

## **Bonhomme Church**

### **Director of Children's Ministry**

#### **Snapshot**

**Theology:** Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)

**Weekly attendance:** 500

**Neighborhood:** Chesterfield, Missouri

**The role:** The Director of Children's Ministry of Bonhomme Church will help children and their families experience new life in Jesus Christ through the creation and continuation of year-round experiences in worship, learning, and service.

#### **Meet Bonhomme Church:**

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, the oldest Presbyterian church west of the Mississippi River, was founded on October 4, 1816, under the pastoral guidance of Reverend Salmon Giddings. Bonhomme is grounded in history and tradition, and has always been a church built on a biblical foundation. Today, that foundation of being a God centered and worshiping church remains, and you will find a multi-generational church that has created a welcoming place for individuals and families of all ages, backgrounds and experiences to find a place called home.

The current Senior Pastor, Phil Hargrove, is leading Bonhomme Church into a new era of not only having a strong Biblical teaching foundation but having a renewed passion to be a church family that loves one another, loves the community, and shows the heart of Christ in all they do. Rooted in prayer, disciplined in worship, Bonhomme Church engages the youth, and celebrates our seniors around one table. We are...One Church. One Book. One Mission.

#### **About the Director of Children's Ministry role:**

The next Director of Children's Ministry at Bonhomme will rely on the Holy Spirit to win children to a committed life in Christ. They will help shape children to be disciples of Jesus by training and walking alongside volunteer leaders who will teach God's Word through Sunday School and special events, partner with parents and Bonhomme families to grow a lifetime of faith in Jesus, support children and families in worship, and cultivate hearts to serve.

The Director of Children's Ministry will serve within the expressed vision and values of Bonhomme Church, and function as a member of the pastoral staff as directed by the church leadership team.

### **The Director of Children's Ministry will:**

- Express an authentically demonstrated passion and investment in the position of Director of Children's Ministry.
- Direct a sustainably progressing and advancing Children's Ministry. Kids will be excited about coming to church and hear about God's True Book, the Bible, and families will be drawn into the program.
- Efficiently lead the volunteer demographic of the ministry with care and competency.
- Steadily progress the ministry in conjunction with the church.
- Train leaders within the ministry, and build a vibrant volunteer base.
- Develop into a respected voice in the church leadership and as an active part of the Leadership Team.

### **What you bring:**

#### **Education**

The ideal candidate will have at least a bachelor's degree with strong theological training, and preferably Childhood Education or Children's Ministry Education.

#### **Experience**

The ideal candidate for this role will have five or more years of leadership experience, likely as a previous Director of Children's Ministry or an educator with significant and proven volunteer experience in a comparable faith-based setting.

#### **Personal Characteristics**

- Agree with and believe in the Bonhomme / ECO Tenets of Faith
- See this role as a calling and not just as a job
- Possess love and knowledge of the Word
- Be actively walking in their faith, with an evangelical and missional spirit
- Express a true desire to disciple others and a willingness to meet every child and parent wherever they are along their faith journey
- Display visionary leadership: have a vision, plan, and advocate for children and their families

- Have the ability and experience to train and allow leaders to lead
- Work collaboratively across ministries, as well as reaching out to other leaders outside of Bonhomme
- Be knowledgeable and experienced with best practices
- Desire and practice self-development and growth

### **What it's like to live in Chesterfield, Missouri:**

Chesterfield is a city in west [St. Louis County, Missouri](#), United States. As of the [2016 census](#), the population was 47,659, making it the state's 14th-largest city. Chesterfield has a great education system with a number of elementary and middle schools, plus multiple high schools. These include schools in the highly ranking Rockwood and Parkway school districts. The West County Area, which includes Chesterfield, has many different parks and attractions. There's a historical village, walking trails, and several recreation facilities, including the Chesterfield Amphitheater, the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, Upper Limits Climbing Park and the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center as well as Faust Park which includes the Butterfly House and St. Louis Carousel. As a suburb of St. Louis, Chesterfield is fully able to enjoy the rich culture of the city. It consistently ranks as one of the most generous cities in the United States.

The Greater St. Louis Area has all the benefits of a big city. Professional athletics have always been an entertainment staple as St. Louis is home to Cardinals Baseball, St. Louis Blues Hockey, and is host to the PGA Championship. There are multiple tourist attractions such as the St. Louis Arch and Forest Park which includes a plethora of museums (St. Louis History Museum, Science Center, and Art Museum), The Muny musical theater; a tennis center, golf course, and outdoor skating rink. Many of the museums as well as the St. Louis zoo are free.

St. Louis is a hub of world class teaching hospitals and medical facilities, an innovative and flourishing bioscience and technology industry, and many leading industry giants such as Monsanto, Edward Jones Financial and Anheuser-Busch. St. Louis is also home to a number of top class Universities including Washington University, Missouri Baptist University, and the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

The food scene in St. Louis is continually exciting and expanding. According to [Food & Wine's recent plug](#), the St. Louis restaurant scene is "seriously good right now." All in all, Chesterfield, Missouri is the ideal city for any couple or family to live.

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