large groups.
7. Initiative to imagine meeting needs and then plan and carry out purposeful experiences.
8. Computer and social media proficiency.

The Youth Ministry Intern will keep a weekly timecard of hours worked, and submit it bi-weekly for compensation. The rate of pay is \$15 per hour for not more than 7 hours per week.

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