



Open Position Letter, West Ridge Community Church, Wichita KS

West Ridge Community Church, in Wichita Kansas, is in search of a successor for our founding Pastor. West Ridge was planted 14 years ago, and now offers two Sunday Morning services with about 280 attenders on a representative Sunday. We gather weekly for vibrant, life-giving worship and scripturally-based preaching and teaching, for adults as well as our children. Our Nursery, Kid's Church and Youth programs are well staffed and productive. West Ridge gives female staff members the opportunity to teach in Church, but we do operate with a male lead pastor. We believe in the Bible as God's inspired Word.

Our primary preaching/teaching themes are guided by these distinctives: viewing the Bible as a continuous story that leads to Jesus, maturing members through spiritual formation and discipleship in small groups, and emphasizing transformational growth (as opposed to transactional models of Christianity/salvation/church life.)

West Ridge engages outreach through a ministry we call "Loaves and Fish," which feeds around 100 hungry people twice a week. We are active in Family Promise of Greater Wichita, where we invite homeless families with children to stay in our church building as they work on their individual milestones for independence (we serve these families for one week, four times per year). We reach out to the single women at our church and in our community through an annual Auto Winterization, which is free to those in need. We also host and lead an active Celebrate Recovery chapter which reaches people wrestling with life's hurts, habits and hang-ups in Jesus' name. Finally, our youth take a life-changing annual summer mission trip to the Lakota reservation in South Dakota where they put on a week-long summer activities camp with children in the Sicangu Village.

The role of the Head Pastor at West Ridge is to enthusiastically study the Word and pray for the Spirit's guidance as he leads the Staff, Church Council and the

Congregation; vision casting, preaching, teaching, and leading as the Spirit leads him. The vision of West Ridge is to “flourish together in God’s Kingdom as we follow Jesus being formed into His image.” The Head Pastor meets individually with each staff member at least twice a year, to review, discuss and develop their roles, responsibilities and expectations ensuring the church’s vision is being well served.

The Head Pastor will be expected to stay current with the church’s finances and budget, building maintenance, the head of security; as well as guests and visitors, in ways that cause WRCC to flourish together. He will also counsel troubled church members, unite couples in Christ-centered marriage ceremonies, and comfort the bereaved by offering God-honoring funeral services. A full copy of the Head Pastor’s roles, responsibilities and expectations is available upon request.

For more information on West Ridge, please visit westridgecc.org. You can view past messages on our YouTube channel at “West Ridge Community Church - Wichita”.

Essentials for the role of Head Pastor at WRCC include: Good organizational and relational skills, vision for the church, as well as the individuals within. He should also possess the ability to communicate constructive feedback well. Good communication/preaching skills are essential, as well as a heart for servant leadership. A Master’s degree (or equivalent) in biblical/theological studies and experience leading in a visionary environment are also necessary. In order to be considered for this position, please email your resume as well as three references (with contact information) and digital recordings/videos of you communicating/preaching/leading to hire@westridgecc.org.

WRCC offers a generous benefits package, to be discussed with qualified candidates.

Thank you for your interest in WRCC’s open position and may God bless and keep you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Dave Mitchell, and the West Ridge Staff and Church Council

Meet our team



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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Drew Mullen



Worship Leader

Hello, my name is Drew Mullen, and I began attending and serving as Worship Leader at WRCC in December, 2024. I have been leading worship since 2016, serving in a variety of churches and ministry contexts. At WRCC, I lead a team of around 20 volunteers, including both musicians and tech team members. My primary role is to plan and facilitate weekly worship services in a way that supports the teaching and meets the needs of the congregation. I also coordinate additional worship gatherings and special events throughout the year.

Beyond Sunday services, I'm actively involved with the prayer team and the youth worship ministry. As part of the staff, I aim to remain flexible and available—supporting other ministries and helping integrate worship and music wherever it can serve the broader life of the church. In addition to my part-time roll at WRCC I spend time laughing with my wife Chloe, gardening, engineering music for artists, and partnering with other ministries across the city.

Matt Deffner



Celebrate Recovery Ministry Leader

My name is Matt, and I'm the director of Celebrate Recovery at West Ridge. My wife Elizabeth and I have been married since 2015. I started working at West Ridge on January 1, 2025, however I've been a part of ministry here since the church was planted in 2012. I started attending Western Seminary in 2023 and am working on completing a Masters in Divinity. I've seen the power of the 12 steps of recovery free myself from my own addictions and help me navigate hurts in my life and in the lives of others. I believe the 12 steps are a spiritual way of living that can help anyone grow closer to Jesus, not just those with addictive behaviors. I am passionate about people meeting a God who, as Brennan Manning stated, "Loves us as we are not as we should be."

Tessa Brungardt



Office Administrator

My name is Tessa and I am the office administrator at West Ridge. I've been in this role since February of 2024. My responsibilities include finance management, office management, HR policy facilitation and oversight, and supporting ministry leaders in any way I can. I have been married to Brandon for 20 years and we have two boys - Mason (14) and Miles (10).

Phil Nickel



Outreach & Youth Minister

My name is Phil, and I have loved serving our youth alongside Corrie for the past five years. I joined the staff with a heart for youth, and God expanded that with a passion for the homeless of Wichita. I now have the pleasure of serving as the Outreach Coordinator for West Ridge as well. Jimi and I worked on staff with a Campus Ministry at Ohio State for 4 years, and I worked in sales for 20+ years. Five years ago, God gave me the crazy opportunity to join the staff at West Ridge as a youth minister. I have loved serving and watching our youth grow in their love for Jesus and each other. God has humbled me beyond belief with a love for His homeless friends, who have become my friends, and I'm praying they will one day see God as their friend.

I have been married to my wife, Jimi, for 25 years. We have four kids – Chris (26) & his wife Lizzy (26), Hattie (12), Wyatt (12), and Hazel (11). We also have too many cats and a guinea pig.

Corrie Calvert



Youth Minister

Hi! My name is Corrie, and I have the joy of working with the Youth Group here at West Ridge. I've been on staff for five years, working alongside Phil as our roles have evolved. I first felt called to student ministry at 19 while serving at a summer camp in Texas, and I've been involved in youth or college ministry ever since. I'm passionate about walking alongside our 6th–12th graders during these formative years—they truly are a joy. I take lead on planning the youth events and weekly gatherings, meet regularly with female students and youth leader volunteers, lead the planning of summer camp, and assist with the mission trip.

I've been married to my husband, Curtis, for over 17 years, and we have three awesome kids: Oliver (13), Norah (11), and Ellis (9). We feel incredibly grateful to live on land alongside my parents and my sister's family.

Jimi Nickel



Director of Community & Discipleship

Hi! I'm Jimi Nickel, and I have been on staff at West Ridge since 2014. Initially, I served as the Treehouse Director (our nursery) and moved to my current role as Director of Community and Discipleship in 2024. In this position, I oversee our small group ministry, lead our membership process, teach on Sunday mornings and at special events (when needed), and passionately advocate for spiritual formation in all our ministry spaces. I have my Masters in Christian Spiritual Formation and Leadership and love to learn and share what I'm learning with others.

I am married to Phil (and yes, working together at church brings all the joys and challenges you might imagine). As he said, we have four kids (Chris, Hattie, Wyatt, Hazel) and a daughter-in-law (Lizzy). When I'm not at church, I spend most of my time refereeing or chauffeuring the three younger children.

Karie McIntosh



Director of West Ridge Kids

My name is Karie, and I serve as the Kids' Church Director at West Ridge, where I have led for the past seven years. I oversee the K–5th grade Sunday morning experience and strive to create a fun, engaging space where kids can grow in their faith. I am passionate about creating an environment where kids can get to know God and begin to trust and follow Jesus. I believe kids are a cherished and valuable part of our church family, and I want them to feel like they truly belong. In addition to weekly programming, I plan and facilitate a variety of events throughout the year, including Vacation Bible School, Kids Camp, and quarterly family gatherings. I have been married to my husband Kyle for 23 years, and together we have three children—Addison (19), Jacob (16), and Owen (13).

Holly Miles



Director of Treehouse Nursery

My name is Holly, and I've been married to Braden for 8 years. We have a son, Lincoln, and a daughter, Charlotte. We have attended West Ridge for several years, as it became our church home shortly after we got married. This is my first year working at West Ridge and my first year in ministry. I serve as the Treehouse Nursery Director, coordinating volunteers and curriculum for our children ages birth through Pre-K on Sunday mornings. Ensuring the safety and care of our youngest children at West Ridge is something I am deeply committed to. The opportunity we have in the nursery to teach children a foundation of Christ's love through lessons, activities, and the words and actions of our volunteers is a precious experience for our children and their families. The opportunity I have in this role to connect with and encourage families, as well as lead and appreciate volunteers and youth helpers, is also very meaningful to me. The sense of community at West Ridge is something that has served my family for many years at West Ridge, and I am delighted to engage in that in a new way as a staff member.