

Children's Minister/ Children and Youth Coordinator



First Baptist Church of Overland Park

First Baptist Church of Overland Park is seeking a dynamic disciple of Christ who is called to ministry with children and youth, demonstrated in focusing and developing ministries that are creative, exciting, innovative and relevant to the diversity of children and families in the church and neighborhood. We are a small yet growing and diverse community of faith. This will begin as a part time position (ranging in 8-12 hours per week) with a pay rate between \$15-18 per hour depending on education and experience. We plan to grow the position and the ministry organically as we prioritize and develop the ministry together.

The following priorities are the starting point for an exploration of new ministry:

1. Coordinate faith formation, activities, and events to revitalize ministry with children and youth, beginning with the current population of primarily younger children and growing the ministry in scope and outreach.

A. Sunday activities currently include Worship followed by Faith Formation classes
B. Connections, a mid-week fellowship and activity/Bible Study time is under development in tandem with the Children's Ministry position
C. New activities and events (such as youth group) can be added

- 2. Recruit, train, equip, and utilize volunteer church members to assist in the area of children's ministry (building a team of volunteers rather than trying to coordinate everything on your own).
- 3. Partner with church ministry staff to streamline and include children and youth as participants in worship, mission, and community building activities.
- 4. Foster outreach to new families (children and their parents/guardians)
- 5. Future planning: Explore with the congregation ways to prioritize, grow, and improve current ministry emphasis to include new and creative directions for ministry with all ages.

The position is hired by the Ministry Council and reports to the Senior Pastor and coordinates with the Worship and Spiritual Formation Ministry team. All church staff are invited to participate in Ministry Council meetings and expected to participate in the worship and ministry life of the congregation. The church also partners in shared ministry with Kansas New Vision Church, a Korean congregation. A sensitivity to inclusion and diversity is desired. The range of hours includes time for preparation and planning for curriculum, activities and creative exploration of how to grow the ministry. Candidates with a current license or ordination for ministry may also explore with the church a wider scope of involvement and leadership in other areas of ministry.

Resumes with a description of expereience related to the position, including references may be sent to

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