

Sample Youth Ministry Resume

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Objective

Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry. Desire to use gifts and skills of evangelism to reach unchurched youths and cultivate spiritual growth within the lives of teens.

Education

Bachelor of Arts - Columbia International University, Columbia, SC May 2005

- Major: Bible; Minor: Youth Ministry (GPA 3.7)
- Relevant Courses: Church Evangelism, Discipleship, Adult Education, Counseling Youth
- Served as resident hall floor leader for 2 years with oversight of 30 men
- Assisted in planning activities and chapel programs for Student Missions Fellowship

Ministry Experience

Assistant Pastor of Youth (full-time summers, part-time during school year)

River Road Bible Church - Columbia, SC (membership 300) 2002 - 2005

- Assisted in the development of junior high through college age youth programs and activities.
- Taught training sessions on instructional methods and materials.
- Conducted Junior church.
- Participated in church visitation.
- Initiated and taught a high school Bible study that average 60 in weekly attendance.
- Results: Youth attendance grew by 40%. Year-round youth program was established.

Camp Counselor

Camp Joy - Hickory, NC

Summers 2000 - 2002

- Provided oversight for cabin of 20 junior high males.
- Taught Bible lessons.
- Planned and supervised all outdoor activities.
- Results: Led ten young people to the Lord. Received Counselor of the Summer Award.

Field Education Experience through Columbia International University

- Taught Sunday school class to the elderly in a nursing home.
- Preached in prisons.
- Participated in visitation evangelism.

Other Employment

<i>Cafeteria Worker</i> - Columbia International University, Columbia, SC	2001 - 2002
<i>Sales Associate</i> - Black's Department Store, Columbia, SC	2000 - 2001

Personal

Excel in most team sports, but also enjoy tennis, golf and fishing. Like to organize bike hikes, wilderness camping trips, sightseeing tours and board game tournaments. Enjoy photography. Member of National Honor Society and played football and basketball in high school.

Testimony

I was born and reared in a loving, Christian home and attended a strong evangelical church. One night at the age of six during family devotions I acknowledged my sinfulness, repented of my sins and by faith received Christ into my life to be my Savior. Unfortunately, in the ten years that followed, my behavior differed little from my unsaved friends.

Lasting change, however, did come in my junior year in high school when I recommitted my life to Christ at a youth conference. Out of this experience came true repentance, restitution, and a pattern of holy living. Daily prayer, Bible reading, witnessing and confession of sins became my personal routine.

My act of spiritual renewal in high school also resulted in a greater involvement in church ministry from which came the following: a discovery of my gifts for ministry, confirmation from fellow believers of my ministry effectiveness, and a deep, inner desire for ministering to youth in a local church setting. The years of training at Columbia International University have refined my skills and strengthened my commitment to church education and youth ministry.

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