

# Student Pastor, Northway Church, Macon, Georgia



# **NextGen Vision:**

Partnering with families to equip the next generation for Christ.

**The role:** The student pastor will work in conjunction with the next Generation ministry team in order to develop relationships with parents, volunteers, and students which will be gospel- centered and discipleship-oriented. This role will oversee all student ministry staff.

Meet Northway: Northway Church began in 1998 as a church plant of Vineville Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia to reach a community of largely unchurched neighborhoods located on the north side of the city. Since 1998, the church has grown from 2-300 individuals attending on Sunday to approximately 1100-1200 attending worship each week. The church sits on 28 acres of property strategically located between growing commercial and residential areas.



# Northway's vision is very simple: "For the Gospel, For the City."

We believe God has placed us in Middle Georgia to be a catalyst for spiritual change in our community. As our vision statement reads: "When the Gospel transforms a life, it also transforms a home, a workplace, and a city. Northway Church is committed to developing leaders who will take the Gospel to our city by serving, loving, and sacrificing with no limits. We are for the Gospel and we are for the City. Let's go!"



Northway recently completed a \$7 million expansion which includes a new student center, an expanded foyer, and a retail coffee shop (cathedralcoffee.org) open to the public Monday- Saturday. We've also recently expanded our Weekday Preschool to include an extended day option for families. In the past year, Northway has truly become a church whose ministry is operating seven days a week.



About the Ministry: Northway student ministry is averaging 105 students (post-covid) and is home to over 45 highly committed adult volunteers. The ministry thrives in a discipleship model which implements a mix of large group events with small group discipleship. Small groups are divided by grade and gender for appropriately intimate discipleship and large group is designed to create a warm and welcoming environment where students feel comfortable inviting friends. The student ministry is already staffed with an administrative guru and a female discipleship coordinator, both eagerly looking to fall under the leadership of a new student pastor.



**About Macon:** Macon is a family-oriented, medium-sized city in middle Georgia. Macon and its surrounding communities have a population of about 150,000. Macon is home to Mercer University, Wesleyan College, and Middle Georgia State University. There are a number of educational choices for families with children: Bibb County schools, two new charter schools, several private schools, Monroe County schools, as well as Houston County schools. Macon also has a low cost of living, but with quick access to cultural and sporting events in Atlanta.

## What you Bring:

The following describes many of the characteristics of the ideal candidate for this position:

#### **Education:**

An undergraduate degree is preferred. A seminary degree or further theological training is a bonus but not required.

## **Experience:**

Ideally the student pastor has a minimum of 3-5 years experience in leading a ministry and discipling the next generation. Additionally, we hope this position will be filled be someone who has lead or been involved in a similar or larger size congregation.

## **Personal Qualifications:**

- Must be a born again believer with maturing relationship with Christ
- Must show a faithful pursuit of leadership characteristics as listed in I Tim 3
- Model above-reproach behavior for students in all facets of personal life
- Posses solid understanding of fundamental Christian theology
- Effectively preach the Bible both exegetically and topically
- Ability to facilitate healthy small group dynamics
- Fully support the vision of Northway Church
- Display genuine and authentic love for students
- Capable of relating to students of all ages
- Proper understanding of evangelism and discipleship
- Demonstrate an adequate amount of completed education and a desire to be a life-long learner.

# **Contact:**

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