



## **Forest Park Church Student Pastor – Carthage Campus**

**Employment Type:** Full-Time  
**Reports To:** Campus Pastor

### **About Forest Park Church**

Forest Park Church exists to help people lead lives where Jesus comes first. With two thriving campuses — in Carthage and Joplin, Missouri — we are a multi-campus church committed to reaching the Four States with the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

We do this by guiding people to:

- **Know** Jesus personally
- **Grow** in their faith
- **Show** His love through their actions
- **Go** into the world to make disciples

We are seeking a passionate Student Pastor to lead our **Carthage Campus** student ministry with vision, energy, and a heart to see students grow in Christ.

### **Purpose of the Role**

To lead and grow a thriving student ministry that reflects our “Jesus First” culture. The Student Pastor will disciple students and equip leaders, build strong relationships with families and schools, and provide dynamic, biblically sound teaching and programming.

## **Key Responsibilities**

### **Leadership**

- Champion a Christ-centered culture in student ministry.
- Teach regularly in various student ministry environments.
- Lead and collaborate with volunteers, students, and parents.

### **Equip**

- Disciple a small group of student leaders.
- Train volunteers and LifeGroup leaders in sound doctrine and engaging teaching methods.
- Guide students in their spiritual growth, including salvation, baptism, and calling.

### **Care**

- Provide pastoral care to students, families, and ministry team members.
- Build relational connections by attending students' extracurricular activities.
- Support and equip parents to spiritually lead their homes.

### **Recruit**

- Recruit and develop a passionate, equipped volunteer team.
- Champion student ministry across the church to attract and retain leaders.

### **Outreach**

- Cultivate a culture where students regularly invite their friends.
- Plan and execute outreach events like Elevate (Discipleship Weekend) and mission trips.
- Build relationships with local schools and community partners.

### **Administrative**

- Manage the student ministry budget and calendar.

- Track attendance, curriculum, and key ministry metrics.
- Communicate updates and progress to church leadership.

### **Candidate Characteristics**

- Humble Integrity
- Effective Communicator
- Driven and Diligent
- Biblically Grounded Teacher

### **Qualifications**

- 1–3 years of experience in student ministry (required)
- Seminary degree or equivalent theological training (required)
- Proven communication, leadership, and relational skills
- Deep personal faith and a commitment to disciple-making

### **Compensation & Benefits**

- Competitive salary
- Health insurance
- Retirement plan
- Paid time off (PTO)
- Missions Trip Opportunities

## **About the Community – Carthage, Missouri**

Nestled in the heart of southwest Missouri, Carthage is a vibrant, historic town known for its small-town charm, deep community roots, and strong values. With a population of just over 14,000, Carthage offers the warmth of a close-knit community alongside the resources and opportunities of the greater Joplin metro area, just 20 minutes away.

The city is rich in history and culture, from the famous Carthage Square and Civil War sites to the stunning Jasper County Courthouse. Families enjoy excellent schools,

youth sports, and an active arts scene. Carthage is also home to seasonal festivals, parades, and a deep spirit of hospitality — making it a wonderful place to build relationships and raise a family.

For ministry, Carthage offers incredible missional opportunity. It's a place where faith still plays a central role in community life, and where a vibrant student ministry can have a lasting generational impact.

Whether serving in local schools, leading mission events, or building long-term relationships, the next Student Pastor will find fertile ground for Gospel growth and a community eager for connection and hope.

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