



Student Ministry Director (Full-Time) Avenue Christian Church

THE MISSION OF AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH is that *Together we will help people find new life in Jesus Christ. We have a vision to help people Connect to Jesus, Become like Jesus and Proclaim Jesus...* in the heart of the western suburbs of Chicago.

In order to move Avenue forward toward that vision, we have a full-time opening on our family ministry staff team. We're looking for a person who is known for their high-energy, positive attitude, and passion for ministry to students and their families.

Our ideal Student Ministry Director will have experience working with middle school and high school students in a Christian setting, has led volunteers or been a high-capacity volunteer themselves, is considered by others to be *humble, hungry and emotionally smart*.

Position:

- Student Ministry Director

Reports to:

- Family Pastor

Schedule:

- Full-Time, Salary, Exempt, Weekends Required

Role Overview:

The Avenue Student Ministry Director will be responsible for leading the Middle School Ministry (5th-8th grade) and the High School Ministry (9th-12th grade). This person will be a contributing member of the Avenue Family Ministry Team, as well as the Avenue Programming Team. They will be responsible for creating an effective discipleship community among students. Through partnered vision, execution of strategy and development of volunteer leadership teams, the Student Ministry Director will lead students to be life-long Christ-Followers.

Student Ministry Overview:

Avenue Student Ministry is a part of the Avenue Family Ministry. It is currently defined as 5th-12th grades. Its current gatherings are: 1) Middle School Bible Study, Sunday Mornings. 2) High School Youth Group, Sunday Nights. 3) Middle School Youth Group, Wednesday Nights. Both groups participate in monthly activities and yearly big events/trips.

Job Responsibilities:

- Lead the high school ministry in a creative, culturally relevant ministry of discipleship, Biblical leadership, and missions-minded outreach that values personal Biblical study and spiritual maturity.
- In partnership with the Family Pastor, lead the middle school ministry in a creative, early adolescent-specific, culturally relevant manner that values Biblical teaching and spiritual development.
- In partnership with the Family Pastor, develop a team of adult leaders through recruitment, training and discipleship.
- In cooperation with the Family Pastor, *Engage, Encourage, Equip, and Empower* parents in the life-long discipleship of their student with resources and guidance for household discipleship.
- In cooperation with the Family Ministry team, establish a spiritual growth plan for teaching and student discipleship in connection to a strategic teaching scope and sequence.
- Coordinate and engage students in serving.
- Maintain strict safety-conscious guidelines.
- Other related ministry responsibilities, as needed.

General Qualifications:

- Give evidence of a life that continues to be changed by the grace of Jesus Christ.
- Exude a passion for all people, particularly students, to experience new life in Christ.
- Possess strong relational skills in making sure students are connected and involved.
- Be a leader with leaders by demonstrating the ability to work alongside volunteers.
- Possess excellent public and interpersonal communication skills.
- Be capable of leading a ministry administratively.

General Expectations:

- Involved in personal discipleship.
- Practices personal financial stewardship and generosity.
- Regular participant in worship gatherings and other ministries.
- Maintains regular, but flexible working hours, as determined by needs of ministry.
- Functions within the mission and vision of Avenue Christian Church.

Job Qualifications:

- Education: Bachelor's degree (or greater) in Biblical Studies, Youth Ministry, or another comparable field that would provide knowledge for leadership in student ministry.
- Experience: Experience in paid or volunteer youth ministry within a church or parachurch context.

***Avenue Staff Team Values: 1) Have Generous Assumptions 2) Be A Learning Church
3) Practice the Matthew 18 Principle***

To Apply:

- Send your resume and cover letter explaining why this position would fit your gifts and passions, to staffing@avenuechristian.com

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