**Minister to Children and Youth**

Position Announcement

Part Time

Mount Olive Baptist Church is seeking a Minister to Children and Youth to plan, direct, and administer a comprehensive youth ministry relevant to today’s youth. The successful candidate will execute the vision and ministry goals of the congregation through the design, development, and implementation of a comprehensive Christian youth-based Ministry for children and youth, up to the age of 18. The Minister to Children and Youth shall carry out a varied and wide-ranging ministry with youth including worship, study, fellowship, recreational and service opportunities.

The Minister to Children and Youth shall serve as primary ministry leader to children and young people, helping them to grow their faith through teaching, pastoral care, and creating connections with them and their families. Under the direction of the Senior Pastor, The Minister to Children and Youth, shall:

Develop a comprehensive, age-appropriate youth program for children and youth up to 18 years of age.

Manage youth programs to ensure quality ministry.

Design and deliver appropriate worship experiences for children and youth worship.

Provide instruction and teaching in accordance with the Christian faith and Baptist heritage.

Establish and maintain communication with children/youth up to 18 years of age.

Establish and maintain communication with parents/guardians.

Provide guidance and advice to youth on the issues and situations they face in today’s world.

Facilitate the spiritual growth and development of the children and young people of the church.

Be actively engaged in reaching new youth and developing relationships with those inside and outside of the Mount Olive church family to make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

This position has regular contact with the Pastor, Assistant Pastor, the Diaconate Ministry, the Trustee Ministry, Church Board, ministerial and office staff. The Youth Pastor also, works collaboratively with youth leaders, Education Committee, Christian education ministries (i.e. Sunday School, VBS), and with other ministries which assist in providing services to the children and youth of the church. The Minister to Children and Youth also maintains connections with the local, state, and national Baptist organizations which provide programming for youth.

**Qualifications, Experience, Skills:**

Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited educational institution.

Master of Divinity degree from an Association of Theological Schools of North America (ATS) accredited institution preferred or currently enrolled in a Master of Divinity degree program at an ATS accredited institution.

Familiarity with and knowledge of the Christian faith and Baptist heritage

A licensed and/or ordained minister is preferred.

A minimum of three years of experience working with youth in a ministry or other setting

Must have knowledge of and experience in utilizing social media and technology for connecting with children and youth to include social media posting, blogging, hybrid, or distance learning, etc.

Demonstrated strong oral and written communication skills.

Demonstrated strong administrative skills and capable of working independently.

Demonstrated ability to teach Biblical principles at age-appropriate levels for children/youth up to 18 years of age.

 Experience developing and executing children/youth worship services.

Experience working collaboratively with other ministries in worship planning and execution.

 Must be accessible and authentic in caring for the children and youth of the church.

 Able to attend scheduled staff meetings and planning retreats.

Demonstrated ability to build relations with youth, parents, ministerial staff, ministry heads, and community.

**Compensation:** The Salary range for this position is $45,000 - $50,000 per year depending on experience. As a part time position, the Minister to Children and Youth position is not eligible for benefits.

**Apply:** Interested Candidates should submit a resume and cover letter via email and/or mail to:

 sjones@mtolivebc.org or Rev. Sabra L. Jones

 Assistant Pastor/Min. of Administration

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Resumes are being reviewed on an on-going basis. Applicants should apply by March 22, 2023 for consideration.