



Summer Ministry Internship

The Summer Ministry Internship is designed to help you grow spiritually as a leader. We will work with you to discover how God has uniquely shaped you for ministry. You will get hands-on experience doing real youth ministry in a variety of settings. Throughout the internship you will have opportunities to develop unique skills to equip you and refine your calling in His Kingdom. Following Christ's example, you'll begin building relationships with local teenagers right away. As you live life in *their* world and learn to love them as God does, you'll be able to share your faith in a loving way with those who have never known Jesus Christ—making an eternal impact. It is our intention that long after you are gone that the students will be able to stand strong in their faith and continue to grow. As the internship comes to a close it is our prayer that you will leave with a clearer identity and calling in Christ, a stronger passion for ministry, and the skills to make it happen.

Mission statement of



*We exist to **REACH** students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to **EQUIP** students to be effective Christian leaders, and to **SEND** students to impact their local schools, churches, and communities.*

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Dear Potential Summer Intern,

Great leaders have many great qualities, but one of the best qualities of any leader is the ability to define reality. A great leader can look at a situation and simply tell what is really going on. Different people can look at something and see it in very different ways, but a great leader can look, analyze, consult, and then describe the reality of the situation.

We are living in a world where teenagers have a very difficult time defining what is going on around them. There is so much information that pounds on them...sometimes all at once, and for many teens all they want is an opportunity to escape. For too many students, the escape can have devastating consequences.

But what about you? You're reading this letter, and asking yourself, "What do I have to offer? Would I want to go and live near the beach for the summer? Would that be fun? Would it be fulfilling? Would I grow and develop my passions for Christ?"

GK Chesterton, the great British journalist, and Christian said, "for every nation that fails to remember the past, they are doomed to repeat it." That's where you come in. You were a teenager once. You were in high school. You've lived the moments that many of our high school kids are in right now and you have a special ability to define reality, because of what you now know.

Would you like to be a critical part in investing in students, and in helping them grow and develop they're own leadership skills...they're own ability to define reality.

One of the most powerful ways we fulfill our mission at the GP is our Summer Ministry Intern Team. Each summer for the past 11 years The Gathering Place has formed a team of college- aged men and women and placed them in an intense ministry-training program. Within this authentic community, they gain firsthand experience in a wide variety of ministry activities, geared toward sharing the Gospel with young people, and encouraging them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. From the fruit of this training a number of students have gone into full time ministry and a wide variety of other by God's grace, these young men and women have left with a deeper knowledge of Jesus, a more intense desire to serve Him, and the skills to do so wherever they are!

Are you interested? Then read on! This packet contains some basic information about The Gathering Place and the Summer Intern Program. Inside you'll find all of the facts you'll need to make a wise decision about the summer of 2010.

We are committed to raising up God honoring, Christian leaders. And we are 100% convinced that the Lord is going to hand pick those leaders that are to be here for the summer. Please pray, seek the Lord, and let's all trust that He will lead us and direct our paths. If you have any further questions, please call us at (912) 264-3474 or email us at thegp@bellsouth.net.

Blessings,
Mark Fritchman
Executive Director

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General internship information

INTERNSHIP TEAM: The team will consist of approximately 12 college students from various schools, town, and denominations who have a heart for ministry and teenagers.

DATES: The Intern program runs from mid-May until the first week in August (final dates are to be announced).

TEACHABILITY: It is important that each intern is teachable. We are looking for individuals who are open and willing to learn.

FINANCES: Part of the intern salary comes by means of financial partnership. As raising support is a vital part of any ministry experience, we require that each intern find financial partners that provide \$900 of your salary for the summer. The Gathering Place guarantees \$1,100 of your salary. The combined total salary being \$2,000. Sample support letters will be provided upon your acceptance.

PRAYER SUPPORT: It is required that each intern sends out 25 letters to family and friends asking that they support you in prayer. Samples will be provided upon your acceptance. (These letters may also include those partnering financially with you).

PERSONAL EXPENSES: Each intern will be responsible for all their own meals and any other personal expenses they may incur during the summer.

HOUSING: Group housing and all utilities will be provided at no cost to all interns.

TRANSPORTATION: It is very helpful, but not necessary, to have your own car.

ABSTINENCE: We require that there not be any use whatsoever of any alcohol, drugs, or tobacco during the internship.

VACATION: Vacations are not permitted during the duration of the internship without prior approval of the Executive Director.



What to expect

- *Being Equipped for Ministry* - We provide training for you in three areas:
 - **Myself:** Equipping you personally for ministry
 - **My Team:** Training you for working with others in a ministry setting
 - **My World:** Giving you skills to minister to others

EXPECT TO RECEIVE

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

- *Seeking God*
 - We will help you develop habits and character for consistent growth in your personal walk with Jesus
- *Allowing God to mold you*
 - We will pray for God to work in and through you, however He chooses
 - You will need to admit that you do not know it all and you need God
 - You will need to be committed to His work, even during the hard times
 - You will need to put serving God above your personal desires, comfort, and interests
- *Living a life worthy of your calling*
 - We ask you to keep all of your relationships pure before God and man
 - We will help you to handle conflict in a direct and honest manner
 - Be accountable to our staff

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY

- *Worship*
 - You are responsible to participate in weekly worship with a local congregation of your choice
 - You will also participate in worship with the Summer Ministry Intern Team



- *Prayer*
 - You will participate in prayer each day with Interns
 - We will help you grow in personal prayer
 - We will help you learn and grown in intercessory prayer

EXPECT TO GIVE

As Interns you a *vital* part of the ministry--the staff, the other interns, and the youth will be depending on you this summer for commitments of both your heart and your hands.

COMMITMENTS OF YOUR HEART

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

- **Commitment to UNITY**
Acting as a team player, always working towards the group's best interest, and putting the ministry's needs above your personal desires.
- **Commitment to CONFLICT RESOLUTION**
You will be expected to keep short accounts and resolve conflicts immediately. It is certainly OK to disagree with your leaders, but those disagreements should be taken up directly with those involved.
- **Commitment to SERVE OTHERS**
Interns are the first to serve and your attitude should display your willingness to serve.
- **Commitment to the MINISTRY**
You have been called and set apart for the ministry and should therefore live with the evidence of that passion in your life.
- **Commitment to SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
You will be expected to be proactive in your own spiritual life.
- **Commitment to FLEXIBILITY**
As the summer progresses, you should remain open to adjusting the way you "usually" do things as God shows more effective ways to serve those around you.
- **Commitment to TIME**
The Internship is a 24-7 operation! You need to be aware that a normal workweek can often exceed 65 hours a week! That may sound intimidating, but we view the summer as a limited season, and we want to ensure the most growth for all involved, including you. It is very intense and very involved but very worth it.



Weekly activities

The following are some of the activities you'll be developing and leading, however, you'll need to be ready for anything beyond this list!

- **EVANGELISM**

Evangelism is the heart of what we do. All of our efforts are for one purpose: to transform a generation through Christ and to make Him known!

- **DISCIPLESHIP**

This is a pour down process. Through our weekly one-on-one we pair you with an older believer who will hold you accountable and pour into your life. You then meet with several teens weekly, and you hold them accountable and pour into their life.

- **EVENTS**

You and the rest of the Intern Team will be the nucleus for several ministry events on a weekly basis. We start with The Main Event, a gathering of over 1,000 teens every Sunday night! Other events are geared toward building the Body of Christ in a younger generation, including the Junior Intern Meeting (JIM). We will also seek to bridge racial boundaries during Cross Over and reach un-churched kids during Whammy!

- **SERVICE**

We are going to partner you with local organizations, such as The Boys and Girls Club and the local recreation department, where you will learn how to lead teens in serving children or provide opportunities for you to speak at youth groups and assist them as needs arise!



Summer Intern Application

Because of our sincere interest in the possibility of having you on staff this summer, it is desirable to have your complete background information. We appreciate your interest in The Gathering Place, and we are happy to explore with you the possibilities of having you join us this summer.

Date: _____

Biographical Information:

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

College Address (Spring Semester): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardians' Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers (H): _____ (W)/(C): _____

Are you attending college? _____ If so, where? _____

Do you attend a campus ministry? _____ If so, where? _____

Do you have a home church? _____ If so, what is it? _____

Do you attend a church at your college? _____ If so what is it? _____



Please list three previous places of employment

Employed by: _____ City, State: _____
 Supervisor's Name: _____ Dates of Employment: _____
 Phone Number: _____

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 Phone Number: _____

Please assess your skill in the following areas:

	<u>Inexperienced</u>	<u>Minimal</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Advanced</u>
Drama.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Music				
Vocal.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Instrumental.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
(Instrument you Play:_____)				
Art				
Drawing.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Painting.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Photography.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Writing.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Graphic Design.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Carpentry.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Construction	[]	[]	[]	[]
Landscaping.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Administration.....	[]	[]	[]	[]
Media.....	[]	[]	[]	[]



13. What are you expecting to receive this summer?

14. How does your family feel about you becoming a Summer Ministry Intern at The Gathering Place?

15. Tell us about your family (parents married, separated, divorced, deceased; siblings, who are you closest to and why, who are you most like).



The Gathering Place Points of Agreement

WE BELIEVE:

1. **The Scriptures:** That all Scripture (Old and New Testament) is inspired by God (II Tim. 3:16,17). The Scriptures are inerrant and having been preserved by God, are now the supreme and final authority in faith and life.
 - a. Those who teach for The Gathering Place commit themselves to faithfully and accurately teach the word of God as it has been interpreted throughout the centuries by orthodox Christians.
2. **God:** That there is only one true and living God, existing in three persons – the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit – each a distinct person, but all of one essence and all having the same nature, perfection, and attributes, and each worthy of worship, confidence and obedience.
3. **Jesus Christ:** That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, 2nd person of the Trinity, eternal, became incarnate by the work of the Holy Spirit, was born of the virgin Mary, shed his blood on Calvary as a vicarious substitute, was buried, rose again bodily, and ascended to the Father according to the Scriptures.
 - a. Jesus is the only way of salvation – John 14:6; Acts 4:12
 - b. All authority and power in heaven and on earth have been given to Him – Matthew 18:8; Philippians 2:9-11
4. **Holy Spirit:** That the Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Trinity, very God, co-existent with the Father and the Son. And that the Holy Spirit is the chief agent in the regeneration of the soul, the chief convictor of sin, and the comforter of the believer, and that simultaneous with regeneration, the Holy Spirit indwells the believer and places him into the Body of Christ.
 - a. The Scriptures in Ephesians 5:18ff. command us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. An evidence of being filled with the Spirit is how we relate to one another (Eph 4:1-3) and whether the fruit of the Spirit is present in our lives (Gal 5:22-26).
5. **Humanity:** That humans are the direct creation of God – body, soul, and spirit – and are made in the image of God. Adam, the first man, sinned by disobedience. This act resulted in the fall of mankind, and incurred both a physical and spiritual death for all. As a result all mankind is born with a sin nature and unable through their own efforts to stand before a holy God.
6. **Satan:** That Satan was originally created a perfect being. He rebelled against God. As a result, he became depraved, and became the Devil and adversary of God and His people, and leader of a host of angels who fell with him. Satan has been judged and was defeated at the cross and awaits his ultimate doom at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.
7. **Salvation:** By grace, through faith, all that repent and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior are born again by the Holy Spirit and thus become the children of God. Jesus is our sole means of salvation; no works of righteousness by us can produce salvation for us. However, the fruit of true saving faith in a believer will be good works. Titus 2:11-14; Ephesians 2:8-10
8. **Second Coming and Judgment:** In the literal, visible, and personal return of Jesus Christ for the Church, and that He will judge the living and the dead, the righteous inheriting eternal life, and the wicked incurring eternal punishment.
9. **Local Church:** That the New Testament Church is a local body of believers with Christ as its head and the Holy Spirit as its guide.
10. **Mission of The Gathering Place:** The Gathering Place exists to reach out to young men and women with the gospel of Christ, encouraging them within a fellowship of their peers to grow spiritually and become more effective servants within their local churches.

___ I agree

___ I need further clarification

Signature _____

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COMMITMENT TO SERVE:

I understand that The Gathering Place Summer Ministry Intern Program is a limited season, therefore an intense season of long hours and hard work. I agree to go above and beyond the call in order to be a servant to my teammates, my authorities and the youth I will be working with. I look forward to how God will stretch and grow me through this experience.

_____ **I agree**

_____ **I need further clarification**

Signature

Date

BEFORE WE CAN CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION WE MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed Application Form
- Personal Testimony
- Signed Points of Agreement
- Three Recommendations

You may mail this to: The Gathering Place
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On a *separate* sheet of paper, please write down your personal testimony, including the highs and lows of your life. Be sure to include what God has been teaching you in the past three months.

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Pastor/youth pastor Recommendation Form

Applicant for The Gathering Place College Summer Internship

_____ Last name _____ First name _____

Name of Pastor: _____
(in the event that the applicant's parent is the pastor, another staff minister should act as the pastoral reference)

Name of Church: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well? Very well Fairly well Casually By name/sight

Please assess the applicant's level of involvement in your church *(check all that apply)*:

- | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attends regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attends irregularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Involved | <input type="checkbox"/> Distant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to help | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

Has the applicant served your congregation in any capacity? If so, please give a brief description.

What are the strengths and spiritual gifts of the applicant according to your observations?

How is this applicant regarded by their peers?



Has the physical and/or emotional health of this individual adversely affected his/her performance? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Based on the work ethic and character of the applicant, would you feel confident in the ability of this individual to work with you? _____ Why or Why not? _____

Please try to assess the following based on your knowledge of the applicant:

	Very					
	Uncertain	Weak	Fair	Good	Good	Outstanding
Spiritual maturity.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Devotion to Christ	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Integrity and honesty	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Openness to correction	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Self-discipline.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Willingness to serve	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Ability to work with others	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Communication skills	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Courtesy.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Leadership skills	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Reliability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Teachability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Physical health	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Emotional stability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Family life.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Judgment and common sense.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Perseverance.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

Comments on any of the above:

My recommendation for this applicant to serve at The Gathering Place:

- Highly recommend Recommend with reservations
 Recommend Do not recommend

As an aid to our evaluation of the applicant, we would appreciate any additional information which you feel would be pertinent. Please give us a call at (912) 264-3474. Thank you!

Your name (Please print)

Signature

Date

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Employer/Teacher Recommendation Form

Applicant for The Gathering Place College Summer Internship

_____ Last name _____ First name _____

We would prefer that the person filling this out not be a family member.

Name: _____

Name of Business/Institution: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well? [] Very well [] Fairly well [] Casually [] By name/sight

The internship consists of a 60-70 hour weekly schedule. Do you foresee any difficulties with this for the applicant?

What are the strengths of the applicant according to your observations?

What is your assessment of the applicant's weaknesses?

How is this applicant regarded by their peers?



Has the physical and/or emotional health of this individual adversely affected his/her performance? _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Based on the work ethic and character of the applicant, would you feel confident in hiring or rehiring this individual to work with you? _____ Why or Why not? _____

Please try to assess the following based on your knowledge of the applicant:

	Very					
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Spiritual maturity.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Devotion to Christ	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Integrity and honesty	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Openness to correction	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Self-discipline.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Willingness to serve	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Ability to work with others	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Communication skills	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Courtesy.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Leadership skills	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Reliability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Teachability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Physical health	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Emotional stability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Family life.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Judgment and common sense.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Perseverance.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

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Personal Recommendation Form

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Last name

First name

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Name: _____

Name of Business/Institution: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is the relationship between you and the applicant? _____

How well? [] Very well [] Fairly well [] Casually [] By name/sight

What are the strengths and spiritual gifts of the applicant according to your observations?

What is your assessment of the applicant's weaknesses?

How is this applicant regarded by their peers?

Has the physical and/or emotional health of this individual adversely affected his/her performance? _____

If yes, please explain: _____



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Leadership skills	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Reliability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Teachability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Physical health	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Emotional stability	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Family life.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Judgment and common sense.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Perseverance.....	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

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