



OPPORTUNITY SNAPSHOT

STUDENT & FAMILY PASTOR East Lake Community Church

Overview

East Lake Community Church (eastlakeonline.com) is ready for an experienced, energizing and relational Student and Family Pastor to partner with a fantastic staff team to take an effective ministry to new heights. This is an exceptional opportunity for a purposeful, inspiring and fun pastor to build on a healthy foundation in student ministry, and to lead the next gen team toward a cohesive ministry flow that positively impacts the families who call East Lake their church home.

The Big Idea



With direct leadership of students grades 7-12, the incoming Student and Family Pastor will bring a passion for the next generation, and a contagious positive energy and vision to see young lives drawn closer to Jesus. The role is shifting to expand the focus to students and families so that the incoming pastor can offer experienced leadership and oversight to the Children's Pastor and Family Ministry Director, with a goal of a coordinated team approach to all "next gen" ministries, birth through 12th grade. During the interim time, staff and volunteers have stepped up and the ministry has launched into the fall with continued positive momentum, including some growth. Still, there is a lot of untapped potential, especially in the areas of strategic planning, evangelistic outreach and leadership development to be leveraged under the next pastor. Additionally, the Student and Family Pastor will have opportunities throughout the year to participate as a member of the weekend teaching team, positively representing the high value of East Lake's youth and children to the broader congregation, and inspiring continued investment in the spiritual future of the next generation.

The Church



DENOMINATION: Non-denominational **ATTENDANCE:** 900 **STUDENT MINISTRY:** 80+
ABOUT: East Lake is a 20 year-old church with three identical contemporary worship services (8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.). Sunday mornings are engaging, authentic, Biblical and relevant. East Lake takes a "big tent" approach to ministry that "majors on the majors" and drawing focus toward what is shared, rather than that which divides. A core value at East Lake is to teach the Bible creatively and to genuinely encourage people toward meaningful life change. Living authentically, sharing the love of Christ, and walking with others in a broken world are motivating values at East Lake.

The Candidate



The right Student & Family Pastor for East Lake will love Jesus more than anything and will inspire others to do the same. Relational, authentic and approachable, this leader isn't naïve to the realities of life, and will establish environments that foster trust and encourage students to "take off the mask" and get real with God. Creative, talented communication is key. Whether preaching in front of the entire church, inspiring students on Wednesday nights, training leaders, empowering parents, hanging out with students or modeling a love for Christ through everyday life, this leader will be a positive, engaging presence that draws students to know and love Jesus more. In addition, the ideal candidate will have some skill in planning, but be flexible enough to adapt on the fly, "roll with it" and quickly get on the solution side of problems or hurdles that arise.

The Location



East Lake is easy to find in the family-friendly town of Irmo, South Carolina: a community of 12,000 in the suburbs of Columbia (pop. 135,000). Situated on the eastern edge of beautiful Lake Murray, Irmo is known for its quality schools, wonderful weather, and an affordable cost-of-living. It's no wonder lots of transplants love moving here to put down roots!

The Qualifications



A Bachelor's degree is required; Master's degree preferred, ideally with a biblical or ministerial focus; Experience in a multi-staff setting required; Preference to work with others and to facilitate a "team" approach to ministry; Can point to God's grace moving through personal life experience; Spiritually mature and emotionally intelligent; Naturally outgoing and relational; Talented, inspirational communicator

Next Steps



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