

2008 Parent's Guide

I. PHILOSOPHY

A. GENERAL

- The youth ministry is an extension of Pastor's philosophy
- The youth ministry is a tool to help parent's rear Godly teens by providing Biblical instruction, opportunities for service, and wholesome activities
- The youth ministry is not a substitute for parental involvement
- The youth ministry is not a necessity for you to have Godly kids nor does it guarantee that you will
- The youth ministry is not able to help those who do not want to be helped
- Dating is not encouraged or discouraged, however, Biblical principles are regularly discussed

B. SPECIFIC

- God's Word is the highest authority in life.
- Biblical teaching and principles are there to be followed and obeyed.
- When our beliefs and God's Word collide, WE ARE ALWAYS WRONG, even if we choose not to admit it.
- God is holy, good, and sovereign in our lives and is worthy of our worship, obedience, and confidence.
- see handout titled "Our Purpose."

C. DRESS

- Two key principles are modesty and appropriateness
- Neck to Knees
- see handout titled "Dress Guidelines for Northside Ministry Events."

D. TEEN SECTION

- We prefer that teens sit either with their parents or in the designated teen section
- Constant Challenges...
 - Teens sitting behind the teen section
 - Several teens sitting with one family
 - Teens sitting in the back or balcony
- see handout titled "How to Establish a Teen Section."

D. TRAVEL

- Phone Information # 572-4256 for message regarding arrival/return
- Seating expectations – boys with boys, girls with girls
- Behavior/Responsibility
- Do Not Bring: fireworks, magazines, music, earphones,
- When travelling, I will always have my cell phone
843-810-8612

II. Program

A. VISITATION

- usually twice a month with one being door-to-door/visitation and the other being nursing home ministry
- on scheduled Wednesdays, leaving at 3:30
- requires approximately \$5 for fast food before the evening service

B. SNACS

- SNAC = Sunday Night after Church
- usually include a light meal, singing, and testimonies
- hosted at the youth center or homes
- once a month
- usually end 1 hour after the service ends

C. MINISTRIES

- There are many opportunities for your teen to get involved in ministry.
 - Nursery (there are some age restrictions, volunteer to work with them)
 - Junior Church/Children's Church
 - Mission Conference
 - Nursing Home
 - Choir, Orchestra
 - Helping at banquets
 - Ladies Fellowships
- Be creative, come up with new ways to minister to others with your teen

D. ACTIVITIES

- held monthly
- vary greatly from month to month but usually designed for fellowship and to bring unsaved friends (usually a gospel message or devotion)
- cost is usually minimal, covers cost of the event

E. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- The War of the Special Forces (NCS) Jan 20-25
- David Gibbs (NBC) April 4-6
- Mission Conference (NBC) October 12th – 15th
- Dwight Smith (NBC) November 9th – 14th

F. SUMMER CAMP

- The Wilds Christian Camp - Brevard, NC
- Planned for the week of July 28th – Aug 2nd
- early registration is essential
- Teen Car Wash, Elementary Basketball Concessions
- Best opportunity for dramatic, lasting change in my opinion

G. MISSION TRIP

- next trip tentatively planned for summer '09
- many fundraising opportunities for teens
- limited space requires consideration given to maturity and participation

H. YOUTH WORKERS

- Dan Smith, JH Sunday School
- Mr. and Mrs. Newby
- Mr. and Mrs. Johnson
- Mr. and Mrs. McCain
- Mr. Melhose
- 3-4 other adults that help with activities and chaperoning

III. POINTS OF EMPHASIS

A. COMMUNICATION

- Please ask, suggest, argue, or complain to me if I am part of the problem or solution. Otherwise it is griping and hurts us all. I promise to try to be sensitive and understanding
- Perception vs. Reality
- Flyers, Newsletter, announcements, calendar handout

B. SUPERVISION

- You are welcome to attend any activity at your own expense if no more adult help is required / at my expense if adults are needed

C. 4 KINDS OF PARENTS

- see handout titled "Four Kinds of Parents."

D. APPLE TREES BEAR APPLES

- see handout titled "The 'Me' Tree."

E. SIGN UP SHEETS

- make decisions early and stick to them
- don't allow your child to dictate what they do by how they feel at the moment
- be the parent

F. CALENDAR

- The War of the Special Forces
- Easter Break Activity
- Men's Retreat
- see handout titled "Youth Group Calendar."

G. 2008 MEDICAL RELEASE AND PERMISSION FORM

- see unattached handout titled "2008 Medical Release and Permission Form."