

Orchard Valley Christian Church

We are seeking a young full time Associate Pastor who with the primary responsibility of teaching, leading, and equipping our youth, youth ministry staff, young adults and young families. This pastor will work in close relationship with our lead pastor to provide strong biblical teaching and leadership to our church. (*Seminary students are welcomed to apply for a part time position as a youth pastor, leading to this full time position.)

Church Address: 1515 Partridge Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Church Website: www.orchardvalley.org

Denomination: Non-denominational

Church size: About 120 on Sundays

Orchard Valley Christian Church (OVCC) is a family-oriented, multi-generational church planted by a group of Asian-American families in 1978 to reach English speaking Asians for Christ Jesus in the growing Silicon Valley. The congregation is 95% Asian and our church is located in Sunnyvale, CA. Our church body is made up of about 120 members, with over 75% involved in small group ministries. OVCC emphasizes the pursuit of Christ-likeness by living out the Gospel in daily practice. This includes the study and practice of God's Word, the daily practice of soul training exercises (disciplines), and loving one another in community. Our Sunday morning worship service is contemporary with a feel of "island style" hospitality. In addition to our children, youth and small group ministries, OVCC has an active missions and compassion ministry, which sends short-term teams to places like China, Thailand and Mexico (house building and VBS). OVCC also hosts the annual Silicon Valley MobilePack, a freeze-dried food packing ministry that sends food to starving children throughout the world.

Associate Pastor Job Description

The candidate of choice is expected to provide a balanced ministry of preaching, teaching, pastoral services and organizational leadership to the congregation, guiding the church to its fullest spiritual and missional potential. OVCC seeks an Associate Pastor who can clearly preach and teach God's Word, has a heart for prayer and evangelism, and possesses the ability to care for, and connect with, the youth and young adults in a primarily Asian-American context. The Associate Pastor shall minister in tandem with the lead pastor (receiving mentoring and training where needed), and be accountable to the pastor, church elders, and church board.

Status: Full-time preferred (If completing seminary, part time leading to a full time status)

Qualifications:

1. Beliefs: Agrees with OVCC's Statement of Faith and has a clear calling from God for pastoral ministry.
2. Testimony: Must have a teachable and humble heart, desiring above all things (including professional ministry itself) to be fully devoted towards knowing Jesus Christ.

3. Education: Bachelor's Degree and Masters Degree from an accredited seminary (or working towards the completion of a seminary Masters Degree.)
4. Experience: At least two years of youth ministry experience at an Asian-American church preferred.
5. Marital status: Married preferred. Spouse supports the decision to minister at OVCC and also agrees with OVCC's Statement of Faith.
6. Interpersonal Skills: Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Able to relate well with young people and young families.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Help plan, with the lead pastor, preaching and worship themes designed to lead the congregation towards spiritual growth, Christian service and maturity.
2. Lead spiritual formation and nurture of the youth, young adults and young marrieds through designing and administering corresponding programs.
3. Develop leadership potential of the youth and young adults and maintain a strong staff through recruiting, training/developing, and mentoring.
4. Provide biblical teaching and ministry training wherever needed. Assist in preaching on Sundays, as mutually planned and agreed upon by the Associate Pastor and lead pastor.
5. Keep the congregation's commitment to local and global compassion service and outreach projects as priorities in the shared ministry.
6. Assist in the development and expansion of our home group ministry, helping to align it with its intended purpose in our church's mission and vision.
7. Attend weekly staff meetings, monthly shepherd, elder and board meetings, and periodic congregational and membership meetings.
8. Share in pastoral care, visitations, and counseling as needs arise.

Application Details:

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and brief summary of your spiritual journey to:

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Address Line: Attn: OVCC Pastoral Search Committee