

## Youth Minister for Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ

The Youth Minister should have a passion for leading 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth into a personal and lasting relationship with God. The Youth Minister should apply their talents effectively to:

- Plan, manage, coordinate and execute all aspects of youth ministry activities, volunteers, communications and teaching
- Promote the development of youth and volunteers with mature spiritual foundations into a passion for service and a love for each other and Christ
- Create a welcoming environment recognizing youth needs across all levels of commitment while nurturing their spiritual development

**Mission Statement:** To lead teenagers into a life changing walk with Jesus Christ.

### Select Responsibilities:

Become personally involved in the lives of all kids in the youth ministry

Organize and train volunteers

Coordinate volunteers, deacons, and parents in an effective and timely manner ensuring the efficient execution of events, activities, teaching, etc.

Plan, budget, and implement programs including but not limited to:

#### ***Worship***

*Cultivate and model praising God through joyful worship*

- Plan and coordinate devotionals and youth worship assemblies
- Integrate youth to serve in congregational wide worship activities

#### ***Education***

*Create an engaging curriculum to give youth a solid biblical foundation*

- Plan and implement curriculum for youth Bible classes
- Develop scope and sequence calendar for youth Bible classes
- Coordinate the recruitment and training of youth volunteers
- Provide needed resources for all youth ministry related learning
- Involve youth in North Texas Leadership Training for Christ events, including coaching teams and working jointly with Children's minister

#### ***Personal Involvement***

*Be involved in youth's personal needs and parent support*

- Invest in personal relationships with youth and their families away from the building
- Counsel with youth and their parents in crisis and transition
- Study individually with youth making faith decisions
- Involve wife and family in youth ministry

### ***Growth and Fellowship Activities***

*Provide opportunities for growth, fellowship, and outreach*

#### **Summer Activities**

- Co-direct Heavenbound Christian Camp senior camper session in coordination with the children's minister
- Plan and participate in a high school summer camp
- Lead and organize Arlington Work Camp
- Coordinate youth mission trip for high school
- Mentor and supervise summer intern(s)-Develop detailed work plan and schedule for intern activities including developmental goals for the intern(s)
- Recommend and support intern candidates to the elders for acceptance/approval
- Involve youth with other area churches of Christ as appropriate to promote networking

#### **Year Round Activities**

- Plan regular youth related activities spanning service, social, and spiritual events
- Plan and execute Junior High and High School retreats
- Prepare for and celebrate outgoing Seniors
- Prepare for and celebrate incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders to youth group
- Engage the youth and support all big ticket church sponsored events (VBS, Fall Festival, etc.) ensuring no conflicts of youth activities encroach these outreach related activities
- Plan and participate in inter-generational activities for the youth

### ***Communication***

*Effectively promote youth activities, studies, and relevant topics to the youth, parents, and staff*

- Keep youth website up to date and engaging
- Use social media to connect with youth and parents
- Keep calendar of events current and available to youth and parents
- Send regular electronic communications to parents regarding ministry needs, horizon events, and parental equipping resources
- Provide clear weekly bulletin announcements
- Provide advance and timely notifications of activities or volunteer resource coordination of youth related activities

### ***Administration***

- Formulate annual Youth Ministry goals
- Equip and coordinate deacons and volunteers
- Coordinate with co-ministers to ensure cohesion, church calendar alignment, and church mission focus
- Participate in shared staff responsibilities (hospital visitation, planning, etc.)
- Conduct periodic reviews of ministry performance
- Maintain and coordinate annual budget for youth ministry
- Stay current with best practices and research in youth ministry and education
- Engage and work with the youth shepherding and oversight elders for support
- Attend weekly staff meetings and yearly retreats