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Youth Minister

Bible Studies • Evangelism • Outreach

Resourceful, personable Youth Minister seeks opportunity to serve the youth within your congregation and community. Also seeks to motivate them and their families toward a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Easily builds rapport with all ages.

PROFILE

Preacher / Teacher – Prepares and delivers relevant messages based upon the Word of God

Counselor – Member of the Association of Biblical Counselors and actively involved in counseling courses

Event Organizer – Coordinates age appropriate events and activities

Project Manager – Develops and executes new projects within a church setting

Author – Published articles and manuals including “Keeping Time” in Group Magazine and “Youth Group Spaghetti Dinners Made Easy” (a reference guide detailing the planning, organizing, and hosting of youth spaghetti dinners to build relationships in a congregation and help with fundraising efforts).

MINISTRY PATH

YOUTH PASTOR

Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren

2003 – February 2009

North Canton, OH

Recruited to serve as volunteer Youth Minister from 2003 – 2005 and hired as Youth Pastor upon creation of position.

- Prepare weekly Bible studies and Sunday School lessons
- Host parent informational meetings
- Introduce and coordinate age-appropriate activities
- Recruit and train students to serve as student leaders within the youth ministry and youth advisors to teach Sunday School
- Source, organize, and host yearly mission trips
- Prepare messages for Church Worship Service

FOUNDER

Do Not Freeze Ministries

2002 – Present

North Canton, OH

Shared message of hope with local youth and equipped them to share the Gospel with their peers at home, in class, and during social events.

- Designed and launched official website (www.DoNotFreeze.org) and promotional materials
- Authored Bible Study articles
- Spearheaded outreach events at local high school sporting event and the County Fair
- Developed outreach multimedia CD-ROM including a Bible study of Christian basics and study tools (used as discipleship resource by area churches, youth groups, and High School and College Sports teams)

LICENSURE & EDUCATION

CERTIFICATION – BIBLICAL COUNSELING, In Progress
Biblical Counseling Institute of Ohio – Garrettsville, OH

BA – YOUTH MINISTRY, 2006
Malone University – Canton, OH

LICENSED MINISTER – CHURCH of the BRETHREN, 2005
Northern Ohio District

TRAINING

Consistently attend training seminars and conferences to stay abreast to the most pressing issues facing Christianity today.

2009 – Shepherds’ Conference (Grace Community Church – Sun Valley, CA)

2008 – The Ambassadors’ Academy (Way of the Master and Living Waters – Bellflower, CA)
✓ Evangelism Training by seasoned evangelists including Kirk Cameron, Ray Comfort, and Tony Miano

2008 – Shepherds’ Conference (Grace Community Church – Sun Valley, CA)

2007 – Contending for the Truth (Ligonier Ministries National Conference – Orlando, FL)

2006 – Moody Pastors’ Conference (Moody Bible Institute – Chicago, IL)

2005 – Chosen by God Conference (Ligonier Ministries Regional Conference – Akron, OH)

2005 – Shepherds’ Conference (Grace Community Church – Sun Valley, CA)

2003 to 2005 – Philip Training (Faith Bible Church – Canton, OH)
✓ Two-year course training leaders in Biblical discernment, spiritual disciplines, and character development

REFERENCES

PASTOR RAY RUSS

Pastor/Teacher
Faith Bible Church
Canton, OH
(330) 497-7087

I came to know Ray from my relationship with his church during the Philip Training course I began in 2003. He has been a great source of encouragement to me as I seek the truth and live out the principles of Scripture.

PHILIP MYERS

Former Ministerial Board Chairman
Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren
North Canton, OH
(330) 453-4397

Phil was one of the first people to encourage me to be involved in youth ministry as a full time vocation. I have known Phil since I was a child and I have had the privilege of having both of his teenagers in the youth ministry at Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren.

JOSH BRANCH

Videographer
Canton, OH
(330) 323-7178

Josh is a lifelong friend who has helped me develop a Biblical understanding of theology. He and I have attended several conferences and seminars together as we seek to know the truth and make Christ known.

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Philosophy of Youth Ministry

I desire to see teens live in such a way that is pleasing to God and worthy of the Gospel. The purpose of my role as a youth pastor is to build up, encourage, and equip young people to be examples in speech, in living faithfully through all things, in self-sacrificial love, and in purity of heart.



Family Orientated Youth Ministry

I believe Youth Ministry should be done under the authority of the local church and maintain a strong partnership with families. When teens submit to the authority of the local church, it provides young people with an opportunity to be encouraged and held accountable to fellow believers. The church also provides students with the privilege of building relationships with people from multiple generations. Likewise, it is essential for the youth ministry to maintain a healthy relationship with families and equipping parents to “bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).”

Teaching and Fellowship

I am committed to teaching the Truth found in Scriptures to young people so they may “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:9-10).” I desire to use the Word of God to train, counsel, equip, and encourage young people to become committed followers of Jesus Christ so that they may live a life that faithfully represents the Gospel of Christ.

Discipleship

Teens today live in a world with conflicting messages that are constantly competing for their attention and focus. Young people today face a greater opportunity to fall into temptation than any other generation before them. More than ever, it is important for young people to be connected with mentors and trusted leaders in the church that will encourage teens to become grounded in the basics of the Christian faith, which produces an unshakable foundation.

Evangelism

In a Youth Ministry setting, I often focus on training young people to share the Gospel message with their peers so they may lead others to Christ. I want students to be confident in their ability to share the Gospel message with people they encounter on a daily basis.

Serving others

It is important that young people are provided with the opportunity to serve side-by-side with other Christians for the purpose of being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. This can be done by serving in the church, in the community, and through mission opportunities.

Activities and Fun

Times of fun are important for students to relax, be themselves, and build relationships with their peers. Fun activities and outings are secondary in Youth Ministry as the Word of God is the primary focus. Activities and outings also serve the purpose of helping youth and youth ministry leaders build deeper Christian relationships. Fun events and activities can also provide an excellent opportunity for evangelism to un-churched teens who attend as guests.

Summary

Everything I teach and plan is selected to mold teenagers into disciples of Jesus Christ, so they can be examples in their homes, schools, communities, and in the church. The purpose of my role as a youth pastor is to build up, encourage, and equip young people to be examples in speech, in living faithfully through all things, in self-sacrificial love, and in purity of heart (1 Timothy 4:12).

When a young person lives as an example in these ways, he or she will be effective in making an impact in all settings of their life and God is continually glorified. No program nor personality alone can bring about these qualities. These qualities can only come about by God miraculously regenerating a sinner's heart when a person repents of their sin and submits his or her life to Christ (Ephesians 2:1-10). When the Gospel is faithfully preached and the Bible is accurately taught, the Lord will be glorified and lives will be forever changed through the working of the Holy Spirit in genuine conversion. Even though it may not appear to be culturally relevant, God's timeless Word needs to take center stage in Youth Ministry settings so that students have an accurate view of God, His nature, and His inspired Word.

