

THOMASVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Thomasville, AL

POSITION: Summer Intern

REPORTS: Pastor

STATUS: Part-Time (30 hours per week); May 1 – July 31, 2015 (precise dates negotiable depending upon school terms, etc.)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

RELATIONSHIPS: The first priority of a summer intern is to be involved in the lives of the youth (7th – 12th grade) in our ministry – establishing relationships with them, shepherding them and helping them develop their own relationship with Jesus Christ and with other youth and adults at Thomasville United Methodist Church. The summer intern's following responsibilities are:

1. Know every youth by name and develop ways to connect with youth on a one-on-one basis.
2. Ensure all first-time visitors to youth events receive an exceptional welcome, so that all students who want to become a part of the Thomasville UMC youth ministry do so in a way that feels welcoming and natural to them.
3. Develop relationships with regular volunteers. Recruit volunteers for the new school year in the fall.
4. Regularly encourage students to take the next natural step in their journey of Christian discipleship, including involvement in worship, leadership or in discipleship groups such as Bible Study or small groups.

PROGRAMS: The Summer Intern is to lead Sunday and Wednesday night youth activities, to infuse worship with sincerity, and creativity. They will lead the Bible Studies, scheduled mission trips (e.g. Alabama Rural Ministries), and attend Blue Lake Camp as a volunteer leader if the youth attend camp. They will also assist with any logistical matters such as forms, transportation arrangements, etc., in order to understand fully what being a youth director entails:

1. Meet weekly with the pastor to assure that both the needs of the youth and the needs of the intern are being addressed appropriately. Participate in Sunday worship, Sunday School, and fill in as small group leader, mission trips, and camps, etc.

2. Recruit, lead, equip, organize, and recognize lay persons who are called to serve as volunteers with the Youth Group.
3. Serve as a catalyst for spiritual growth, by example and by articulating your faith both in small group settings and in everyday conversations with youth, parents, and volunteers.

REQUIREMENTS:

Education/Training

1. Skills, aptitude, training and experience working with youth.
2. Ability to creatively plan events with worship and for fun with the youth program.
3. Will ideally be in or considering Christian ministry as vocation.

Personal Characteristics

1. A Christ-centered, Biblically-rooted, warm-hearted faith in Christ which expresses itself in loving, joyful, healthy relationships with others and personal freedom in sharing his/her personal experience of Christ.
2. An excitement and commitment to the mission and vision of Thomasville United Methodist Church.
3. A team-player who works well with other church leaders and who has proven effectiveness in working with volunteers and parents.
4. Evidence of Christian character evidenced by a life of prayer, spiritual discipline, tithing, and participation in the life of the church.
5. A sense of humor and ability not to take him/herself too seriously.
6. High energy level for the demands of a growing ministry.

COMPENSATION:

\$12 per hour for 30 hours/week (\$4,680 for the summer), paid bi-weekly.
Housing provided in furnished part of the parsonage (separate entrance),
utilities included.

Own transportation is required.

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