

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GAINESVILLE, FLA

JOB DESCRIPTION: Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. Yes, both. Yes, we know most churches divide them up. Our current numbers and exceptional parent volunteers have allowed one Director for both to be successful. As we grow, and we are, we anticipate adding another position, possibly part time initially.

ABOUT US: We are located in Gainesville Florida home to the University of Florida. UF is a top 5 public university with 50k students and over a billion dollars in sponsored research. We sit in the middle of the new Gainesville Innovation District between UF and downtown Gainesville. We are known in the community for our sacred music and concert series. In 2002, a Fisk Organ, Opus 119, was installed in the sanctuary. It was the subject of a Wall street Journal article. We are a multigenerational church. Our midweek Logos program brings together our most senior and youngest members. One of our ministries to the families of Gainesville is our preschool. It's an exciting time and we believe God put us here for such a time as this.

RESPONSIBILITIES: To lead a program that: fills our children and youth with the knowledge that God loves them and has a purpose for their life, that helps them develop the wisdom and understanding to be instruments of the love of Jesus Christ in the world and introduces them to the disciplines that lead to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the strength and endurance that comes from that.

QUALIFICATIONS: History tells us it is important for someone taking this position to have a Bachelors degree, experience in Children and Youth Ministries and proficiency in Microsoft Office. Our youth tell us it's important that the person is able and eager to openly share their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our kids tell us it's important they are filled with joy when they talk about who God is.

SALARY and BENEFITS Financial benefits are 40-50k salary based on experience and an excellent benefit package. Nonfinancial benefits are we are a church seeking someone with talents and we understand that comes with the responsibility not to bury those talents but to help them develop them. Our last Director obtained her Certificate in Youth and Theology from Princeton while she was here and has served as a small group leader at youth conferences. As an additional benefit if you are called you can rebuild our website with our youth. We have a talented group and it needs it.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION If any of the above strikes a chord that makes you think "maybe" then send a resume to our Clerk of Session, andy.vloedman@gmail.com. We'll set up a zoom meeting with the committee and you can ask whatever questions you have.