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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

**Student
Ministry Handbook**

CORE VALUES

In character, Christlikeness
In service, Leadership
In relationships, Family
In heritage, Baptist
In all things, Prayer

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of First Baptist Church is to be a community of believers where we seek to mold our lives after the heart of Jesus Christ, and where we seek to His hands in mission and ministry.



HOW DID WE GET HERE?

At First Baptist Church, we believe that Student Ministry is very important. We believe that adolescence can be a difficult journey and want to partner with parents as they seek to raise their students. I truly believe that we work hard for and value what we love. Because our students deserve the best, we want to intentionally offer programming that encourages them to grow in two areas. FBC Student Ministry wants that growth to happen based on our Mission Statement: Seeking His heart, Being His hands.

Seeking His heart

We encourage students to grow in their knowledge of Christ and scripture. We want them to be exposed to faith and life in such a way that they have a chance to be thoughtful believers. We want to build on the foundations set before them in their early faith life and challenge them to learn and grow.

Being His hands

We challenge students to be leaders in Christian service. We believe that exposure to hands on mission service will begin to show them what following Christ is all about and help them to grow into citizens of the World. Our world is changing quickly, but one thing remains the same - service and love are never stamped out.

We hope this guide will help your family understand the mission, plan, and direction of Student Ministry at First Baptist Church. Welcome to Student Ministry! We can not wait to grow in faith together!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
5:00 pm Chapel Choir for Youth
5:45 pm Snack Supper
6:15 pm Small Groups

Tuesdays

7:00 am Chick-Fil-A Devotion

Wednesdays

5:00 pm Family Dinner
5:45 pm Youth Gathering (Youth Room)
6:15 pm Wednesday's Connection (A Youth Worship Experience)



FUNDRAISING PHILOSOPHY

Work for it...

Each fundraiser we hold invites students to work for what they earn. Students log hours or items sold. Credit is given based on the work put into the specific event after profit is determined.

Student Accounts

Each student has an account where all fundraising credit is kept. Students are encouraged to use those funds to pay for trips not matter how big or small the fee.

Our Major Fundraisers

BBQ Sale - Super Bowl weekend each year - \$15/hour (estimate)
Wreath Sale - Sept to Oct each year - \$12/wreath sold (estimate)
Spaghetti Lunches - twice each year
Steak Dinner & Roast a Staff Minister - Spring each year

BEING CHRIST'S HANDS

Missions Philosophy

One of the core values of First Baptist Church is being a leader in christian service. We can only accomplish this goal by serving more. Student ministry does not sit back and wait for the adults to lead in service. Our ministry intentionally offers opportunities for service year round. We do have a rotating focus during each summer.



Yearly Summer Focus

Each year, Student Ministry focuses on one aspect of hands on ministry. We stay on an intentional three year rotation.

Local - National - International

IMPORTANT TRANSITIONS

Rising 7th Graders

Each new class transitions at the beginning of the summer before their 7th grade year. They receive a new bible in worship and are invited to join the Middle School Overnight.

New Drivers

Getting a license is an important rite of passage. We host a celebration lunch with parents and students at this milestone.

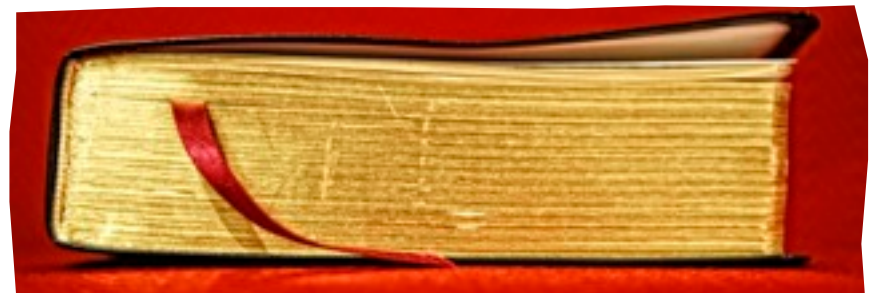
High School Seniors

Seniors are an important part of the ministry. Seniors take part in The EDGE, a monthly event where they discuss topics like: **personality type, budgets, dating in college, leaving a legacy, time management, and basic life skills away from home.**

THE MAP FROM 40,000 FEET

Using the foundation taught them through the Faith Development ministry, our students will:

- *Have an opportunity to lead in worship
- *Have an opportunity to lead a bible study/small group discussion
- *Write their faith journey
- *Learn about our worship from Pastor & Minister of Worship
- *Have an awareness of their own physical, spiritual, and mental makeup
- *Understand what healthy relationships look like, having discussed sexuality and relationship
- *Participate in hands on mission - locally, state-wide, nationally, and internationally
- *Participate in Sunday bible study that is comprehensive, intentional, and life-applicable
- *Participate and offer leadership in camps, retreats, and events that deepen their faith and relationship with Christ
- *Have fresh encounters with and a working knowledge of Scripture
- *Share intergenerational relationships with church members who are both older and younger than them



FBC ROME STUDENT MINISTRY - SEEKING CHRIST'S HEART

Our Three Year Teaching Plan

An important component to our teaching plan is intentionality. Our plan has purpose and structure. Each year we study from the three main concepts outlined below. We focus our attention on those three main guides every year. Our three year plan includes some of the topics outlined below each of the main headings.

God

The Nature of God

God is: love; just & righteous; powerful; creator; Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

Qualities of God: loving, giving, relational, righteous, jealous, supreme, caring, forgiving, redeeming, ever-present, all knowing, all-powerful, just, reliable, beyond our dimensions, mysterious

The Revelation of God

Father - of all creation; of Israel; of all believers

Jesus - God in flesh; Immanuel; Divinity & humanity; salvation; the Word; I AM

Spirit - wisdom & mystery; calls us to faith; speaks to and for us; abides with us

The Will of God

Kingdom of God; free will; discernment; reconciliation; salvation

Creation

Good Beginnings

Heavens & earth; humanity; image of God; incarnation

Needing Salvation

Fallen creation; temptation; sin; flesh vs spirit; wrath of God; death

Reconciliation Process

Redeemable; being reconciled; called by God; new covenant; perpetual creation

The Great Unknown

Heaven & Hell

Relationships

Life With God

Covenant; life in Christ; discipleship; new creation; calling and vocation

Living in the World

Loving neighbors; stewardship; confidence in Christ; salt and light; fruitful faith

The Body of Christ - The Church

One body/people of God/gifted to serve/why church/ practicing church/

