

# Full-Time Youth Director Position



## Location: First Presbyterian Church Idaho Falls, Idaho

### Job Summary:

The Director of Youth Ministries works under the direct supervision of the Head of Staff and is responsible for planning and providing ministry for the youth of this church in the life of our congregation. The Director of Youth Ministries is the director of youth programs, including Junior High (grades 7-8-9) and Senior High (grades 10-12).

### Desired Attributes:

- A personal commitment to Christian beliefs with reformed theological basis.
- A relevant four year college degree.
- Genuine love of children and youth, and ability to enjoy interacting with youth.
- Motivational skills, specifically an ability to generate enthusiasm.
- Organizational skills.
- Ability to exercise tact, initiative, and good judgment with parents, youth, fellow staff members and supervisor.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Knowledge of current theories and practices for directing youth and enhancing Christian youth-parent interaction..
- Experience in a leadership role.
- Proven track record of working with youth and children.

### Job Functions:

1. Minister to, and direct the youth of the church (grades 7-12).
  - Design and oversee programs that promote fellowship, Bible study, and personal interaction with youth for Christian service.
  - Participate in weekly programs.
  - Plan and participate in youth fellowship, conferences, retreats, campouts, and mission projects.
  - Attend worship services regularly.

2. Create a comprehensive plan for youth ministry including:
  - Recruit and train lay advisors.
  - Coordinate with various committees and church staff involving youth in designing and supervising special projects.
  - Lead Sunday school teachers with special youth events, such as Youth Sunday, Youth Stewardship, and Youth Evangelism.
  - Develop joint relationship with the Christian Education Program as appropriate for Teacher Training, camps and conferences, youth retreats, and other activities with First Presbyterian Church.
3. Expand the outreach of youth programs by:
  - Interaction with the Spiritual Life Committee,
  - Initiating outreach programs to attract unchurched-youth and their families to First Presbyterian Church

### Congregation Description

Idaho Falls First Presbyterian Church has a congregation of ~550 members. The church has a wide variety of programs to enhance the personal relationship of members and visitor with Jesus Christ. The church emphasizes reformed theology in accomplishing these relationships. Activities include corporate worship, Bible study groups, prayer ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, and small groups. Worship attendance varies from 250-400 combined from two services. There is recognition in the congregation of the need for the church to evolve to include both traditional and contemporary elements of worship.

### Idaho Falls Description:

Situated along the Snake River in proximity to mountain ranges in almost any direction, Idaho Falls has all the features of big city living, but still embraces a small town charm with a population of approximately 50,000 people. From the city the majestic Teton Mountain Range is visible, and in our backyard is Yellowstone National Park. Idaho Falls has its own symphony, opera, chamber orchestra, community drama, performing arts groups, museums, zoos, and professional minor league baseball. Outside of Idaho Falls in any direction is a recreational paradise with seasonal fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, camping, climbing, rafting, and just about any outdoor activity that exists.

If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Swen Magnuson, Chair of Personnel Committee, Idaho Falls First Presbyterian Church, [idfpc@fpcidahofalls.org](mailto:idfpc@fpcidahofalls.org) or 208-523-0501. Further information can be found at [www.fpcidahofalls.org](http://www.fpcidahofalls.org).

