

Matthew Downer

Youth Minister

Passionate about instilling hope in the next generation and encouraging confidence in that hope. And of course, having fun along the way.

Experience

Youth Minister | Sarasota Christian Church | 9/25-present

- Organizing volunteers and events
- Preaching, teaching, and developing curriculum
- Connecting with students
- Mentored by Pastors

YA Life Group Lead | Sarasota Christian Church | 2/22-present

- Teaching and Facilitating conversation
- Mentoring
- Organizing events
- Leading small groups

Team Leader | Chick-Fil-A | 7/18-9/25

- Front Counter (cashier, customer service)
- Drive Thru (fast and accurate service)
- Chick-Fil-A Sarasota Square and Pelican Plaza

Youth Intern | Sarasota Christian Church | 2020, 2021, 2024, 2025

- Prepared weekly youth nights
- Connected with students
- Mentored by Family Minister
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Youth Intern | Bayside (North River) | 1/24-6/24

- Delivered my first message
- Brainstormed youth ideas
- Mentored by Youth Pastor

Servant Team/Counselor | Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters | 2019, 2020

- Led Small Groups
- Organized Paintball
- Mentored Students and mentored by Staff
- Removed trash and performed campus maintenance

Education

Bayside College (Southeastern University Extension), Bradenton, FL

- Finishing senior year at Bayside College to attain a degree in Ministerial Leadership: Christian Ministry.

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

- Began college education at USF through the study of psychology and business before pursuing ministry at Bayside College.

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References

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