

Snapshot

Denomination: Methodist

Weekly Attendance: 325

Location: Savannah, GA

The Role: Family and Next Gen Director



Meet Skidaway Island Methodist Church:

Skidaway Island Methodist Church began in 1979 when eight acres of land were purchased for a potential church. Just four years later, SIMC opened its doors to the first-ever attendees.

Here at SIMC, we embrace a vibrant, yet traditional order of worship. The Methodist teaching and preaching found at SIMC are grounded in Scripture, informed by Christian tradition, enlivened by personal experience, and tested by reason.

Members and visitors can expect relevant and meaningful preaching, familiar hymns, great choral singing, and professional instrumentalists that contribute to the spirit of worship. We follow the

liturgical calendar, which reflects the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

About the Family and Next Gen Director:

Institute programming and education to ensure the spiritual growth and development of families, children, and youth. Provide oversight and vision for Children's and Youth programs in all aspects and develop new programming and ministry opportunities for families to grow and strengthen. Participate and contribute as an active member of Skidaway Island Methodist Church and work to further the church's ministries to our families and expand the mission and outreach to families in the community.



The Family and Next Gen Director's Responsibilities Include:

Primary Responsibilities

- Supervise Children's Director and Youth Director to create cohesion and overarching plan for ministry to children and youth. Oversight will include vision planning, goal setting and mentoring, as well as involvement with job/performance review and budget oversight.
- Collaborate with the Children's Director to implement Children's Church age-level curriculum and programming and lead/teach as needed in Children's Church. Collaborate with the Children's Director to offer mission opportunities for our children to engage in service to others. Work with the Children's Director in planning and implementing special occasions, seasonal events, and summer camp opportunities. Provide leadership as needed in all aspects of Children's Ministry.
- Collaborate with Youth Director to create and oversee youth curriculum and programs for Middle School and High School; Co-create and oversee Youth Sunday Night Worship, Fellowship and Small Group programs; collaborate with Youth Director on Confirmation Ministry; Collaborate with Youth Director on bi-annual retreats, mission opportunities/trips, etc.

- Develop and oversee a comprehensive Family Ministry program to deepen relationships in the home and to provide connectional opportunities for families to interact with one another. Coordinate regular Fellowship Events for the whole family. Coordinate regular opportunities for families to engage with hands-on service projects. Provide resources for families to deepen their faith in the home by offering devotional material, video resources, guest speakers, etc.
- Assist Children's and Youth Directors in Volunteer Recruitment and Training.
- Seek out and implement impactful ways to be a presence and representation of SIMC in the greater Skidaway and Savannah community and connect with the Children, Youth, and families outside of the Church walls by attending sporting events, concerts, and special occasions for our children, youth and families.

Congregational Responsibilities

- Missions and Outreach Ministry: plan opportunities for children, youth and families to engage with mission opportunities. Participate in international mission trips with youth. Develop additional community service opportunities.
- Support Adult Sunday School Ministry through collaboration with the Executive Pastor in planning and facilitating young/middle adult and/or parenting studies.
- Collaborate with Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor to create small groups for our young adults/parents.
- Evangelism: support Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor in evangelism efforts in the Church and community, specifically as it relates to families by engaging with visiting families as well as reaching out to potential members of the church.
- Attend weekly Staff Meetings, Children's Committee meetings, Youth Committee meetings and host collaborative Children/Youth staff/visioning meetings as needed.



What You Bring:

The following describes many of the characteristics of the ideal candidate for the Family and Education Director:

Education & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in ministry or education
- Proven ability to lead a department
- 3-5 years experience in ministry with children, youth, and families

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Strong leadership and interpersonal skills
- Effective communication skills with children, youth, and their parents

- Demonstrated ability to develop and manage a team of leaders, be a team player, develop and oversee a budget, and coordinate with church staff to achieve the mission of the church
- Strong technology proficiency and social media skills

Personal Characteristics & Qualifications

- Growing relationship with Jesus
- Emotional maturity
- Good interpersonal communication skills
- Passion for reaching families and their children



What it's Like to Live in Skidaway Island, GA:

Beautiful Skidaway Island, located on the coast of Georgia, provides a natural island setting with Live Oaks and Spanish Moss surrounded by salt marsh. Residents of the island include very active retirees and a steadily increasing number of young professional families. The island provides mild weather for year-round activities.

Life on Skidaway Island offers a secluded paradise feel, perfect for those who enjoy a tranquil, low-density suburban environment. The island boasts beautiful scenery with walking trails, beaches, and even a state park. Housing options range from spacious neighborhoods to luxurious communities like The Landings, known for its golf courses, marinas, and upscale amenities.

Just across the Moon River is the city of Savannah, which is full of culture and history. Savannah provides abundant opportunities for shopping and restaurants.