

Student.Church is a program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship that provides congregational internships to college and graduate students who are interested in a deeper experience of church life or pursuing a call to ministry. Interns are mentored by seasoned ministers as they explore the breadth of congregational ministry through a variety of learning experiences. Interested students can learn more and apply at www.cbf.net/studentchurch. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2021.

ALABAMA

Church Name: Weatherly Heights Baptist Church (<https://www.weatherly.org/>)

Location: Huntsville, AL

Weatherly Heights Baptist is a progressive Baptist church in the liturgical tradition with a motto “to be an inclusive, discovering fellowship.” With approximately 150 congregants, they have remained virtual through the pandemic. They have a small but growing children’s and youth ministry (30 students among 19 families) with quite a few elderly, and multi-generational families.

The intern will primarily work with the Minister to the Christian Home serving families, youth, and children conducting VBS and summer camp-like activities. There will be ample opportunities for the student to serve during the worship service including reading Scripture, praying, and an opportunity to preach if desired. The intern should be a self-motivated person of integrity with a desire to serve, teach and lead; a heart to love others; and an open mind. The candidate should be able to accept students where they’re at and be able to lean into the discovery of new things about the Bible, about their faith, and about who God has called them to be in the world. The intern needs to be up for physical activities outdoors like hiking and water balloon fights. The church will be observing strict Covid-19 protocols so mask wearing and social distancing will be imperative.

Combination of Virtual and In-person

Church Name: First Baptist Church Roswell (<https://fbroswell.org/>)

Location: Roswell, GA

FBC is a moderate-sized congregation in a northern suburb of Atlanta. The church has a mixed-aged congregation and employ a traditional style of worship.

FBC Roswell is looking for an intern who is open to learning and trying new things. The intern must take direction well, be a hard worker, be a team player, desire to work collaboratively, and show a mature and growing faith in Christ. The intern must be willing to work in the children and youth ministries. The church is open to facilitating learning in other desired areas of ministry.

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Church Name: Haddock Baptist Church (<http://haddockbaptistchurch.com>)
Location: Haddock, GA

Haddock Baptist Church is located in central Georgia between Macon and Milledgeville. The church worships in a traditional style and since January 2021 worship and attendance is around 75 – pre-pandemic attendance was 150-200. HBC is an inter-generational church that is actively involved in community worship.

They seek an intern that will focus on children and youth ministry with opportunities to serve in other areas including pastoral care and worship leadership. Ideally, the intern should have a passion for working with children and youth and willing to make an impact in their lives. The intern should also be organized, have a strong work ethic, and take initiative where needed. Students will also have the opportunity to explore their areas of interest.

In-person Only

KENTUCKY

Church Name: Calvary Baptist Church (<https://www.calvarybaptistchurch.com>)
Location: Lexington, KY

Calvary Baptist is a moderate congregation in the heart of downtown Lexington, KY. They offer two worship services for their congregation. The Early Worship has a casual and contemporary feel, whereas the 11:00 am service is more traditional. They are a large church with a variety of age groups.

They are searching for an intern who is interested in ministry, not afraid of jumping in with both feet, asks good questions, and even willing to challenge them. The intern's primary focus would be Youth ministry, however, there may be an opportunity to share responsibilities with their college/young adult ministry.

In-person Only

LOUISIANA

Church Name: University Baptist Church (<http://www.ubc-br.org>)
Location: Baton Rouge, LA

UBC is a moderate to a progressive expression of the church near the campus of LSU. The faith community is a diverse mix of ages, races, nationalities, and gender. The worship style is a relaxed modified liturgical expression led by a mixture of guitar, piano, and organ. Most folks are dressed business casual for worship.

The church is looking for an intern interested in investing in relational ministry among children and retirees as they await the arrival of their new Minister of Children and Retirees later in the summer. The intern must be energetic, independent, organized, administrative, and collaborative.

The student will have the opportunity to experience a variety of ministry practices including working with children and retirees, relational ministry, collaboration with the staff, leading worship, practice pastoral care, and bring his/her creative ideas to the internship.

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MONTANA

Church Name: First Baptist Church, West Yellowstone
(<http://www.fbcwestyellowstone.org/>)
Location: West Yellowstone, MT

West Yellowstone is a small resort community located at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The church has 15 to 25 “year-round” members, 20-25 additional “summer” attendees, and resort visitors who drop in during peak resort season. Pre-pandemic, the church hosted 70-90 persons in worship each Sunday during peak resort season. The church’s worship and liturgy are very informal. Most of the congregation is 50 and over and most of their guests are middle aged and older.

Things to know: Ministry is done in the community – a rural, isolated mountain community with a metropolitan mentality; the nearest Walmart is a 200-mile round trip drive; only one theatre which shows one movie a week; student will have a part-time job in a local service-based business which will be the basis for ministry. The culture of West Yellowstone is heavily weighted toward the outdoors. Hiking, fly fishing and camping are not only activities for the intern to enjoy but also offer a great opportunity for ministry. Except for waterproof boots/shoes and appropriate clothing all other equipment can be provided by the church.

Intern must be self-reliant, independent, creative, secure in her/his identity and self-motivated. The intern will assess their work environment, evaluate the church and community surroundings, and develop “their” ministry to the environment. Hence, independence, creativity and self-reliance are essential. The church’s goal is to help the intern discover their strengths, limitations, and growing edges in ministry and how to use these attributes creatively. Opportunities exist for students to lead Bible/book studies if they are so inclined. Each student will be expected to plan and lead at least one Sunday morning worship service.

In-person Only

Church Name: Third Baptist Church (<http://www.third-baptist.org>)
Location: St. Louis, MO

This congregation is racially, socioeconomically, and educationally diverse. They have approximately 150 members (usually 100-120 average Sunday, pre-pandemic). The average age is 60+, however, they have several families, a youth group of just under 20 and 10 in the infant-5th grade group.

The church is centered in mid-town St. Louis in the heart of Grand Center, an arts district. Their worship style is warm and reverent. They have traditional but eclectic music, relevant, humorous, and challenging sermons, and lots of lay leadership in the service. They are generous in missional support, involved locally through hosting a food pantry, and they tutor neighborhood first graders.

They desire an intern who has the following attributes: a visible faith in Christ, a high comfort level with children/youth, someone who can run with direction and think creatively, and someone who is comfortable with a non-linear setting (age, race, gender, orientation). Interns will have the opportunity to work with children's and youth ministries (VBS, overnight Camp, activities), Worship and liturgy, and local mission and service projects.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Church Name: Wise Baptist Church ()
Location: Norlina, NC

This church is situated in a rural context. Pre-pandemic, there was an average of 45-55 in attendance. The church now offers in-person and virtual services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Wednesday evening services are virtual via Facebook. The congregation is predominantly seniors with a small blend of young adults. The young-adult and in-person children's programs have taken a significant hit during the last 12 months.

The church's worship style is traditional with a blend of contemporary music. The church choir has not been functional during the pandemic; however, worship will include special music, duets, family worship and the like.

They are looking an intern who feels called to ministry, started their theological or seminary education, and in search of clarity for their call. They are looking for someone who is called to congregational ministry and has a heart for children. The intern must be willing to learn and work with the pastor to develop the order-of-service, lead worship, and lead Bible study. The intern will primarily work with the Children and Young Adult ministries.

Combination of Virtual and In-person

Church Name: Ecclesia Baptist (<http://www.ecclesiabaptist.org>)
Location: Fairview, NC

The church's typical attendance ranges between 20 – 35 congregants each Sunday. Services are currently virtual but will return to in-person worship on April 18, 2021. The worship style is eclectic – casual, liturgical, innovative, traditional – a formal worship with a laid-back vibe. Do not be surprised if you see barefooted musicians! Children remain in the worship space, but have a dedicated kid's zone, and each week they read a children's book! Their eclectic style of worship occurs in rented space (the fellowship hall of a Methodist church, or for now, outdoors).

The church is diverse in ethnicity (73% White, 18% Hispanic, 7% Black), age (20% over 60, 30% between 40-50, 28% between 20-40, 22% youth and children), economic status (18% poverty, 25% lower middle class, 42% middle class, 15% upper middle class), education (23% high school graduates, 14% some college, 15% bachelor's degree, 20% master's degree or higher, 4% no diploma, 22% school age or younger), and marital status.

The church would love to have an intern who has some experience in grant work or fundraising but would be happy to direct and train for those activities. A tech-savvy individual with experience with Weebly, Facebook, and Instagram is a plus. The intern must be teachable, innovative, and open to new ways of funding ministry. The intern would serve as assistant to the pastor.

Virtual or In-person (if the student is local to Western NC)

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Church Name: Providence Church (<https://providencecharleston.org/>)

Location: Charleston, SC

Providence Church is a progressive, inclusive congregation affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Members reflect a variety of denominational backgrounds, welcome diversity, and embrace mutual respect for all. The church last met in person for Sunday worship on March 8, 2020 and has met for worship online (Facebook and Vimeo) since then. Prior to COVID-19, Sunday worship attendance averaged about 100, ranging 75-125. Worship style is liturgical with the music styles including traditional, spirituals, and contemporary, accompanied by organ, piano, or classical instruments. All ages included in congregation, with average age skewing 5-10 years older than general population.

They are looking for an energetic, creative soul who is willing to be flexible and adaptable working and learning within the context of a small/medium church where everyone pitches in for the greater good. The intern will primarily serve within ministries with youth, young adults, children, and families and will also have opportunities, as desired, for worship planning and leading.

Combination of Virtual and In-person

Church Name: Blythwood Road Baptist Church (<https://www.blythwood.org/>)

Location: Toronto, ON

On a typical Sunday Blythwood Road Baptist would have approximately 60 people in attendance. Corporate worship is structured in a gathering/hearing/responding/sending format. Music is a mixture of ancient to modern. Worship services have been online since March of 2020 and it seems that this will be continuing for the foreseeable future. The congregation is small enough for it to feel like a family to many. It's very much reflective of Toronto ethnically, and most generations are represented significantly except for that of very young children.

The intern should be someone with a love for God and for people with an openness to do whatever might be required and a willingness to step out into a situation that may be fluid. A desire to learn and a desire to serve God are key. Most likely the intern will be involved in creating online content for a virtual summer camp, which would last for 1-2 weeks. The intern would also be involved in worship services (potentially preaching). The intern would be able to immerse her or himself as fully as possible into the life of the congregation as a virtual internship allows with a lot of latitude for creativity.

Virtual Only

Church Name: First Baptist Church of South Boston, VA

(<https://www.fbcsouthboston.org/>)

Location: South Boston, VA

Prior to covid, church attendance averaged 150-160 weekly worshippers. The church's worship is traditional, but they are open to more contemporary worship expressions. The congregation is upper middle class in a rural county. The church is an older congregation, but do have a considerable amount of youth, children, and young families.

The church is looking for an intern who is organized, passionate, and willing to learn in a variety of congregational contexts. The intern will have an opportunity for hands-on ministry experiences and will be empowered and equipped for leadership responsibilities. As such, leadership skills and a

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willingness to work with a collaborative pastoral staff are important. The intern should also be willing to reflect on and learn from their ministry experiences.

The intern's primary focus will be in the youth ministry program, and the church welcomes opportunities for the student to participate in Worship leadership, pastoral care, children's ministry, and leading classes on theological education in their Weekday School.

In-person Only

Church Name: Harrisonburg Baptist Church (<https://www.hbcalive.org/>)

Location: Harrisonburg, VA

Harrisonburg Baptist Church is located in a fairly small multi-college town almost directly across the street from James Madison University. Pre-Covid, the church averaged between 130-150 attendees on Sunday mornings. They have a blended style of worship of mixed ages leaning toward middle-aged to senior adults.

They are looking for an intern with excitement and energy and a desire to serve God in a variety of ways. The intern must be willing to serve all ages and assist in intentional ministry to their community. They are also looking for someone who can assist them in better serving younger generations - youth, music and media, and missions and outreach. The church is open to allowing space for additional service in areas where the intern feels a particular call.

In-person only

Church Name: Glen Allen Baptist Church (<http://glenallenbaptist.org/>)

Location: Glen Allen, Virginia

GABC is a 153-year-old congregation located in a growing suburb of Richmond. Pre-Covid worship attendance was 110, but now they average about 30 *in-person* attendees and 40 households connecting via Zoom. The average age of the congregation is approximately 55-60 and the worship style is traditional. Approximately 2/3 of the membership lives within a 2-mile radius of the church.

The church is looking for an intern with an interest in and gift for children's ministry, missions, and technology. The intern must have strong organizational skills and a passion for the work of the local church. S/He must also have a willingness to exercise patience and challenge in helping the church move forward. The church prefers to have someone in children's ministry but is open to hosting a student who has a desire for general pastoral ministry. Opportunities to preach and teach will be available.

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Church Name: Central Baptist Church (<http://www.cberichmond.org/>)
Location: Richmond, VA

Central Baptist is a traditional church with a casual spirit and an appreciation of liturgy. They have a variety of ages in their worship service. The church is set in a suburban context with average attendance between 200-300 or more during the pandemic. Currently, worship services are being conducted in a drive-in format in the church's parking lot.

They are seeking a student intern who is warm, extroverted, and willing to work as part of a team. The intern would focus primarily on family ministry but will have opportunity to minister in other areas such as pastoral care and worship leadership.

In-person only

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Church Name: McClean Baptist Church (<https://www.mcleanbaptist.org/>)
Location: McClean, VA

McClean Baptist Church is located in a diverse area with many opportunities for advocacy, cultural activities and entertainment. Each Sunday, the church averages 150 attendees. They employ a traditional worship style, progressive theology, and they are an open and affirming congregation. They have an older demographic, strong music program, and a large community missions presence. They also have an internationals program, anti-racism task force, and a young adult innovation grant.

The selected intern must exhibit a willingness to adapt to change. The intern must have either a desire to learn or have experience in innovation. The intern should exhibit a passion for inclusive curriculum and language and have the ability to navigate conflicting viewpoints or desire to learn deeper skills in moderating difficult conversations. Familiarity with online platforms, social media, Final Cut Pro, and basic web editing is a plus. The intern will assist with faith formation for all ages: birth-death, pastoral care, worship planning and leadership, missions, outreach & community relationships, advocacy, difficult conversations including race relations.

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VIRGINIA

Church Name: Williamsburg Baptist Church (<http://www.williamsburgbaptist.com>)
Location: Williamsburg, VA

Rooted in the heart of historic Williamsburg, the church is almost 200 years old. The church is predominantly an aging congregation, averaging about 30 in worship during the pandemic. Active membership is approximately 120, though many are waiting to return when they feel it is safe to gather. The congregation is a traditional, liturgical Baptist congregation and typically sing hymns. The church is situated across from the College of William and Mary, and in the middle of downtown Williamsburg. As a result, they draw college students and people who have a thoughtful approach to faith. The congregation is progressive-minded and is a welcoming and affirming congregation. The congregation has diverse opinion, both politically and theologically.

The church desires to take on a mentoring role based on the intern's interests. They are flexible and will provide opportunities in the following areas: social media communication, technology (incl. A/V support on Sunday mornings in worship), website updates, pastoral presence, worship leadership, and teaching (both virtual and in-person). The church's key area of need is in worship,

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technology, and communications, but they are flexible to allow the student to work in their desired area. Note: There is not a lot going on with the children's ministry. The children's ministry will restart in the Fall.

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