



CROSSGATE CHURCH

Pastoral Intern then Assistant Pastor of Student Ministry

Crossgate Church is seeking a full-time pastoral intern to focus on leading and developing the student ministry as well as learning and assisting in the overall ministry of the church as we seek to “grow true disciples.” This role is intended to transition to a position as Assistant Pastor of Youth and Families upon approval internship and ordination requirements.

The candidate would be expected to work with and under the pastors in caring for the congregation, assist in worship, preach occasionally, attend Session and staff meetings, reach out to students and their families as well as young adults, teach and equip the youth, and further develop the student ministry, in addition to prayer, study of the Word, learning pastoral ministry, and reaching out in the community.

The candidate must reflect an integrity of personal character and professional competence, loving God’s Word and God’s people with a heart to serve. He will aim, in reliance on God’s grace, at hearts changed by the application of the gospel and not mere information dissemination in theology or behavioral modification in ethics. The candidate must be able to appreciate and enjoy a wide variety of people, perspectives, and backgrounds, while wanting to point all winsomely to Jesus in the Bible.

Interested applicants may send a resume and response to david@crossgatepca.org

Crossgate is in Seneca, SC by Lake Keowee in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains.

The purpose of Crossgate's Youth Ministry is

drawing youth to Christ and **developing their maturity in Christ**

by *grounding* them in the Gospel of grace

and *guiding* their dependence on the whole-counsel of God's life-giving Word working together with the parents/families of our middle and high school students.

The ministry aims especially to involve all the youth at Crossgate but also to minister through them to involve other students from the community, welcoming any students curious to know Jesus more.

The ministry consists, in addition to our corporate worship and Christian growth classes, primarily of regular weekly meetings ("Midweek"), weekly small groups ("D-groups"), and individual interactions, as well as occasional service, social, and outreach events.

The ministry takes place under the oversight of the pastors through the youth ministry leader, together with volunteers from the church, and with regular communication and interaction with parents.

"drawing youth to Christ"

Ultimately it is the Father who can draw them to a saving knowledge of Jesus (John 6:44), so this ministry should be built upon prayer emboldened by God's promises (Acts 2:39).

Also because Christ becomes compelling to us especially as we see his glory displayed on the cross, this ministry should continually be focused on Jesus and his redemptive work (John 12:32).

"developing their maturity in Christ"

Both naturally and spiritually, growth is a process with steps and stages that require training and tending to, and not a completed finished product for display until Christ returns (Gal 4:19-20).

Because God is already at work by his Word and Spirit, this ministry aims to move youth toward maturity in Christ by engaging them where they are including various confusion and difficulties they may face personally or from our cultural context. (Eph 4:13-14)

"grounding them in the Gospel of grace" (Acts 20:24)

their primary need is always the good news of Christ's redemptive work which alone provides the foundation for the rest of life (1 Pet 2:6)

their need comes from outside themselves for God's rich mercy and grace which saves and leads forward (Eph 2:8-10)

"guiding their dependence on the whole-counsel of God's life-giving Word" (Acts 20:27)

their stability and strength come from actively resting in and relying on God's Word as it applies to all of life (Acts 20:32)

their tendency like us all is to wander away from the Word but needs to be continually redirected and centered on the fullness of truth that God has spoken to us (John 6:68, Phil 2:16)

"with the parents/families" (Deut 6:7)

this youth ministry can only be one aspect what is needed and we long to encourage and help the parental role toward their youth and so encourage parents involvement, help, communication, and interaction with this ministry and outside of it (Eph 6:4)