



## **Director of Middle School Ministry**

### **About Southport Pres**

Southport Presbyterian Church (EPC) is a midsized church on the Southside of Indianapolis. We are seeking a Director of Middle School Ministries to join our team of pastors and ministry staff to lead our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in their journey of growing as “ordinary people pursuing God’s extraordinary call.” Southport Pres was founded in 1833 and has a rich history of evangelism and discipleship in our community. Our rich heritage, however, has not hindered but strengthened our desire to follow Jesus. At key moments the church has made courageous decisions regarding our future. For example, our current building is our sixth location since our founding. We are not afraid to do what is needed to keep moving forward in our mission. About two years ago, we engaged in extensive work and crafted a vision plan for the next five years. This vision includes “every generation rallying together to support families with young children in our dynamic community.” In order to accomplish this, we need a vibrant youth ministry.

### **Our Middle School Ministry**

Our current middle school ministry model has three movements designed to help our students grow as disciples: Engage, Sustain and Build. The biggest event is Engage on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. This event is designed for students to bring friends. Engage begins with a series of fun and interactive games followed by a shorter large group teaching and small group discipleship. On Sunday mornings, we meet for Bible Study (Sustain) during the church-wide Community Hour at 9:45am. We currently use the Gospel Project curriculum. On Wednesday evenings, students gather in small groups to Build community and dig deeper into God’s Word.

A highlight of the summer is Camp Pyoca. We bring dozens of volunteers to help pull off a week of highly organized games and competitions (think *Survivor*) along with two daily gatherings for worship and teaching. Some of our volunteers have been returning for almost 40 years. We also take the students on a yearly summer mission trip somewhere within the US and have a variety of fun activities throughout the year, like snow tubing, hiking, swimming, etc. While our programs are well established, we’re also excited to bring someone on board with fresh ideas and a willingness to try new things.

## **Job Competencies**

In order to be successful, the Middle School Director will have a passionate, growing relationship with Jesus and model the Christian life for middle school students. The individual will create and maintain vibrant relationships with both students and parents, which includes regular written communication. A successful candidate will possess spiritual maturity and the ability to maintain appropriate boundaries with students and work within the structure of our Youth Protection Policy.

The director either needs to be highly organized or have the ability to delegate responsibilities to a very capable administrative assistant and team of intergenerational volunteers. The candidate will possess collaboration skills and work well with our Director of High School Ministries and our Director of Children's Ministries, especially in the handoffs from one ministry to another. The candidate will have a solid understanding of what drives and motivates the current generation of middle school students and communicate with them in an effective and relevant manner. For future growth, there are opportunities to collaborate with other youth ministers in our area as well as attend an annual conference related to youth ministry.

## **Requirements**

The candidate will possess a bachelor's degree, preferably in youth ministry or a related field and agree wholeheartedly with the *Essentials of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church*. The candidate must also be willing to operate within the policies and procedures of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Pastor Glen Massey at [gmassey@southportpres.org](mailto:gmassey@southportpres.org). You can learn more about us at [www.southportpres.org](http://www.southportpres.org)