



Associate Pastor of Youth & Outreach

Church Profile

- We were planted in 2007 by a core group and our current pastor. Our mission is to Experience God, Embrace Truth, Establish Community, and Engage the World.
- We are members of the Acts 29 Network, active with the churches in the Central PA area and the Northeast Region, and planning to plant a church in our county in the next 3-5 years.
- The area of Southern York County (SYC) is a growing community with a small town, rural feel that functions as an outer suburb of Baltimore.
- The church has grown about 30% since 2022 with over 330 total adults and children involved, an average attendance of 250, and over 130 Committed Members.
- Our Sunday Gathering involves contemporary worship and expository preaching. We currently have 9 mid-week Life Groups, 4 elders (including the Lead Pastor and Associate Pastor of Discipleship), 4 deacons, and 4 Support Staff.
- We have a great partnership with our local YMCA, where we hold our Sunday Gathering. We see this as part of our long-term vision and strategy to reach the unchurched in our community.
- Doctrinally, we hold to the complete authority and inspiration of Scripture, the sovereignty of God in salvation and life, the plurality of elders, male leadership in the home and church, the baptism of confessing believers, and the continuation of all the NT spiritual gifts. We really like Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology, and we're aligned with The Gospel Coalition and 9Marks in most areas.
- For more info about our mission, values, beliefs, and more, visit www.findlivinghope.com/who-we-are. For further info on serving at the church, we can provide our Leaders & Staff Expectations & Procedures.

Candidate Profile

- Committed to Christ, walking in integrity; if married, loving his wife, and leading his family.
- Experience and passion in ministry in the local church to youth and adults through pastoral care, preaching, and evangelism.
- Eagerness to support the current pastors, receive direction from the elders, learn the unique needs of our congregation, and grow into his ministry role.
- Affirms our [Expanded Doctrinal Statement](#), with room for clarification.
- Holds a master's degree in Bible, theology, or ministry from a reputable college or seminary (bachelor's degree considered).
- Meets the qualifications for elder and will be evaluated and confirmed onto the elder team after year 1.

- Desire to be a part of a church planting church and willingness to explore his role in planting a church with us in the next 3-5 years (more details below).
- Passionate, driven, energetic, humble, gentle, teachable, flexible; a gatherer who invests in relationships; a leader who can build a team; a hard worker willing to jump in with practical needs; an organized planner who takes initiative; a Gospel-centered preacher who teaches the Word effectively.
- Based on an assessment of qualifications, he will receive a salary between \$50-60,000, plus ministry allowances (cell phone, meals, mileage) and a healthcare reimbursement account.

Position Responsibilities

- **Youth Ministry** (partner with the current Associate Pastor and work toward a healthy leadership transition after the first year)
 - Invest time and energy into building relationships with youth in grades 7-12, and their parents, to facilitate their spiritual growth.
 - Lead and empower a team of volunteer leaders to serve at events and invest in students.
 - Coordinate a weekly gathering on Saturdays for fun, fellowship, worship, and teaching (in-reach and outreach).
 - Oversee small groups where leaders invest in students for spiritual growth, discipleship, and shepherding.
 - Prepare and teach engaging, biblical, Gospel-centered messages at the weekly youth meeting and oversee other lay leaders to do so.
 - Communicate with youth, parents, staff, and leadership about direction and programming, utilizing social media as a tool for ministry.
 - Provide regular opportunities for off-site fellowship activities, service projects, and retreats.
- **Community Outreach** (responsibility transitioning from the Lead Pastor)
 - Set an example of missional living by being in the world, not of the world; praying for the lost; investing in relationships outside the church; and actively sharing your faith.
 - Provide training, encouragement, and vision to mobilize the congregation to live-out their mission to reach the lost and serve the community.
 - Collaborate with other leaders to assist with our evangelism podcast (Stepping Stones).
 - Oversee Outreach Teams, support the team coordinator, and be actively involved in these ministries:
 - Children's Team: Collaborate with the Children's Director to plan and coordinate fun and accessible events for children and families throughout the year.
 - YMCA Team: Lead a team to minister to the Y staff and members through prayer, relationship, smoothie outreach, and program support.

- Service Team: Support the coordinator to arrange service projects to provide maintenance and repairs to local homes or ministries in need.
 - Bridge of Hope: Support the coordinator to provide care for single-moms experiencing homelessness.
- **Congregational Care** (alongside the other pastors and elders)
 - Participate in regular leadership and staff meetings.
 - Connect with selected new families and work to assimilate them into the church.
 - Provide discipleship and accountability for selected church leaders.
 - Assist with Sunday service, call to worship, announcements, Lord's Supper, and Baptisms.
 - Preach at the Sunday worship service (about 8 times a year) and teach in Discipleship Seminars and Ministry Leader Trainings as needed.
 - Provide counseling, hospital visits, weddings, and funerals as needed.
 - **Church Planting** (collaborate with the elders and planters)
 - Collaborate with the elders to launch a second campus in the next 3 years to grow into an autonomous church plant in York County in partnership with Acts 29.
 - Evaluate and discern with the elders your gifting, calling, and potential role in the launch of a second campus, as other existing elders do the same (in consideration of lead, executive, and associate pastor roles).
 - If church planting is assessed to be part of your calling, adjust your responsibilities to invest in training and preparation (see some expectations at www.findlivinghope.com/residency).
 - If church planting is not assessed to be part of your calling, continue serving as an Associate Pastor at LHC and remain in a support role for our church planting efforts.

To apply, send the following to staffing@findlivinghope.com:

- Introduction Email - introducing yourself and your interest in the position.
- Resume - with education, ministry experience, and references.
- Pastor Candidate Questionnaire - complete the [online form](#).

(If a candidate does not have the pastoral experience and theological education for this role, see the Pastoral Residency position.)