

Youth Group Parents Meeting

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Youth Group Purpose Statement:

“Our Youth Group exists to assist parents at Faith Baptist Church in leading their teens to embrace:

- **personal faith** in Jesus Christ
- **whole-hearted commitment** to glorifying Christ, and
- **reaching their peers** with the love of Christ;

with the goal of deploying graduates that:

- personally desire to be like Christ
- independently study His Word
- eagerly assume adult responsibilities
- actively serve in their local church
- confidently share their faith, and
- faithfully stand for the truth.”

The main ways we seek to accomplish the above are:

- Preaching to motivate and challenge
- Teaching Bible principles
- Small group interaction with a disciple-maker
- Building redemptive relationships through personal interaction, fun activities, and mentoring
- Opportunities to practice leadership and service

General Information

- **The Sponsors** (also your teen's small group leaders):
 - Junior High:
 - **Carlos and Andrea Fonte** (eagle91ot@hotmail.com) [Leader]
 - Lloyd and Rosa Myers (lrmyers89@att.net)
 - Jonathan Savoy (jsavo170@students.bju.edu)
 - Caleb Schuyler (ctskybob@gmail.com)
 - Benj (bigbenj03@gmail.com) and Kate Melton (beverlykatelynn@gmail.com)
 - Senior High
 - *12th grade* – Pastor Jordan (jalexander@fbctaylors.org) and Kim Alexander (kimberlyknudsen10@gmail.com)
 - *11th grade* – Kerry (kbaggett@hiddentreasure.org) and Lisa Baggett (lbaggett@hiddentreasure.org)
 - *10th grade* – Shawn (sward@bjupress.com) and Becky Ward (ward87family@hotmail.com)
 - *10th grade* – Daniel (ddavenport89@gmail.com) and Jess Davenport (jessallen995@gmail.com)
 - *9th grade* – Ed and Kim Popkin (EdPopKim@aol.com). Craig and Sophia Stouffer (craigandrewstouffer@gmail.com)
- **Basic Program**
 - Sunday mornings:
 - Jr. High Growth Groups meets in TB 204; Senior High Growth Groups meets in TB youth room.
 - We will continue to have all teen guys on rotating crews to help set up chairs for some of the Growth Group classes in the HTCS building in order to make things easier on our maintenance staff. Guys will be asked to help after Growth Groups briefly (10 minutes) on the weeks when their group is assigned.
 - Wednesday nights:
 - Teen Bible Study meets nearly every week on Wednesday nights in the youth room at 7:00 PM. During Bible Study we sing, take testimonies, Pr. Jordan speaks, then we often finish our time in prayer.
 - One Wednesday night a month is considered "Ministry Night." *On these nights we allow each teen to choose whether to join the teen service or go out into the community.* We typically take them to Shepherd's Care nursing home (when we are allowed to return to our ministry there) but also encourage the Small Group leaders to plan other things for their group to do together like visiting shut-ins or reaching out to community contacts. On Ministry Nights, we meet at 7:00 PM, unless the Small Group leaders instruct their groups otherwise for their own plan. This year, we will rotate through the small groups having a designated month to go to Shepherd's Care.
 - Ministry Nights are intended to give teens an opportunity to exercise and develop their gifts in ministry. If your teen(s) can/should be playing an instrument, for instance, please let us know!
 - Activities:

- We schedule a fun event with the Youth Group once a month. Some events are only for the Junior High or only for the Senior High. Most activities are combined.
 - Flyers with details typically go out by email. Details are also posted through the various venues listed below.
- Monthly Fellowships:
 - Once a month we have a fellowship after an evening service for all the teens. We meet in the Bridge (unless otherwise announced) and provide a meal for them. During the school year fellowships are always dismissed at 8:30 PM.
 - In the summer months we meet at the picnic shelter and play volleyball together until 9:00.
 - Parents are encouraged to help with these. Some parents, in the past, have even hosted a fellowship at their home (with the costs covered out of the youth budget) and we have bused the teens to their house after church. If you're interested in helping put a fellowship on at Faith or even at your home, please let me know.
- **Where to find Youth Group info:**
 - Weekly "Heads Up" emails to all parents. Let me know if we are not emailing the best address for you (email Pr. Jordan at jalexander@fbctaylors.org). In these emails, please look for an update on what the youth group is studying on Sunday and Wednesday so that you can continue to disciple your teen with what they are learning.
 - Youth Group website (www.fbcteenagers.com). Here you'll find the Google calendar of Youth Group events, sermons for download when applicable, Growth Groups handouts, PDF's and other stuff you may need from time to time.
 - "FBC Youth Group" on Facebook. We occasionally post updates and give reminders here. If you're on Facebook, look this page up and "like" it.
 - Bulletin announcements. For the most part, major Youth Group events, including what we're doing on Wednesday night of that week, are printed in the bulletin.
 - Last minute text message updates via Remind. To subscribe, text @faithteens to 81010. When prompted, reply with your first and last names. You'll then receive text updates whenever Pastor Jordan sends them out.
 - **Teen Choir**
 - If your teen is not already involved with Teen Choir, please contact Kerry Baggett to sign them up for this school year (kbaggett@hiddentreasure.org)
 - Teen Choir practice meets at 5:00 on Sunday afternoons in the Youth Room (starting in the fall).
 - **Senior High Officers**
 - 8-12 Senior High teens at a time
 - Nominated and enlisted at the beginning of each school year
 - Officers are expected to have a good testimony and desire to be a servant leader. They are not elected by the teens. Teens nominate their peers, and the sponsors and Pastor Jordan also nominate and discuss potential officers.
 - Officers meet for monthly lunch meetings (on the first Sunday of the month 12:15-2:00pm) to learn principles of servant leadership and to work on projects such as the Parents' Appreciation Banquet and the Sr. High Retreat.
 - **"What is LEAD?"**

- LEAD meets on Wednesday nights after church in TB room 203 from 8:25-9:00 PM. It is a voluntary Bible study for any teens, guys and girls, who sense God is calling them to some kind of ministry, or who simply want to develop as spiritual leaders and be better ministers in a local church.
- LEAD started about 7 years ago and was originally given the name APT for “Aspiring Preachers and Teachers” since it originally focused more specifically on those who believe God would have them prepare to preach or those who have a desire to better teach the Bible. Over the first year, the focus expanded to what it is now. Moving forward, LEAD is the new name for the group.
- Most weeks a guest speaker meets with the group and challenges them on some aspect of ministry. Most of the guests that meet with us are retired pastors or otherwise experienced in ministry.
 - *Some of past speakers: Dr. Hand, Daryl Kopp, Jim Berg, Pastor Monroe/Stockard, members of the MMT, Dr. Bob, our supported missionaries, several teen dads, and many more*
- The teens who come to LEAD have also elected leaders from among themselves to make each week profitable with helpful topics and guest speakers.
- All teens (and parents) are welcome to come. LEAD is not a closed group! We will start the first Wednesday following the “back to normal” Sunday.

○ Typical Annual Events

- Teen Camp
 - Almost every summer; ultimately it depends on missions trips and who is speaking at what camp when
 - Teen camp for this year is still being determined.
- Missions Trip
 - An international or domestic trip each summer as often as the Lord allows. Plans for the summer 2021 mission trip will be made later this year. I will make initial contact with missionaries in December, once things have mostly returned to normal, Lord-willing. As a youth group, we will need to exercise much flexibility in the days leading up to the mission trip.
 - Missions trips are open to present 7th-12th graders (not present 6th graders entering the youth group before the trips next summer). All teens may apply, but due to logistical limitations, only so many can be taken. In an effort to be fair, first consideration is given to teens with a good testimony who have
 - fewer opportunities remaining before graduating, and/or
 - have had fewer experiences on past missions trips, and/or
 - have applied to be on a team in the past and have not been selected due to lack of room on the team.
- Father/Son Campout, October 9th-10th
- Ironwood work trip, January
 - This is an Ambassadors trip, but teens are always encouraged to participate if they're able.
- Sr. High Retreat, February 12th-14th OR 19th-21st. *Location and date TBD.*
 - This retreat will cost about \$75-85 per teen.
- Senior Class weekend trip, usually during the spring semester. The plan for this is always put together in discussion with the seniors' parents.
- Parents' Appreciation Banquet, April 24th

- Workday at the Wilds. This typically happens the first or second Saturday in May.
- Teen Service on a Sunday night in the spring.
- **The next few months**
 - *September*
 - 25th – Nerf Wars (7-9:30)
 - Bring your own Nerf gun. We provide the ammo.
 - 27th – Afterglow (till 8:30)
 - *October*
 - small group activities
 - 25th – Afterglow (till 8:30)
 - *November*
 - 13th – Turkey Activity (6-8:30)
 - Pumpkin carving
 - 25th – Football/Volleyball (11am-1pm)
 - *December*
 - 11th – Christmas Party (5-8pm)
 - Dessert contest
 - *January*
 - 15th – Secret activity (later evening)
 - 24th – Afterglow (till 8:30)
 - *February*
 - Senior High Retreat – date TBD. Possibly 12-14 or 19-21.
 - 28th – Afterglow (till 8:30)
 - *March*
 - 19th – game and movie night (6-9)
 - 28th – Afterglow (till 8:30)
 - *April*
 - 14th – yuck night (7-8:30)
 - 25th – Afterglow (till 8:30)
 - *May*
 - 23rd – Afterglow (till 9)
 - *June*
 - 21st-26th – camp at the Wilds
 - 27th – Afterglow (till 9)
 - *July*
 - Mission Trip
 - 25th – Afterglow (till 9)

Policies to remember for all Parents

Cell phones and electronics

- Cell phones/tablets, etc., are not allowed to be used by the teens in Growth Groups or Bible Study/Ministry Night. And since it isn't obvious whether a teen is using a device properly or not at the time, they may not use them even to access an electronic Bible. Electronic devices should remain put away during youth group. Devices that are used during youth group may be collected by a Sponsor and turned in to you, the parent.

Transportation

- When bus/van transportation has been organized for an activity, teens may not follow in their own vehicles or take other teens with them without expressed parental permission.
- When transporting teens in the bus after dark, guys will be required to sit with guys and girls with girls.

Dress Expectations for the teens/Sponsors

In order to be consistent, we have set the following expectations for how our teens and Sponsors dress when coming to Youth Group activities or participating in Youth Group ministry events. Out of deference to parents, we allow them to decide the best way for their teens to dress for church services, including Growth Groups and Wednesday night Bible Study. While we hope these same guidelines are honored during those times, we have put these in place expressly for activities and times when we are going out to serve together on behalf of our church/Youth Group.

- **Unacceptable dress**
 - Anything revealing, tight, or otherwise immodest; shorts or skirts that do not come at least to the knee.
 - Anything advertising worldly music or entertainment, alcohol, drugs, or anything suggestive or immoral; anything that is designed to resemble worldly themes for purpose of innuendo or suggestion
 - Sleeveless shirts are acceptable but not tank tops or spaghetti straps
- **“Community Dress”**
(Ministry Night, shut-in visitation, soul-winning, special services, etc.)
 - Girls: Dresses or skirts; denim is fine
 - Guys: Collared shirt and khakis; no jeans or necklaces
- **“Casual Dress”**
(Most activities, some canvassing events, travel days for missions teams, etc.)
 - Girls: Loose fitting jeans or slacks are preferred for times when nicer dress is needed (i.e. helping with Walkfest); loose fitting athletic pants, shorts that come at least to the knee, etc., are acceptable when needed. No leggings.
 - Guys: T-shirts are fine. Slacks and jeans are preferred when nicer dress is needed; shorts and jeans are acceptable otherwise; no vest-undershirts without another shirt over-top.
- **“Competitive Dress”**
(This means we will be doing something more active, like Big Ball or Tube Tug on the ballfield or there is otherwise an expectation of getting dirty. Teen rallies, competitions on the ball field, etc.)

- Girls: Loose fitting jeans, athletic pants, shorts that come at least to the knee, etc.
- Guys: Shorts and jeans, t-shirts, etc. No vest-undershirts without another shirt over-top.
- **Water Activities**
 - Loose-fitting, dark colored clothing only for guys and girls
 - Shorts must come to the knee