Buckhead Church/Starting Point

Mission

Our mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ

Description

Starting Point is an 8-week small group environment, led by lay leaders, that offers group members a safe place to have a conversation about and explore Christianity. Starting Point is designed with three groups of people in mind: seekers, starters, and returners. A seeker is someone who is not a Christian, but would like to explore and learn more about Christianity. A starter is someone who recently began a relationship with Jesus and wants to know more about what that means for them. A returner is someone who used to go to church, and for any number of reasons stopped. They now want to circle back and revisit the role of faith and Christianity in their life.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

As a part of North Point Ministries, Buckhead Church is at the forefront of creating attractive and relevant environments within a church context. Students would have the opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of ministry environments.

Site Details

Outreach

Last year we launched 49 Starting Point groups on our campus. In addition to that, we have Starting Point groups at Atlanta Mission, Fulton County Drug Court (as a voluntary component of their rehabilitation program), and Serenity's Steps (an organization that helps women step out of the sex industry).

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:

Students will be able to perform day to day administration of groups that meet both on and off our campus.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):

Students will be able to connect with our Service Programming Department for exposure to creating large scale worship services. Reverend Dr. John Hambrick is a writer and frequent speaker both within and outside our organization. Students would have the opportunity to assist in preparing that content. There is some potential for students to communicate should the Site Mentor deem that appropriate.

Mission and Outreach:

We have Starting Point groups at Atlanta Mission, Fulton County Drug Court (as a voluntary component of their rehabilitation program), and Serenity's Steps (an organization that helps women step out of the sex industry). Students may have the opportunity to lead such groups, as determined by the Site Mentor.
Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:
Part of our role is to support and pastor our Starting Point leaders. Students would be able to perform that role alongside the Site Mentor. Students can also connect with our Care Team for additional exposure in this area.

Religious Education:
Leaders often pass along theological questions posed by group members and request our assistance in addressing those. Students would be able to research and prepare responses to those questions to better equip leaders.

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<td>Location Type</td>
<td>Urban</td>
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<td>Worship Attendance</td>
<td>Approximately 6,500 adults. This does not include our children and student ministries.</td>
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<td>Worship Times</td>
<td>Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 pm, 1:00 pm, and 6:00 pm</td>
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<td>Weekly Schedule</td>
<td>Flexible, though the greatest need would be on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays.</td>
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<td>Stipend?</td>
<td>No.</td>
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<td>Distance from Candler</td>
<td>6.7 miles</td>
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<td>Accessible to persons with disabilities?</td>
<td>Our facility is fully accessible for persons with developmental disabilities.</td>
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<td>Accessible via public transportation?</td>
<td>Yes. Buckhead Church is located across the street from Buckhead Station stop on the Red Line.</td>
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<td>Can women be ordained?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>What role do women play in leadership?</td>
<td>Across our organization, women occupy roles of public leadership (speaking from stage to adults, children, and students), and leadership behind the scenes in numerous areas of ministry. Specific to Starting Point, groups are led by both men and women.</td>
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Additional Comments:
If you are interested in fulfilling your Contextual Education requirement with Starting Point at Buckhead Church, please contact Teesha McCrae at teesha.mccrae@buckheadchurch.org.