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WHO WE ARE

Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene is located right next to Mount Vernon Nazarene University and seeks to be a church home to the university and our surrounding community.

At Lakeholm we recognize that everyone has a story and that each story is part of the greater Story of God. We want people to discover their role in the body of Christ and to find ways to come to understand their unique place in God's redemptive story. From the person who knows nothing about a relationship with Jesus Christ, to the maturing individual who has had a long relationship, each person's life experiences play their part in the beautiful tapestry of God's faithfulness and love.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that God has made us in His image, that He desires to be in close relationship with all people, and that through the redemptive grace of Jesus Christ, no one is so far gone so as to be out of the reach of God's grace. And so as a church we want to be:

Relevant: Because a changing world needs the unchanging message of Jesus Christ

Responsible: We have a call to be the hands and feet of Christ

Relational: Genuine relationships are worth the investment

Reverent: Prayer is more than an event, it's a lifestyle

WHERE WE ARE GOING

We believe in what Jesus has called us to be in making disciples for Christ. So, in helping people find their place in the Story of God, we want to do the following:

Help people hear the Word of God, sometimes for the first time and at others, to be reminded of God's faithfulness.

Help people engage their heart towards Christ. Jesus said if we would lift him up, he would draw all men unto himself.

Help people grow and mature as they become Christ followers, and help them produce and reproduce the fruit of the Spirit in their own lives, and into the lives of others.

We realize that being the church is not just done in a few hours at a set time on a given day, but rather it's about **living out the holiness message** in everyday moments of life, at home, work and in the community. That's not an easy task. So, we want to find tangible ways to **develop and nurture community and connection** in the lives of those who seek to follow Christ.

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Lakeholm is looking for an experienced, dynamic, and relational leader to become our Family Ministry Pastor to Children. We have adopted part of the Orange Strategy (thinkorange.com) of working with children and youth, and in partnering with parents and their families.

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE

Orange Strategy: It starts with two main influences in a child's life. **CHURCH** and **HOME**. Alone, these two work hard to ensure that every child has a better future. But when combined, the home and church will have a greater impact. That's **ORANGE!**

Family Ministry: By partnering with the family, it directly impacts a child's spiritual growth by reaching the child's entire family. We acknowledge that our time with kids is limited at church—one hour a week compared to dozens of hours at home. By reaching the entire family, children and youth ministers maximize opportunities parents have throughout the week to help their children develop a thriving relationship with Jesus.

It's our attempt to bridge the generations together. (*Psalm 78:1-7*) We recognize that by dividing our ministry exclusively by ages and stages (children, youth, young adult, middle and older adult) we contribute to the fragmentation of families. Family ministry is not just ministry TO families and ministry FOR families, but also ministry WITH and IN families. We want to encourage more opportunities for our families to experience life in Christ together. It's about bringing families together and helping them find their place in the Story of God.

SPIRITUAL AND LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- A sincere passion to see students and their families become authentic followers of Jesus.
- A prayerful, God-dependent leader possessing unquestionable character and integrity.
- A committed disciple of Christ who demonstrates spiritual maturity and leadership skills.
- Fully embraces the mission, values, vision, and goals of Lakeholm. <http://lakeholm.org>
- Excellent judgment. Wisdom and discernment with sensitive and/or confidential information.
- Willing to delegate responsibility and authority, clearly empowering individual volunteers, and ministry teams to take action.
- Agreement with the doctrine and practices of the Church of the Nazarene. <http://nazarene.org/articles-faith>
- A healthy sense of humor.
- High energy, industrious, tenacious, purpose driven, vision-minded

CREATIVE COMMUNICATOR/TEACHER

- Committed to learning, mentoring (giving and receiving), and the ongoing nurture of themselves and others toward personal spiritual growth and development.
- An ability to invest in others, including ministry leaders, and ministerial staff providing encouragement and accountability.
- A gifted communicator/teacher. Highly creative and very relational with students and their families.
- Able to articulate the church's vision as well as the vision for student ministry in a creative, compelling way that generates enthusiasm.
- Clearly and effectively communicates with others (staff/volunteers/congregation).

TEAM BUILDER

- An initiative-taker who can think and work independently yet solicits and values input from others.
- A team builder that possesses the ability to inspire, empower, develop, equip, and coordinate.
- An effective collaborator that can create and support a culture of excellence. Able to organize, direct and support volunteers. An active listener who can build consensus while maintaining the strength of convictions.
- A facilitator and mentor to our University interns