

Position: Director of Student Ministries

Hours Per Week: Full Time



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SPARTANBURG, SC

Job Description: This is a Church Staff position responsible for direct ministry with middle school and high school students. The position will work directly with and under the supervision of the Assistant Pastor of Youth and Youth Outreach. They will also work alongside Young Life staff to further the mission in the Spartanburg area.

Objectives:

I. Youth evangelism and discipleship

- Introduce and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Middle School and High School youth of WPC and the greater Spartanburg community. This is to be accomplished by, but not limited to, regular contact work with students in the church, McCracken Middle School, and Spartanburg High School.

II. Spiritual growth

- Build relationships with students and establish programs and activities which promote and foster discipleship. This will include, but is not limited to, participation in the small group bible study ministry of the church.

III. Activities

- Participate as a leader in Wyldlife and Young Life and attend fall and summer outreach trips.
- Assist in planning, leading, and running of various youth ministry programs at Westminster such as Sunday School, small group bible studies and mission opportunities.
- Assist in the recruitment, training, and nurturing of female leaders.

IV. Time

- The majority of the staff person's work should focus on contact work with both Middle and High School students.
- The anticipated time division for a partnership is 40% Young Life/Wyldlife and 60% Church. [~90% of WPC youth roster would attend the same YL, Wyldlife Club]

V. Continuity:

- Assist the Assistant Pastor in the developing of a strategy to recruit and train volunteers, coordinate curriculum, and maintain open lines of communication with pastors, staff, officers, parents, and WPC members at large. The staff person will perform these duties with the help and direction of the Assistant Pastor. This will include providing resources, advice, and direction as needed to parents, volunteers, and youth at WPC to be equipped to grow in their relationship with Christ at home, at school, and in the community.

VII. Personal Development

- Maintain a vital and growing personal relationship with Christ.
- Participate in various training opportunities at the direction of the Associate Pastor.

Compensation & Additional Training

- This is a full-time salary plus benefits position.
- Staff will have the option to participate in YL New Staff Training, Winter Training, and all other available regional trainings in the Young Life Palmetto Region as either an audit or for credit.
- If Young Life training is not available or of interest, staff could be given the opportunity to pursue other continuing education programs through a seminary after a season of discernment.

Our Church

Westminster is a community made up of about 275 families and an attendance of about 450 to 550 people. Located on the eastside of Spartanburg, South Carolina, we are connected to many local schools, business, and organizations. In

keeping with Jesus' command to "love God, love others, and serve others" our mission is simply to celebrate Jesus Christ and invite everyone into a loving relationship with him.

Most of our families have come to Westminster from an array of faith backgrounds. So while Presbyterianism describes our *tradition*, our main thrust is on the clear communication of the Gospel. Our partnership with Young Life is based on this very principle. That's why we endeavor to be present with students and earn more opportunities to explore their world while providing encouragement to discover everything that God has promised in Jesus. *Learn more at wpcspartanburg.org.*