

Faith Church Beecher

Student Ministry Resident/Director

Position Description

Faith Church (wearefaith.org) is a multisite church located in NW Indiana and the south suburbs of Chicago. This position is part of the staff at our Beecher, IL site. The student ministry in Beecher is flourishing and the church is looking for a new leader for this important ministry that attracts many students from the local middle school (located right next door to the church) It's a great community partnership, and the church is currently constructing a new addition to the church to better serve the students.

Duties

- **Oversee Student Ministry**
 - Provide input, evaluation and vision for the Faith Students team
 - Planning and carrying out weekly meetings for middle school and high school students, including preparation and teaching of lessons, preparing games/activities, communicating and enforcing expectations and guidelines to create a safe environment, etc.
 - Organize and participate in churchwide student trips and events
 - Training, equipping, and caring for Faith Student volunteers
 - Communication with parents about events, activity, and concerns
 - Assisting the elders in profession of faith classes for students
 - Identifying and developing student leaders and discipleship opportunities
 - Utilize social media account(s) to bring awareness to the ministry
- **Outreach**
 - Disciple/mentor students outside of regularly scheduled meetings
 - Support students by periodically attending school and community activities and attending special student events (sporting events, band concerts, etc.)
 - General outreach to community kids to build relationships and inviting them to regularly scheduled meetings and events
 - Initiating discussions with parents or guardians about their students getting connected, general challenges they have with their students, as well as how their family can be connected to the church
 - Awareness of contemporary issues and challenges facing students in the wider culture
- **General Church Participation**
 - Be present at church services in order to connect with students and families
 - Support the Faith Beecher pastor and team by assisting as needed with miscellaneous and often unplanned tasks/challenges that arise, especially as they pertain to student ministry
 - As requested by the pastor, attend various leadership meetings and/or meetings with members, staff or community members
- **Other duties as assigned**

Qualifications and Key Traits Needed

- Is supportive to staff members and the church body
- Exhibits a spirit of cooperation, teamwork, humility and teachability
- Possesses a knowledge of and passion for youth ministry
- Demonstrates ability to interact with students and parents (within and outside the church) as well as youth leaders and co-workers
- Exhibits biblical knowledge and passion for God's Word
- Demonstrates ability to recruit, lead and disciple ministry leaders
- Has skills to remain organized and manage various tasks and details
- Is a self-starter who takes initiative and is highly productive
- Possess confidence to speak publicly and handle conflicts and difficult conversations
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Past leadership experience, preferably in a student ministry at church or at a college

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to Bonnie Peterson – bpeterson@wearefaith.org