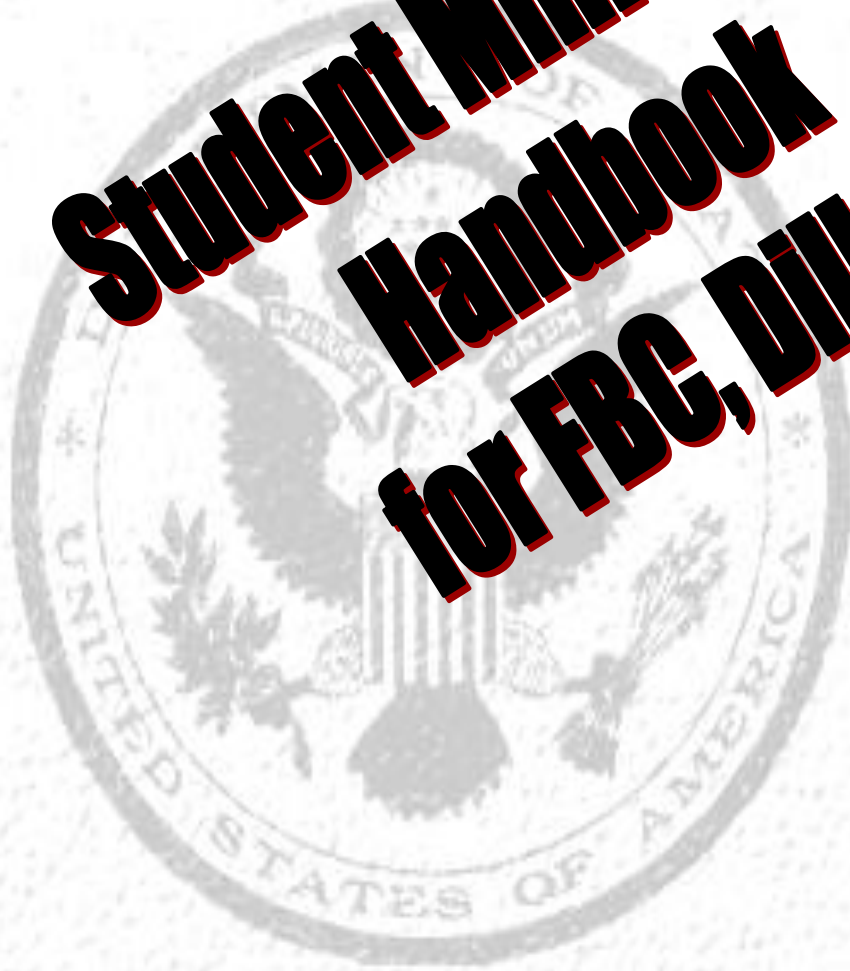


**Student Ministries
Handbook
for FBC, Dillon**



TOP SECRET

Building the Tabernacle of Student Ministries: Connect, Grow, and Serve

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"God created me-and you- to live with a single, all-embracing, all-transforming passion- namely, a passion to glorify God by enjoying and displaying his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life."

- John Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*

Introduction

The next few years of your life and the life of your young adult will be a roller coaster ride; many ups and downs, loving moments and shouting matches, physical and psychological changes, mental and spiritual advancements, joys and sorrows. This seems to be a daunting task for us all, however we know that we serve a great and mighty Father who promises He is with us in the midst of all we do. That is why we are here for you! Our prayer is that the next few years will harvest a relationship with our heavenly Father that will change the life of your young adult and your family.

Tedd Tripp has stated this time well: “You do not need to be perfect; you simply need to be people of integrity who are living life in the rich, robust truth of the Word of God.” Many changes could lead to a life overflowing with anxiety. Our greatest encouragement is that we will all grow through this time and grow in the faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ. That is it! this ministry is simple. It is all about Christ: what he has done for us, how he continues to sustain us with His grace, and obeying His commands to make disciples to the ends of the earth.

The following is a basic guideline to the next few years in the life of your young adult. Our goal and vision is to continue to grow the temple (tabernacle) of worship within your young adult and your family. We plan to establish a firm foundation on the Word of God and build into a life of service. Let me emphasize this ministry is a ministry of servants, not little people who need attention or events to appease them. This is about the eternal condition of your young adult. We understand this and plan to assist you in anyway that we can. May God comfort you and your families in this very exciting time and many the joy and fun begin!!

His servant,

Michael Sapp

“But the very best youth ministry should nothing more for Christian families than an aid to them, providing supporting, not a leading role. . . . Who, though, will minister to youth whose families are non-believers? While the role of youth ministry is to give biblical emphasis for strengthening Christian families in the church, a further role is to evangelize lost families of youth who attend.”

- Alvin Reid, *Raising the Bar*

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Building the Foundation

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose and the winds blew and pounded the house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock." Matt. 7:24-25

Building the Foundation- CONNECT

Our prayer is that the foundation we set in the Student Ministry will withstand any persecution, trial, or tribulation you and your family will encounter.

I. Personal Worship CONNECT TO GOD

a. The priority of this ministry

- We are made in the image of God, created for a purpose much greater than we could ever imagine. In that, we are made to worship God in all that we do.
- Worship is NOT a Sunday thing, it is an everyday, every moment, every breath thing!!

Our goal is FBC Student Ministries is to teach you and your adult how to be a better worshipper

- remember this is what we plan to do for all eternity

We can not extend this ministry toward the kingdom of God without an army of worshippers

b. the practice of all we do

- all events, missional strategies, and outreach attempts are purposed with worship in mind.
- We are here to have a great time and enjoy the life God has given us but we must remember the admonishment of Paul:

- *"Besides this, knowing the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is nearly over, and the daylight is near, so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. . . But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no plans to satisfy the fleshly desires." Rom. 13:11-14*

In sum, this ministry is all about Him!!

- it is not about our wants, desires, or preferences
- it is not about how we think it should be accomplished
- it is ALL about His kingdom, His will, and His glory

"Worship is faith expressing itself in obedience and adoration."

- David Peterson

"Worship is the echo in the human heart of the excellency and the supremacy of God."

- John Piper



That is WORSHIP!!

II. Faith into Action (SERVE)

a. Worship causes something

Our greatest purpose is to worship the God who so graciously loves us through our everyday actions. As our worship grows, so grows our faith; consequently, our faith in practice must continue to grow as well. A foundation of servanthood must be laid in the heart of every young adult that grows in FBC Student Ministries.

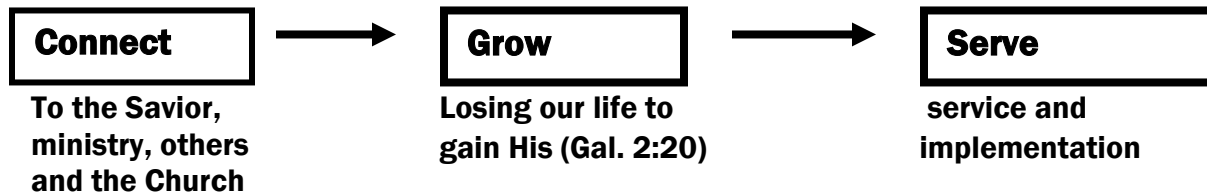


- James encourages us:

- "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." James 2:26
- This is becoming the hands and feet of Christ, the Church

b. Worship in progress

We hope to lead your young adult through the progress:



Our prayer is to build an army of youth ministers who serve God in the area that He has placed them. This does not require a special degree, ordination, or position. It only requires a willingness to work out their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life- a ransom for many." Matt. 20:28

We acknowledge that this is a process that develops with the life of your young adult and our goal is to facilitate this growth, both spiritually and physically. We desire to place our faith into the community, schools, and homes of all those we come in contact with. We are becoming servants of the Most High God!!

*"The answer was not in programs or in feeling liked or in pleasing everyone. The answer in becoming the right person for youth ministry. . . I was spending all my time doing the work of God without being the man of God.
- Doug Fields, Purpose Driven Youth Ministry*

We approach Student Ministry at FBC, Dillon from a relational strategy. This covers three areas:

a. God and young adult

The most important relationship in the life of your young adult is between them and their Creator. Our first priority is to nourish, develop and facilitate their vertical relationship. This is accomplished through ongoing studies of God's word and various activities that allow your young adult to practice their faith.

- *"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children."* Deut. 6:4-7
- *"When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is: fear God and keep His commands, because this is for all humanity."* Eccl. 12:13
- *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people."* Luke 2:52

b. Young adult and you

Our second desire is that this ministry would deepen the relationship between you and your young adult. Families construct the very fabric of the Church, and with strong families comes strong ministry. You, as a parent, are a vital and integral component of this ministry. Prepare yourself for the great adventure that will unfold in the next few years.

- *"Teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."* Proverbs 22:6
- *"fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* Eph. 6:4

c. Young adult and others

We desire to teach your young adult how to build relationships with other for the purpose of sharing the gospel and fulfilling the Great Commission. This is in adherence to Jesus' command of loving our neighbor. We desire to equip your young adult with the tools to equip others with the knowledge of Christ that has been given to them. This is the essence of making disciples.

- *Luke 10:25-37*
- *"You, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And these things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."* 2nd Timothy 2:1-2

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Building Heavenward

Matt. 16: 24-26, 22:37-39, 28:18-20

"We're never 'more saved' or 'more loved' by God. Our work is motivated by the grace God has poured out in our lives . . . What joy the Gospel gives me. I can approach the throne of God with confidence. Not because I've done a good job at my spiritual duties, but because I'm clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ." C.J. Mahaney, *The Cross Centered Life*

I. Our Basic Beliefs- GROW

a. The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men who were under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is God's revelation of Himself to mankind. It instructs in all manners of faith and godliness. It has God for its author, salvation/ redemption for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error (in the original manuscripts) for its content. Therefore, all matters of truth, faith, and godliness contained within are absolutely true, faithful, and complete.

b. God

There is one true and living God. He is a triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with distinct personal attributes, but perfect in nature, essence and character.

1. Father

He is Sovereign, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, Judge, and a Personal Being. He providentially cares for His creation and continues to guide all human history to His appointed end. He is omnipotent, omniscience, and omni-benevolent. He is Father and Friend to those who trust by faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

2. Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit to the virgin Mary. In this, He took on the likeness of man by humbling himself in the form of a servant to the point of death on the cross. While on earth, He was completely sinless and obeyed the will of the Father. He was dead, buried, and rose again with a glorified body, appearing to His disciples and others. He ascended to heaven where He sits at the right hand of the Father as Mediator. He will return again in all His glory to take home those who believe, and reign forever and King of kings and Lord of lords.

3. Holy Spirit

He is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He convicts men of their sins, of righteousness and judgment. He effectively calls men to salvation and seals them until the day of redemption. He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ and gives the spirit of unity. He brings to remembrance, enlightens and empowers every believer, as well as equipping believers with spiritual gifts to serve. He is the agent of sanctification, revealing the character of Christ in the life of the believer.

c. Man

Man is the unique, crown of creation from God. He is made in the very image of God as a finite being. He created man as male and female, equal in essence yet different in function. God created man with moral capacity and the power of moral choice. This is the faculty that caused man to fall from original innocence in which he was created in the Garden. In this state, man is absolutely dependence upon the grace and work of God.

d. Salvation

Salvation is a work accomplished by God alone through the work of Christ on the cross. Man receives salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. It is that faith in the accomplished work of Christ on the cross and His resurrection that brings man into right relation with God the Father. Salvation is at once complete and a process in the life of the believer. The at once moment is the justification of the believer and the righteousness of Christ imputed into the life of the believer. The process is called sanctification and continues in the life of the believer as them

become conformed into the image of Christ. Salvation is culminated with that act of glorification either following the death of the believer or Christ's return.

e. The Church

The New Testament Church is composed of all baptized believers, past, present and future. They are unified through the work of the Holy Spirit and composed for the purpose of worshipping God, fellowshiping with others, edifying each other, serving others, and spending the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Adapted from the Baptist Faith and Message 2000

II. Our focus

The focus of Student Ministry at FBC, Dillon is

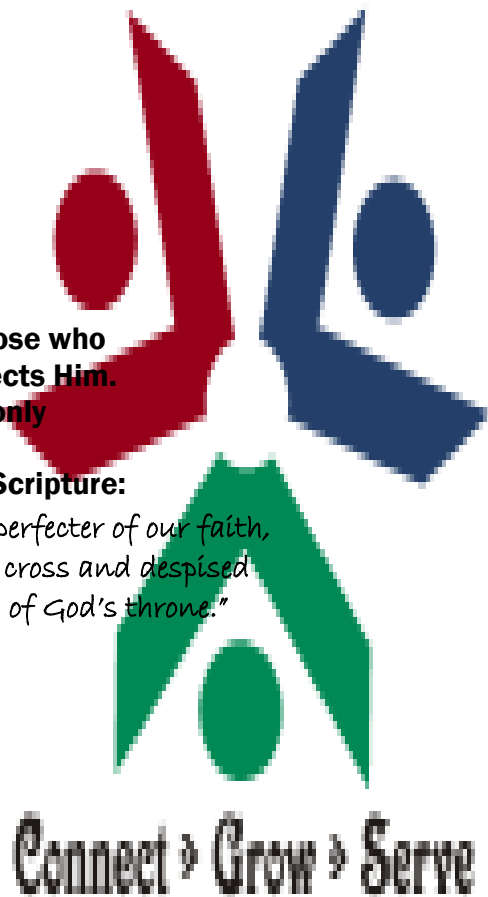
simple: **Christ**

- He is our all-consuming passion
- He is our example
- He is our Mediator
- He is hope, strength, and portion
- He is our heartbeat

We desire to share Christ with the lost, draw those who are saved closer to Him, and live a life that reflects Him. To lose this focus in ministry is deadly, leaving only a focus on things that will pass away.

With Christ as our focus, we obey the words of Scripture:

- *"keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised by shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne."*
Hebrews 12:2



III. Our Purpose

Inspiring People to become Authentic Followers of Jesus Christ

Discipleship is key. We know this is an ongoing process and our time is limited. Therefore, all studies, activities and events must revolve around this purpose.

IV. Our Vision

We look to a time when all students will **connect** into ministry at FBC, Dillon. With this, students will begin to **grow** their faith and display that faith to all who they come in contact with. We desire to see the youth of Dillon come to know Christ as Savior, and move into various areas of the world with the gospel of Christ. We desire to see families strengthen through the Student ministry at FBC. Furthermore, we desire to see families come together for the cause of the gospel of Christ. To see students daily **serve** Christ in all areas of life. Our great vision is to see the glory of God extended to the ends of the earth!!

We are reminded that we are working toward eternity, not living for the moment!!

"But when we come to the place where there is a real difference and we exhibit uncompromised principles but at the same time observable love, then there is something that the world can see, something they can use to judge that these really are Christians, and that Jesus has indeed been sent by the Father." Francis Schaeffer, *The Mark of a Christian*

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Building a Legacy

What we do here, matters for eternity!



Before



After

FBC Student Ministry

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I. Discipleship plan

Keeping in mind that we are preparing your young adult for life after high school, our discipleship plan is central to all that we do. We desire that they be ready to give a defense for their faith and stand tall as we send them out from this ministry.

- Each year we do not graduate Seniors, ***we commission Student Ministers***

- a. Theology
 - a. Who is God?
 - b. Who am I?
 - c. How do we get the Bible?
 - d. What about Jesus?
- b. Apologetics
 - a. What do I believe?
 - b. Why do I believe?
 - c. What do others believe?
- c. Ethics
 - a. How do I make decisions?
 - b. How do I worship well?
 - c. What is right and wrong?
 - d. Grace and law?
- d. Missions/ Evangelism
 - a. Now what?
 - b. How do I share my faith?
 - c. What is the Great commission?

"What comes into our minds we think about God is the most important thing about us."
A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

We attempt to cover all these areas through the years that your student is a part of this ministry. These are areas that we believe are vitally important to building your faith, defending your faith and delivering your faith to others.

We open up various opportunities throughout the course of the year:

1. Connect groups: these are age graded groups that meet on Sunday morning at 9:45 am. This is an essential time to connect our students with God and others, as well as a great introductory point for many students.
2. Midweek crisis- Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30pm is a challenging time for growth. We divide into groups for challenging activities and practical scripture challenges
3. The Revolution- Sunday night from 5-7pm is a time of growth and service. We will focus more on opportunities to serve throughout the communities, schools, and family.

II. Practical plans

This is the area to discuss activities, events and other various practical matters. But first, we must notice how we have gotten to this point. Events are only the outworking of purpose and potential audiences. All planning is funneled through our purpose and demographic status.

Keep in mind that we are planning for the future of these students, not just looking for a fun time here and now.

- a. Student Ministries Team (SERVE)**
 - **this is a team comprised of students, parents of students, and parents of past and future students**

This teams main purpose is to work alongside the student minister to guide the ministry into future avenues.

This is an opportunity to build relationship between parents, students, and church members.

- b. Events/ Retreats (CONNECT and GROW)**
 - **all events are planned with on going studies in mind**
 - **it is not the habit of this ministry to continue events because of tradition, we seek to use whatever is available to most effectively reach these students**
 - **events are a perfect opportunities for students to develop relationships with other students that are not classmates, of similar age, or possibly of various stages in life.**
 - **Once or twice a year we will plan various retreats that will allow students the opportunity to leave “the real world” and reflect on their spiritual growth, faith, and various other needs**
- c. Missional opportunities (SERVE)**
 - **we will plan various community projects that will foster the heart of local service in the life of the student**
 - **as well, students are challenged to plug into church-wide opportunities to teach and grow young ones of the church**
 - **our desire is to plan a trip, when available, to move the students outside the local community and into outer cities to serve Christ in various means.**
 - **These activities are all planned with the purpose of building an ongoing desire to see Christ spend to the ends of the Earth.**
- d. Daily outreach (SERVE)**
 - **our greatest desire is to seek each student realize the potential they have for being a missionary in their local school**

Process of planning

**Purpose
+ Potential audience**

Programs, events, etc.

- the students will be challenged to pray for change with their schools, as well to become the hands and feet of Christ in their hallways.
- We see this as daily **WORSHIP!!** Glorifying Christ in ALL we do.

III. Parental Plans

Parents play a pivotal part in student ministry. Our desire is that you could serve along with us to receive the joy of watching your student and others grow closer to Christ. There are several ways to plug into the student ministry here are just a few:

1. **PRAYER!!**
2. **Parent patrol-** this is a new weekly opportunity for parents to serve the ministry. We ask that parents sign up for one Sunday, and bring some snacks and a great attitude to hang out with the youth for two hours during Sunday night
3. **Chaperones-** various opportunities both day and over night.
4. **Good Samaritan project-** this is a great opportunity to help someone in need. The project is designed to assist students who can not financially afford events or activities.

These are just a few ways parents can plug into service and help change the life of the students at FBC.

"It is no wonder so many teens do not receive instruction from their parents. They are suffering under the cruelty of their parents' harsh words. Any instruction is lost to a wounded spirit and deepening alienation . . . In all your intention, your focus is to see your teenagers find comfort and strength in knowing God." - Tedd Tripp, Shepherding a Child's Heart



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Miscellaneous Extras

Things you need to know



General Policies

I. Sunday Worship

The youth will engage in one weekly worship service that will integrate all ages of youth. The purpose is to teach worship through song, interaction, and study of God's word. We invite all youth to attend this service with hopes of funneling into more activities and deeper spiritual growth.

We hope not to have to address such issues, however if any student continues to present disciplinary issues (such as disruption, disrespectful attitudes, inappropriate activities with the opposite sex, or harmful activities with other students) the student's parents or guardians will be contacted, and if further problems persists the student may be ask to remove themselves from the ministry for a temporary time until further discussion occurs. This policy is in effect for all other meetings on campus and off.

II. Event Eligibility (Over night)

Any youth that signs ups for a one day trip will be eligibility for the trip and any one day activities with the Student ministries.

Any youth who wishes to take part in any over night trips must attend youth worship services (Sunday, midweek, or Wednesday activities) for two weeks prior to the over night event. This is for the purpose to establish a relationship with the student and parents prior to the over night event. As well, we desire to stay in contact with the students; furthermore, many trips are designed to continue with on-going studies and to continue cohesion within the ministry.

III. Chaperones

1. The first preference for chaperones are parents of the students who are currently involved in youth. We ask that there be 1 chaperone to ever 10 students, this applies for guys and girls separately (1 for every 10 guys, and visa versa).
2. If college students are home for the summer or other events, as long as the minister approves, they are welcome to attend events as volunteers. However, they are only eligible for chaperones at the age of 21.
3. Members of the church are eligible for chaperones as seen fit by the minister and only on an as-needed basis.

IV. Relational guidelines

1. The minister will not be alone with anyone of the opposite sex for any amount of time. This includes times of counseling, transporting students, or any other activities.
2. Chaperones are not allowed to spend time with students of the opposite alone (unless this is a family member, i.e. son or daughter). This is in protection of the chaperone and the students alike.
3. If a college student is dating someone in student ministry, they are ineligible for over night activities.

Permission slip
For Activities with Youth
First Baptist Church, Dillon

I give my teenager, _____ permission to attend activities with the youth group of First Baptist Church under the supervision of the youth minister and other chaperones designated by the church. I assume full responsibility for the actions of my teenager while on any activity with the youth group. First Baptist Church is not responsible or liable for any harm, damage, or injury that may result from the youth leaving any designated area or traveling to or from the church. The church has the right to send any teenager home from any activity due to disciplinary problems or the like. I understand that all attempts will be made to contact the parents and/or guardian should any emergency or disciplinary problem arise.

This permission slip and medical form is valid for the year of 2009-2010 (Jan.-Dec.) and only gives permission for trips with First Baptist Church and the youth signed above. As well, by signing this permission slip you agree that you have read and are aware of and are in full agreement with the general policies of the Student Ministry of FBC, Dillon. As well, I understand that some activities are hazardous and can be harmful and deadly; such as whitewater rafting, skiing, climbing, hiking, etc. And I will not hold FBC, Dillon responsible or liable for any injuries, accidents, or death.

Signed _____ (parent and/or guardian)
Date _____

Contact info.

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Contact in case of emergency (other than info. listed above)

Name _____

Relation to family _____

Phone number _____

Medical Release Form



Name of Student _____

Age _____

Date of birth _____

Mailing address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Medical Insurance Company _____

Policy number _____

Parent and/or guardian name _____

Father work phone number _____

Father Social Security number _____

Mother work phone number _____

Mother Social Security number _____

Physician name _____

Office number _____

Has your child previously broken any bones yes _____ no _____

If so, what _____

Does your child have any allergies yes _____ no _____

If so, please list allergies _____

Is your child currently on any medication yes _____ no _____

If so, please list medications _____

Is there any medical history we should be aware of

Date of last tetanus shot _____

Are there any other medical conditions we should be aware of

***** Please attach a copy of your medical insurance card**

Parent Patrol

A new project that invites parents to assist in the Sunday evening student worship service. Parents will be asked to sign up for a Sunday night and bring some form of snacks or other goodies for the evening. We desire that the parents be present to interact with the children and influence their lives. The purpose is to interject parents into the lives of students in the midst of fast paced lives. This also affords the opportunity for parents to build on-going relationship with the students.



Good Samaritan Project

A project designed to support the students who can not afford particular events or activities. We ask that all members of the church who can afford to support students will be asked to sign up on the list and be available upon being contacted by the youth minister. This provides a great service for students who may be challenged financially and builds a bridge for all members of the church. Students are asked to write and sign thank you letters for times of support.

EII Project

This is a prayer partner relationship with the Senior Adults of the church. Where Senior Adults are given students names to pray for and support them throughout the course of the school year. The year will culminate with a revealing of the prayer partner and time to speak with one another and encourage both the youth and Senior Adults. The purpose of this project is to bring the generations together for the cause of Christ.

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