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Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 07:41 AM CDT

All, below are my notes from last night. I wanted to get these out early as much is time sensitive. Please correct anything as needed.

Recommendation: Part-Time Children’s and Family Minister (C&FM)

The Elders of McKnight Crossings Church unanimously recommend Devin Daniel for the Part-Time Children’s and Family Minister position following interviews, prayer, and congregational input. Pending final meetings and no major concerns, the goal is to onboard Devin by early October 2025.

1. Background

Initial conversations with Devin Daniel began in June 2025 when he applied for the open Lead Minister position. While not selected for that role, Devin demonstrated strong faith, character, and ministry potential that could greatly benefit McKnight Crossings in other areas of service. After further prayer and consideration, Devin applied for the Part-Time Children’s and Family Minister (C&FM) position in September 2025.

2. Evaluation Process

Over the past several weeks, Devin has met with the Elders, ministry staff, and Andrew Owens (Lead Minister) to discuss his gifts, abilities, and ministry vision. These conversations have also given Devin an opportunity to learn about McKnight’s ministry needs, culture, and leadership team dynamics.

3. Recommendation

At the September 22, 2025 Elders’ meeting, Devin met with the Elders to address any remaining questions. Following his departure, the Elders unanimously agreed to proceed with offering Devin the C&FM position, contingent on the following steps:

- September 23 – Meet with Lead Minister Andrew Owens to confirm alignment and comfort moving forward.
- September 24–27 – Host a Zoom call with key McKnight families with young children to discuss Devin and the C&FM ministry vision.
- September 28 – Introduce Devin to the entire congregation at the potluck lunch.
- Prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlining duties, expectations, and compensation.
- Onboard Devin in early October 2025, pending no major concerns after the above steps.

The Elders desire to proceed in a timely manner, ensuring that Devin is introduced to as many people as possible this week so the congregation can get to know him before finalizing the offer.

4. Next Steps

If no serious concerns arise from the above steps, a formal offer will be extended, and onboarding will begin in early October 2025.

Note: The position will begin as part-time but may be expanded to additional hours if the Elders are able to adjust the budget and if Devin demonstrates effective leadership in managing the ministry.

5. Key Documents

- 01 Devin Daniel – [Resume](#)
- 02 Part-Time Children’s and Family Minister – [Job Description](#)
- 03 Devin Daniel’s [Ministry Vision Statement](#)

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McKnight Crossings

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DEVIN DANIEL

Congregational Minister

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EDUCATION

Abilene Christian University

Masters of Divinity, (In Progress)

Fall 2024 - Present

Florida State University

Masters of Jazz Studies, MM

2019-2021

Harding University

Bachelors of Music Education, BME

2014-2019

REFERENCES

Tony Bidwell - Elder, Meridian Woods CoC,
Tallahassee, FL – (850) 284-3171

Michael Byrd - Deacon, Meridian Woods CoC,
Tallahassee, FL – (850) 274-2052

Jordan Barr - Pastoral Minister, Meridian Woods
CoC, Tallahassee, FL – (304) 532-0397

Eric McPherson - McKnight Crossings Church,
St. Louis, MO – (314) 304-4831

Nate Reiser - Lafayette CoC, St. Louis, MO –
(636) 222-7770

SKILLS

- Enthusiastic Leadership
- Interpersonal Skills
- Public Speaking
- Curriculum Development
- Conceptualizing
- Teamwork
- Community Building

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Meridian Woods Church of Christ

Involvement Minister - February 2024 - Present

- Helped coordinate the preaching rotation, the preaching team meetings, and sermon series content.
- Preaching regularly
- Helped coordinate the adult education curriculum
- Taught a weekly Sunday morning adult bible class on Pentateuchal Narrative
- Taught and coordinated Wednesday night adult bible classes
- Acted as primary Youth Minister, scheduling youth activities and covering Wednesday night youth class when applicable.
- Co-directed Florida Bible Camp, 2024 & 2025
- Worship Director and primary back up when other participants have conflicts
- Assisting with VBS, preparation and performance
- Coordinating communion fellowship meals

Friendly Neighborhood Lawn Care, LLC

Manager, Owner, and Laborer - 2022-Present

- Managed client communication and scheduling
- Operated commercial-grade mowing equipment
- Managed residential and commercial properties
- Tree work, brush clearing, and general landscaping

Florida State Jazz Department

Teaching Assistant - 2020-2021

- Taught the Large Jazz Ensemble made up of undergraduate students.
- Planned and facilitated rehearsals, full group and small group work
- Assisted with the department head's Jazz Ensemble rehearsals
- Worked one-on-one with students on improvisation skills

Part-Time Children's Minister (15–18 hours per week)

Position Overview:

We are seeking a passionate and organized individual to serve as our Part-Time Children's Minister. This role is responsible for leading and nurturing a dynamic ministry for children from newborn through 5th grade. The ideal candidate will have a heart for children and families, strong communication skills, and the ability to equip and inspire volunteers.

Primary Responsibilities:

1. Plan and Implement Age-Appropriate Programming:

Lead and coordinate weekly and special programming for children, including:

- Children's Worship
- Sunday Bible Classes
- Signature Events such as:
 - Vacation Bible School (VBS)
 - Back to School Celebration
- Nursery Care
- Milestones in Worship
- Fall Festival
- Father-Daughter Date Night
- Collaborative Events with the Youth Minister to support intergenerational connection and growth.

2. Sunday Morning Leadership & Support:

- Provide a welcoming and supportive presence for families and volunteers during Sunday morning activities.
- Ensure smooth operation of children's programming and address needs as they arise.

3. Communication & Outreach:

- Send a weekly newsletter to families and the congregation with:
 - Lesson recaps
 - Upcoming events
 - Ministry news and update
- Utilize additional communication channels (e.g., social media, church website, printed materials) to engage and inform the church community and beyond.

4. Volunteer Recruitment & Development:

- Recruit, train, and encourage volunteers to serve in a variety of roles within the children's ministry.
- Provide ongoing support and appreciation to ensure a thriving volunteer culture.

5. Team Collaboration:

- Attend weekly staff meetings.
- Participate in elder meetings as needed.
- Work closely with ministry staff to align efforts and share resources.

6. Relationship Building:

- Foster meaningful relationships with children and their families.
- Be an active and visible presence in the life of the church, nurturing a strong sense of community and belonging.

Re: Devin’s Vision for Ministry at MX

From: M Bret Blackford (bret_blackford@yahoo.com)
To: mxelders@mcknightcrossings.org; jmcglawn@mcknightcrossings.org; aowens@mcknightcrossings.org
Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 04:36 PM CDT

This sounds great to me! (reformatted below)

Minister of Families and Children

The future of McKnight Crossing revolves around the members having a deep involvement in each other’s lives outside of the weekly gatherings.

The church was not designed to be a short moment each week to focus on God with other Christians just to return home and go on with “real” life.

Discipleship Focus

- Focusing on a discipleship model that starts at the earliest age and pours into our children through their teenage years to create Christ-Centered Adults is critical for:
 - The ministry staff
 - The greater church at large

Main Goal of the Minister of Families and Children Position

- Provide a thriving Children’s Ministry that:
 - Keeps parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents involved in their own children’s spiritual walks
 - Engages them in the spiritual walks of all the other children of the congregation

Spiritual Growth and Generational Involvement

- For the church to grow spiritually, every generation must pitch in on the generations after them to continue the Christ-centered life that was handed down to them.

Minister’s Role

- Coordinate all Children Activity at McKnight for smooth public disciple building
- Pour into the Guardians of the Children at the pastoral level to encourage a culture of mentorship among all

How This Focus Will Be Accomplished

- Foster a culture of small groups and outside-the-assembly gatherings
- Strengthen relationships across generations

Vision for a Flourishing Church

- A flourishing church is one where a teenager will graduate and head to the next stage of life feeling that:
 - Their entire congregation is their extended family
 - They can lean on this extended family throughout life
- This starts from the Nursery

Thanks Steve!
Devin

On Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 02:29:54 PM CDT, Steve Walker <swalker@mcknightcrossings.org> wrote:

Minister of Families and Children

The future of McKnight Crossing revolves around the members having a deep involvement in each other’s lives outside of the weekly gatherings. The church was not designed to be a short moment each week to focus on God with other Christians just to return home and go on with “real” life. Focusing on a discipleship model that starts at the earliest age, and pours into our children through their teenage years to create Christ-Centered Adults, is critical for not only the ministry staff, but the greater church at large. The Minister of Families and Children Position would have a main goal of providing a thriving Children’s Ministry that keeps parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents involved in their own children’s spiritual walks, as well as the spiritual walks of all the other children of the congregation! In order for the church to grow spiritually, every generation must pitch in on the generations after them to continue the Christ centered life that was handed down to them. This minister will coordinate all Children Activity at McKnight for smooth public disciple building, but will also pour into the Guardians of the Children at the pastoral level to encourage a culture of mentorship among all. This focus will be accomplished by fostering a culture of small groups and outside-the-assembly gatherings to strengthen relationships across generations. A flourishing church is one where a teenager will graduate and head to the next stage of life, feeling that their entire congregation is their extended family that they can lean on, and this starts from the Nursery.

Thanks Steve!
Devin
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MX News and Prayer Concerns

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To: bret_blackford@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 03:29 PM CDT

September 24, 2025



Current Sermon Series



Join your sisters for fellowship
and encouragement!
Saturday, October 11 at 9 am

Worship at the Building

Worship at the building is Sunday at 9:30 am.
Bible classes for all ages begin at 11:00 am.
Shepherds are available for prayer in Room 112a off the gym, 8:45 am.

Streaming on YouTube

Our Sunday worship service is streaming live on YouTube! [@MXChurchSTL](#)

Adult Bible Classes

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- **Romans, Part I** — Don Fitzgerald, auditorium
- **Unoffendable** — Steve Awtrey and Chris Fuller, 400

The book, "Unoffendable," will be available for those that would like the book for this Bible class. People can donate whatever they wish. To get the book, please email Steve at steve.awtrey@gmail.com.

A Next Steps Class for those interested in learning more about McKnight Crossings will be held on September 14, 21 & 28. This class meets in room 112a off the gym. Reply to this email with questions or contact [Steve Walker](#).

Parent Commitment Sunday



parent commitment
September 28 @ 9:30am



The MX Parent Commitment Service is this Sunday, September 28 at 9:30 am during worship. We'll celebrate the commitment of parents, the support of our church family, and the blessing of the newest little ones. **Everyone is welcome** to stay after class for lunch and to celebrate! This is a congregational fellowship meal, with the families of our little ones as our honored guests. **Please bring a main dish to share, ready to serve, AND if your last name starts with A-L: bring a side; M-Z, bring a dessert.** We look forward to this special time of fellowship on September 28 as an extended church family!

News & Upcoming Events

Family and Children's Ministry Candidate – The Elders are excited to share that **Devin Daniel** is a candidate for the long-open Family and Children's Ministry position. After prayer and discussion, the Elders believe Devin brings a lot of giftedness to this role but want the congregation to have the opportunity to meet him before we finalize an offer. Please join us at the **potluck this Sunday, September 28**, where Devin will be available for informal conversation. Your feedback is welcome and will help guide the final decision, which the Elders expect to make by the end of next week.

Circle of Friends will meet this Saturday, September 27, to go to lunch at The Spaghetti Factory. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am to carpool. RSVP to Judy (314-401-6150). Hope to see you then!

A memorial service for Marlin Henley will be held this Saturday, September 27 at the Maryland Heights Church of Christ. Visitation is at 9:30 am and the service is at 10:30 am. Marlin was a fixture at Camp Neotez for many years and a member of the Maryland Heights congregation. [107 Midland Ave, Maryland Heights, 63043](#).

A memorial service for Arstine Dickerson will be held on Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 am at McKnight Crossings. In lieu of flowers, please click the link for list of items that can be donated to the food pantry in her honor on the day of the memorial: [Food Pantry Needed Items](#). See announcement below under Needs & Opportunities to Serve.

A Women's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00 am in the gym. Bring a dish to share (breakfast casseroles, fruit, pastries) as we make time for conversation and encouragement around the table. Kate Schneider will be our speaker, sharing a personal story of faith over fear. Join your sisters for a wonderful morning of fellowship. [Click here to sign up!](#)

Mini Golf for Missions is Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 pm at Swing-A-Round Fun Town in Fenton. Bring your family or small group for a night of fun and impact. No entry fee required; suggested donation is \$1 per stroke. All donations go to the Front Row Formula Program in West Africa helping babies get the nutrition they need after the crisis of losing their mothers. (Checks can be made out to McKnight Crossings Church of Christ with the memo "mini golf" and are tax deductible.)

O'Fallon Church of Christ is hosting an area-wide singing on Sunday, October 12 at 5:00 pm. Join voices from across the community as we lift up songs that celebrate the mercy of our God. Whether you love to sing or simply long to be encouraged, this night is for you. Light refreshments to follow.



Needs & Opportunities to Serve

Volunteers Needed – We are looking for people who can help with set-up, serving, and clean-up for our fellowship meal this Sunday. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together at MX and support our NextGen focus. Please reach out to [Jeff McGlawn](#) for ways you can volunteer.

Help Needed for Arstine Dickerson Memorial Service – A private family meal will follow Arstine Dickerson's memorial service on Saturday, October 4th. We could use help that day

with setup, preparing food and drink, serving, and cleanup. In addition, we are in need of a variety of desserts to serve. If you can provide a dessert and/or come help with the meal, please contact Debbie Fitzgerald at (314) 705-8433.



Wed. 9/24 - Student Devo + Worship, 6:30 pm.

Sun. 9/28 - Worship, 9:30 am; Bible Class, 11:00 am; Fellowship Meal, 11:30 am; THEO, 5:30 pm.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 11 - Women's Prayer Breakfast.

Oct. 18 - L'Arche Walk & Roll.

Nov. 14-16 - Refuge STL Areawide Fall Retreat.

mxchurch.org/mxyouth linktr.ee/mxyg

Weekly Events

Ladies' Bible Study meets on Tuesday morning from 10:00 am–11:00 am on the fourth floor in the ACTS room for a study of the book of Isaiah. Contact Michelle Blackford (314-402-3092) for more information. All women are welcome!

Pickleball Fellowship – Monday at 9 am and Thursday at 6:30 pm. This activity is for members of all skill levels (including beginner). Come join the fun! Paddles are available. Contact Ron Orick (479-653-8585) for more information.

Women's Pickleball is held Friday mornings from 9:30 am–11:30 am. Come try out this growing sport in a relaxed environment with your sisters in Christ! Call Amy Weiler (314-229-1119) or Glenda Smith (314-974-7664) for more information.

Food Pantry News



Christians Who Care
Food Pantry

To Support Our Food Pantry: pick up a "Top 10" card in the foyer or click here: [Top 10](#). You can also use this [Pantry Donate Link](#) to donate funds. People who'd like to help/volunteer can contact Mark at: pantry@mcknightcrossings.org.

Your support does important work for our church, the community, and beyond.

Click here to make a PayPal donation: [DONATE](#).

A new Bible app plan starts tomorrow! [Anchorage: The Storm of Fear](#) looks at Biblical examples to help overcome the storm of fear in our lives. Join us by searching for McKnight Crossings in the [YouVersion app](#). To be invited to the Plans with Friends study with us, send a friend request in the Bible app to Betty J Vaughn or contact her by email or text (skincarehelp@yahoo.com; 636-222-0393).

Prayer Requests



Chris Jones is at MoBap dealing with complications from diverticulitis.

Dave Weiler went home Monday. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers at home.

Continue to Remember in Prayer:

The following MX Members: W.C. Conley, kidney failure; Alice Ferry, multiple health issues; Austin Hollingsworth, multiple health issues; Tom & Maria Holmes.

MX Supported Missionaries: in Marseille and Mauritius.

Have a Prayer Request? [Click here](#) to use the online Prayer Request Form.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sep

24 - **Jim & Denise McCoy**

26 - **Grace Clapper**

29 - **Roselyn Brito**



For the Record

August Offering...\$52,097
August Goal...\$64,135
YTD (Aug) Contribution...\$385,418
YTD (Aug) Goal...\$448,942

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body **you were called to peace**. And be thankful."

—Colossians 3:15 NIV

Always on Our Website mxchurch.org

- [Sunday Sermons](#)
- [Church Directory*](#)
- [Prayer Request Form](#)

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