

Concord

STUDENT MINISTRY

Parent/Teacher/Leader Handbook

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From my heart

I have had the privilege of serving in Student Ministry for over 15 years now, and as much as I have seen it evolve over the years with different themes and goals, in my opinion, it has not changed nearly enough. The concepts, philos-



Photo I took inside the Blue Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey.

ophies and goals of Student Ministry have far too long been serving as a source of segregation among the church body as a whole. Years ago in SBC churches across the nation, there were incredibly elaborate attempts to create youth-friendly environments that not only looked different than the rest of the church, it functioned completely separate. And as a result, walls of discontent and waves of misun-

derstanding have swept through a generation of students and their families, leading to what we now call 'de-churched' people, those that once attended church as a child but now no longer have any connection with a local body. The old system of doing things is not what we are striving for here at Concord Baptist Church.

The goal of any Student Ministry should be no different than any other ministry in a church...follow the vision that God has given our Senior Pastor and use the gifts we have been given to share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus with the world and serve the church, and make disciples.

We exist as a ministry department within the church to be an extension of the church to help share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our community and our world. This happens as we meet together for times of teaching, fellowship and service. We want to see each student that comes through this ministry ready for the journey God has prepared for them...and we know that as a

ministry within the church, we can only see that happen when we walk alongside our families that are a part of us.

The photo that you see in this article was taken in a moment that changed my philosophy of ministry and leadership, parenting and yes, even what it means to live a life of obedience to God completely. You see a father and son, together in a mosque where the father is teaching his son how to pray. At the time, I was the father to two young boys, and I could have easily discounted this event as seeing a man teaching his son wrong things, but what God burned in my heart that day was that this father was *teaching* his son (Deut. 6:6-8). It wasn't a youth pastor, or coach, or another authority, but his dad. We certainly need other Godly influences in our lives, but the most influence will always be parents.

This is what I mean by walking alongside our families here at Concord. We are on life's journey together as we seek to serve God and teach our

children what it means to worship each day we have. The Student Ministry department is a family-friendly environment, where we can walk together, raising our children to be what God has given them to us for...not just good citizens, but Christ followers and a testimony of Him. Look for those opportunities to come for your teen, for parents and for the whole family.

I look forward to partnering with you and your family!



Jason Grubbs
Director of Student Ministries



Studies JESUS, JOY, FAMILY
Fall 2015



Mid Week Worship
6pm-8pm



Super Summer Camp 2015

Sunday School

Concord offers Sunday School classes for all age groups including our Student Ministry. **SS hours are held at 9:15 am and 10:45 am.** The class structure is split up by age group and gender. We offer 7th-8th grade, 9th-10th grade and 11th-12th grade boys and girls classes.

All curriculum for Sunday School is selected by our Ministry Staff to be pertinent and appropriate for the age of the students.

All teachers and leaders in Sunday School are selected by our Ministry Staff and nominating committee because of their genuine love of students and their commitment to serving Christ. All teachers must have a background check and be interviewed by the Student Ministry Director before beginning teaching students.

Sunday School at Concord is a place for students to grow in their knowledge of the Bible as well as their personal spiritual growth and relationship with Christ.

Between Sunday School hours, we offer a "Gathering" time for students to fellowship with student in other classes. This is a great time to catch up with old friends and make new friends. Coffee, and sometimes refreshments are served during the Gathering.

Wednesday Night 'MidWeek'

Wednesday Night Youth 6–8 pm takes place in our Blue Room. This is a great time for students to connect with their friends in a fun, safe environment. Wednesday night begins with our Café. The café offers

sodas and snacks at very low cost and a place to "hang-out". Students worship with our Student Praise Band, participate in small group activities, large group activities, Bible studies and so much more.

Wednesday night leaders have all completed a background check and have interviewed with our Student Ministry Director. These volunteers are all people who love God and want to share God's love with our students.

Events and other Gatherings

Concord is a missions-minded church. Concord Student Ministry is also missions-minded. Students have opportunity to go on amazing mission trips. Some missions are here in Jefferson City, some are in Missouri, some are in the United States, and some are International trips. Student Ministry

is a great place to learn how to share God's love with other people whether it is in your own back yard or on the other side of the world.

Fun activities are a big part of Student Ministry. Students look forward to road trips, DNDW, Youth Camp, guys/girls events, bonfires, and more. These

activities are not just for fun, they also provide time for fellowship and a time for spiritual growth. Our volunteer teams that lead these fun events must also have a background check and interview with our Director of Student Ministry. It is our goal to make every event a time that honors God.

What you can expect from us as a Ministry?

Concord Baptist Church has a mission statement of "Love God Love People". This is our mission for every department and every ministry in our church.

You can expect that we will teach God's Word. You can expect we will demonstrate God's love at work in our lives. We will teach students how to share God's Word and his love to others.

You can expect that we will communicate with you. Expect to receive everything from

emails, newsletters, Facebook updates, calls and text messages about upcoming events for students as well as meetings and other activities for parents or leaders. We want to keep you in the loop on all Student Ministry events.

You can expect to be heard. If you have a comment or questions, we want to hear from you. We are all on the same team and we want to partner with you to solve problems and conflicts.



What do we expect from our Students and Families?

We expect our students to come to church ready to learn. All too often, youth group time tends to be more about the fun and less about the real reason we gather. We love to have a good time, but it will never be at the expense of remembering and worshipping our Lord dur-

ing any gathering. We expect our families to be involved with Student Ministry. We know that not every one can or wants to teach or lead, but we want everyone to feel welcome and know they are a part of the family. We expect our Dads and Moms to be the primary teach-

er of their children. We cannot and will not take your place, we are a help to you and want to be the best help we can be.

We hope that your desire is to partner with us as we journey together.



What do we expect from our Teachers/Leadership Team?

Concord Student Ministry has an excellent team of leaders, teachers, and volunteers. Concord is so blessed to have so many people who are investing in the lives of our students.

We expect you to be a member in good standing with Concord Baptist Church.

We expect you to attend Sunday worship at Concord and support all other ministries within the church family.

We do expect that you are present when and where you are assigned or needed depending on the ministry event.

We expect that you have prepared for the lesson you will present to the students.

We expect you to have prayed over your students before class and with them in class.

We expect that you have spent time in private prayer and bible study during the week.

We expect that you are willing to pray with parents, students, and/or other leaders.

We expect that you will stay in communication with our Student Ministry Director or the Student Ministry assistant throughout the year.

We need to know that you will always speak positively about the Student Ministry, and if there are concerns to handle them maturely.

We expect that you will always be willing to communicate to all those around you how God has changed your life and be ready to share a testimony of that at any opportunity to encourage, equip, guide and teach to make much of Christ!



Interested in teaching/leading in Student Ministry?

Leader/Teacher REQUIREMENTS and EXPECTATIONS

- **Must be born again.**
- **Must be at least 21 years of age.**
- **Must be a member in good standing with Concord Baptist Church.**
- **Must adhere to Concord Baptist Church's core doctrines and statement of faith.**
- **Must submit to a background check for the safety of our children and families.**
- Understand your life example begins at home, then in your community before it begins here at church. A life of holiness unto the Lord Jesus is understood as the most desirable attribute of this team. **Deut. 6:6-8**
- Being able to work under authority of the Student Ministry Director/Youth Pastor is necessary. **1 Thess. 5:12**
- Willing to work as a team with other leaders/teachers is critical, always have a priority of peace keeping. **1Cor. 12:22-27**
- Come ready to serve on-time, with a smile. (not every day is perfect, but all has been given for our good) **Rom. 8:28**
- Attend as many meetings as possible. (when scheduled)
- Know your limits, when you know you are not available for any task, please let someone know.
- Know your strengths, operate in those, but be willing to be stretched in areas of weakness as well.

If you would like to pursue getting involved with our Student Ministry, sign this form stating that you feel you can meet all requirements and expectations. Then give your personal contact information so an appointment may be set between you and Bro. Jason. Thanks for your willingness to serve our Lord by helping in our Student Ministry!

Signature _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please turn this in to the church offices OR in the drop box beside the bulletin board (across from Blue Room) in the Student Ministry hallway.

How can I get serve in Student Ministry?

Please choose at least one area you would be willing to serve:

- **Student Ministry Café (Rotation)** **Sunday Morning**
 Wednesday Night
 Coordinator
 Provide Food
 Maintenance

- **Wednesday (MidWeek) Leader (Rotation)** **First Impressions**
 SS Connection
 Prayer Groups
 Security
 Tech Help
 Engage

I am willing to provide food/refreshments for Student Ministry events.

I am interested in my home being used to host Teen/Parent Bible Studies.

I am interested in my home being used to host students for special times like DNow or Weekend events.

Since your teen attends this ministry, you are highly encouraged to attend events and serve in the ministry along side your child. Please give your personal contact information so an appointment may be set between you and Bro. Jason. Thanks for your willingness to serve our Lord by helping in our Student Ministry!

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