

Youth Pastor



The Youth Leader, with the guidance of the Executive Pastor, will be responsible for building an attractional youth ministry by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to youth ministry as a part of the body and ministry of RiverOaks Presbyterian Church while serving as a spiritual leader and role model.

The position is intended to average out to 40-50 hours per week.

Requirements:

1. Should have some prior experience in youth ministry and must enjoy teenagers.
2. Must have a good understanding of the Bible and how the gospel changes everything.
3. Must be teachable and courageous.
4. Must be a self-starter and work well with others.

Responsibilities to include:

1. Reach out to and develop a relationship with teenage members of RiverOaks.
2. Help plan, develop, and implement all aspects of the youth ministry as a connected and integral part of the whole local body of the church.
3. Work with the Executive Pastor to recruit, train, and disciple youth interns, volunteers, and teachers.
4. Ensure proper planning, coordination, leadership, and execution of weekly fellowship and discipleship times, as well as youth events (including retreats, special events, Summer camp).
5. Meet regularly with the parents to communicate needs and current status and enlist their prayer support and let them know what God is doing in the lives of their students. Also listen to their concerns and ideas.
6. Weekly meetings with students in settings away from church. I.e. meeting for lunch at their schools, grabbing a coke, sports etc...intentionally using this time to develop deeper discipleship relationships and also reaching out to the peers and key people in the lives of our students.

7. Outreach to new visitors with students. Seek to make them feel welcome and ensure that they are informed of upcoming events available to them.
8. Work with students and parents in developing tools to help transition students from 5th grade into Junior High and Junior High into High School and High School and beyond.
9. Mentor students in developing their leadership skills and gifts. Consider developing a student leadership team with the goal for students ministering to other students.

About RiverOaks Presbyterian Church Tulsa

Tulsa is a city with many churches and many people who know a lot of religious language, but who don't all get the freeing news of the gospel. In 2005, a small group of people began to meet to pray about planting a new church in South Tulsa, Redeemer Presbyterian Church. By God's grace, they were able to hire Ricky Jones to be their pastor, and as the church grew, their faith in God's mission for them grew as well. In 2010, the church planted its first daughter church, Trinity Presbyterian, led by Blake Altman, in Owasso. In 2013, the next daughter church, Ethos Presbyterian, was planted near downtown. In 2015, the church planted an Hispanic church in East Tulsa. In 2018, we planted New City Fellowship in North Tulsa, with Pastors Caleb Long and Montré Brooks. Through its church plants and its own ministries, RiverOaks ministers to many different kinds of people with the truth that we are more sinful than we want to admit but that in Jesus we are more loved than we could ever imagine.

From its start, Redeemer Presbyterian met in various locations, including Cedar Ridge Elementary School, the Union 8th Grade Center, and Regent Preparatory School. In 2012, the opportunity to move into the facilities of the former Town & Country Day School came about. There were numerous obstacles to this move, including the need to rename the church, but God united the leadership to move forward in renting this property. Since the move, and despite sending out people to daughter churches, RiverOaks has grown by over 20%. In 2016, we purchased the property and have paid roughly 45% of the purchase price (by the end of 2020).

Shane Hatfield served as Youth Pastor from 2010-2014. Under his leadership, the youth ministry grew to some maturity. When Shane left to do RUF, the church hired an Executive Pastor, Jonathan Dorst, and relied on part-time youth workers to do the youth ministry. In 2015, the church hired Rev. Ross Turner to run the ministry. Under Ross' leadership, the ministry has grown from ~30 kids to ~95 kids. Ross has taken a job in Lubbock, TX as a pastor, beginning January 2021.

The demographics of our youth ministry currently are: **53 students in High School:** 13 seniors, 11 juniors, 17 sophomores, 12 freshmen. **41 students in Junior High:** 14 8th graders, 13 7th graders, 14 6th graders. Additionally, there are 29 volunteers/leaders, either college students, young singles, or parents.

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