

Oak Grove Church
Hattiesburg, MS
Families and Youth Minister/Associate Pastor

Great Opportunity for someone who is self-motivated and ready to use their ministry skills to reach the next generation for the Lord. Lots of autonomy and discretion for the right individual.

We are a family-centric, Spirit-led church located in the rapidly growing community of Oak Grove, a suburb of Hattiesburg, MS. Like many churches, we have seen decline in our children and youth programs in recent years and are committed to rebuilding those ministries through connecting with young families and up and coming generations in our church, as well as robust outreach to our surrounding communities. We are looking for a strong candidate who can build bridges to this vital part of our church family and nurture the youth in strong discipleship practices.

General Duties:

- The candidate will work in concert with the senior pastor, staff, and parents to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.
- Operates with considerable independence within areas of responsibility subject to church policy.
- Performs administrative tasks within the family and youth ministries such as organizing and managing volunteers and existing programs.
- Networks with community and local churches to develop partnerships.
- Be responsible for and subject to Methodist polity and doctrine, informed by both the Global Methodist Church and local church policy as determined by the Administrative Council, Senior Pastor, and Staff Parish Relations Committee.
- Preaching in Sunday Services at least on a quarterly basis.

Youth Minister Specific Duties:

- Be an advocate for students and educate the congregation about the hopes, concerns and needs of youth in the local church and community.
- Help plan, develop, and implement all aspects of a balanced youth ministry in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and evangelism.
- Support and guide the work of the Youth Council.
- Mentor youth in developing their leadership skills.
- Be a liaison between the church and other community organizations, people, and resources that relate to youth and student ministries.
- Coordinate educational curriculum for youth (grades 6-12) and recruit teachers in partnership with the full ministry team.
- Work in partnership with the full ministry team to effectively reach students in the community and develop a strategic student ministry outreach plan.
- Help maintain an atmosphere of teamwork across the board with paid and unpaid staff.

Expectations:

- This is a full-time salaried position with regular office hours when not in the community.

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