Johnson Ferry Baptist Church (SBC)

Resident
Who We Are

Johnson Ferry is a thriving, multigenerational congregation of over 5,500 members. It was established in 1981 and is located in Marietta, GA, a suburb of North Atlanta in the eastern portion of Cobb County. Our mission is help people find truth, belonging and purpose in Jesus. In 2019, Johnson Ferry experienced a healthy succession in leadership as Bryant Wright, the founding pastor of the church, handed off leadership to Clay Smith.

We want to see our community, nation and world transformed by the good news of the gospel. As people of truth, Jesus and teaching God’s Word are central to everything we do at Johnson Ferry. We believe disciple making happens best in the context of small group relationships. Therefore, we offer hundreds of connect groups, weekday Bible studies and 419 disciple making groups led by gifted lay leaders. We are a place of belonging and see each other as a faith family offering Christ-centered hospitality to our community. We are living with purpose and send nearly 2,000 people on 80+ mission trips to 40 different nations every year. We are a church who unapologetically shares the gospel of Jesus and we equip our people to do the same in the places they live, work and play.
The Role of a Resident

Our residents spend a year in a specific ministry (disciple-making, missions, worship, media, sports). They will be an integral part of that Johnson Ferry team and receive weekly coaching from their manager. Each month residents will spend time with mentors and the rest of the residency team to study various aspects of spiritual growth and life in ministry. These mentoring sessions and weekly coaching sessions will be used to develop a personal development plan for each resident. The goal is to provide residents with valuable experience, affirmation in calling, and a path of growth that goes beyond the residency. Residents will also be asked to participate in weekly disciple-making groups to learn how to disciple others as well. The resident is both a student and a valuable part of the team as we work toward the vision of Johnson Ferry.

The Vision for Johnson Ferry

In January and February of 2022, Clay Smith, our Senior Pastor unveiled a new mission statement.

“Johnson Ferry exists to help people find truth, belonging, and purposed in Jesus”

While the words are different the mission remains based on the great commission, which is what Johnson Ferry was founded on more than 40 years ago.

This new mission statement also coincided with vision for our church to pursue over the next five years. It is a vision that is focused on three different strategic objectives, but is centered around the word multiplication.

- We will develop 1000 relational disciple makers who will lead the way to connect, equip, and multiply the next generation of disciple makers. We invite you to be part of this process by beginning a 4:19 Group. These groups are relational, confidential, and progress with the goal of multiplication in mind.

- We will launch 2 church campuses in metro Atlanta. This interdependent network of churches will all share the same mission, vision, and values, while adapting ministry to best fit the culture of the area being reached.

- We will send 35 “Global Sent Ones” to make disciples among unreached peoples through strategic mid and long-term assignments. We desire to be a church who embraces God’s heart for all nations.

This strategic vision along with our new mission statement creates a strong foundation for the days ahead. The connection team plays a vital role in communicating this mission and vision so that first time guests, and first-time participants have clarity around the DNA of our church. Doing so creates a tremendous first impression that prayerfully creates a since of belonging and purpose for everyone, from their very first connection.
The Essential Duties of the Resident

• Week-to-week duties will vary based on the ministry focus. During the interview process, each ministry will provide an overview of potential duties that would typical of this role in weekly ministry.

• Collaborate with manager on a weekly basis to build personal development plan

• Read & complete assignments required for monthly mentoring sessions

• Participate in a weekly disciple-making group and grow into leading a weekly group

The Required Skills of the Resident:

• Undergraduate degree preferred

• Calling to Vocation Ministry or Missions

• Good verbal & written communication skills

• Team player & responsible with time & tasks
If interested, how do I apply?

If the above role piques your interest, and aligns with your skill set and experience, please email your resume to our Human Resources Director, Rush Stuart, at rush.stuart@jfbc.org.