



# OPPORTUNITY SNAPSHOT

## Student and Families Pastor Fox Valley Church

### Overview

Fox Valley Church in West Dundee, IL is looking for a Student and Families Pastor to continue the good work that has been happening, as a strong foundation of ministry has been laid in the student and family areas of the church.

### The Big Idea



As a church that draws regionally, several middle and high schools are represented in the student ministry at Fox Valley. This is a great opportunity to intentionally engage a variety of students that are outside the church with a strategic, outward focus while also investing in the solid core that is active and involved. There is further opportunity to partner with the children's ministry to work together to effectively minister to the whole family. It is hoped this kind of intentional collaboration will increase authentic team ministry, generate greater parent participation, bring strategic alignment between student and children's programming, foster better long-term planning across departments and produce a multiplication of overall effectiveness. This position has the added opportunity for significantly increased influence within the Fox Valley staff and community. As the ministry grows, and the added growth requires more staff, this pastor could be called upon to recruit, build and oversee a paid student and family team, becoming the Next Gen Pastor.

### The Church



Affiliation: EFCA ([efca.org](http://efca.org))

Attendance: 500

About: Sunday morning worship gathers at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Services are relationally warm, casual and welcoming, with a focus on biblical teaching and a contemporary style of worship. Fox Valley uses its space well, not only on the weekends but also throughout the week. With quarterly worship nights, children's ministry programs, life groups and student ministry events, the church building is often abuzz with activity and people. The church uses an elder-led form of governance.

### The Candidate



Modeling a leadership that is dependent on the Holy Spirit and committed to Biblical teaching, this pastor will live out an authentic witness that is centered on a relationship with Christ. The ideal pastor will cast a compelling vision, draw people into greater participation, and build off of existing momentum. Fox Valley desires a pastor who is experienced in leading and loving students. With an energizing, relational and engaging personality, this dynamic leader will possess the ability to equip and empower volunteers, the student leadership team, communicate and partner with parents, and generate an enthusiasm to draw students "on the fringe" to explore the ministry. With an ability to assess and measure, this new pastor will collaboratively work with the children's ministry to identify goals, prioritize objectives and maximize efforts to optimize the student ministry as it looks to the future. As a leader that can utilize a "wide lens," this individual will recognize potential in others, encourage them to use their gifts, and place them into their "sweet spot" of ministry. As a relational and outgoing "people person," relationships will be at the heart of this individual's ministry. The right leader will be an exceptional communicator and speaker, work collaboratively with others, have a heart for those out in the community, and be a champion for students churchwide.

### The Location



Fox Valley Church is located 35 miles northwest of Chicago. While enjoying its close proximity to the city with easy access to commuter trains and highways, West Dundee is still able to maintain its quaintness and charm. Nestled along the banks of the Fox River, the West Dundee area is a great place to live with its fantastic neighborhoods, quality schools, beautiful forest preserves and easy access to shops, stores and restaurants.

### The Qualifications



Bachelor's degree required; theological/biblical/ministry training required; 3-5 years of student ministry experience minimum; Experience in a multi-staff setting, with a preference for a "team" dynamic in the workplace; Spiritually mature and emotionally stable/intelligent; Embraces ministry and discipleship as a lifestyle, not just a job; If married, supportive and engaged spouse

### Next Steps

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