

FBC Conroe
Student Ministry



Parent Manual
2021-2022

Dear Parents:

I'm glad you're interested in our student ministry! Thank you for taking the time to check out what we are all about. We hope that you will consider partnering with us here at First Baptist Conroe.

We believe that God has called every parent to be the main disciple-maker of their children, and we are here to help. We want to walk alongside you in every way we possibly can to equip and support you for this task. This means that we are just as dedicated to providing resources, prayer, and help for parents as we are for students. Please, do not ever hesitate to let us know what you and your student needs.

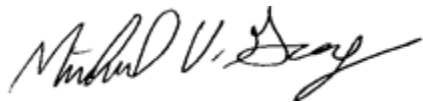
We know that students are not adults yet, but they are also no longer children. In this in-between called adolescence we want to help challenge students to begin making their faith their own. We also want to challenge them to begin discovering who God has created them to be as well as their purpose.

The programs of our student ministry are shaped in a way to build into your student a foundation on the Word of God, a challenge to live for Christ and be a disciple-maker, and equipped to face the world.

Along with these programs, we also want to supply a safe, loving, and caring atmosphere filled with trusted adults that desire to help disciple and teach your teenagers. We want to be a place where students will find lifetime friends in Christ that will encourage and challenge each other.

We want to invite you to be a part of this journey. Partnering with parents is not just a way for us to service your family's needs. It is also a way for you to be a part of something that is bigger than your family. If you are interested in being a part of our ministry in any way, I urge you to take a look at our volunteer manual as well. Not only will you get to make a difference in your child's life, but you will also get to impact their friends.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael V. Gorp". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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Our Vision

By 2030, the people of FBC Conroe will be involved in 10,000 transforming relationships, as we work alongside the Spirit of God to bring peace to the chaos in our community, one heart, one family at a time.

What Does it Mean for the Student Ministry?

Montgomery County students are chasing the “good life,” including popularity, “fitting in”, social media influence, and the perfect school experience. What they find at the end of this pursuit is chaos in every aspect of their lives. Our students and their classmates have families torn apart by emotional distance, anger, or even divorce. Parents obsessed with giving their children the good things they want feel powerless to address the emotional struggles of their children. In the midst of this chaos, some turn to addiction, while others even contemplate ending their lives.

First Baptist Church as well as our student ministry is in the heart of our city and county. God has used this church powerfully for over a century to show a hurting world the best news of all: We serve the God who formed a good world out of chaos (Genesis 1:2). We trust in Jesus, who came into our chaos in human flesh, and died to redeem us (John 1:9-14). And His Spirit lives in us, taking us from fractured people to fully formed disciples as we follow Him (2 Corinthians 3:18). God’s heart is still for the hurting of this generation. He is the one who can heal the chaos and restore our communities.

We will be a student ministry where every team member and student is invested in the lives of their neighbors, making disciples by the power of God. We will guide students to trade their vain pursuit of the good life for chasing after what is best: The Water of Life that truly satisfies.

Over the next ten years, we will engage in the church’s vision of 10,000 transforming relationships, working alongside the Spirit of God to bring peace to the chaos in our community, one heart, one family at a time. Students from broken homes will be connected to adults with stable families. Strong couples will be connected to fragile marriages to help heal their burdens. Lonely students will find true friends. Students separated from God will encounter Jesus through friendships with believers. And students will take on new, exciting roles in God’s Kingdom while being mentored by more seasoned saints.

As we invest in our neighbors, we must prepare for numerical growth. We will do whatever it takes to create avenues and opportunities for that growth, including creating new Life Groups and worship services for the students we expect to be part of our family. We cannot allow anyone to feel alone or slip through the cracks, so we will add student ministry staff and volunteers proactively to address the needs of our growing family. Along the way, we will celebrate stories of students and families connecting with others as we see chaos giving way to the peace of God.

Programs

Life Groups – Sunday, 9:45-10:45 A.M.

Life Groups drive discipleship in our ministry. We currently have five different Life Groups 7th-9th Grade Guys, 7th-9th Grade Girls, 10th-11th Grade Guys, 10th-11th Grade Girls, and 12th Grade Co-Ed. Life Groups allow students to build relationships with one another and with adult leaders who will help them in their discipleship journey. In Life Groups students will hear and learn God's Word. They will also be ministered to and cared for. 7th-9th Grade students will study The Gospel Project Curriculum (a three-year journey through all of scripture with a focus on the gospel). 10th-11th Grade students will go through the Disciple's Path (an intentional two-year focus on discipleship and training for ministry). 12th Grade students will study a variety of topics to help prepare them to leave and face the world, well equipped.

FC - Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

This is our weekly large-group gathering. It is the front door to our ministry and is designed to be a great experience for all students including guests. From the time a student enters the room they are surrounded with friendly faces and a fun atmosphere. Students are encouraged to be a part of Student Leadership Teams that help make Wednesday nights happen and invite their friends to get them involved.

FC Equip – Wednesday, 7:45-8:30 P.M.

FC Equip is intended for students wanting to take their walk with Christ to the next level. We desire to see teenagers glorifying God and walking with the Spirit for a lifetime. FC Equip will focus on apologetics, Biblical interpretation, Biblical relationships, core doctrines, ethics, evangelism and missions, servant leadership, spiritual disciplines, and Biblical worldview. Although guests are welcome, to be a part of this group, long-term, students must sign a covenant.

Events

Fall Lock-In – October 15-16, 2021

Where: Incredible Pizza, Conroe

Cost: \$5

The Fall Lock-In is an overnight event that features worship, a message, and a whole night of fun. This year we will be going to Incredible Pizza in Conroe. We are hoping that students will invite their friends to hear the gospel and get connected to our student ministry.

Impact Mid-Winter – December 28-30, 2021

Where: Embassy Suites in Grapevine, TX Cost: \$125

A 3-day youth camp with other churches from across Texas. We will gather together as we pack Impact Camp into 3 days. We will have worship, fellowship events, off-campus activities, small groups, and more! Our desire is to provide a time full of worship and unforgettable experiences for students.

DNow Weekend – February 18-20, 2022

Where: Conroe, TX

Cost: \$50

DNow is our big spring event. This weekend provides students with the opportunity to take part in an amazing worship experience, serve in the community through service projects, fellowship with other students their age, and study God's Word together. DNow takes place from Friday night through Sunday morning.

Impact Youth Camp – June 13-17, 2022

Where: TBA

Cost: \$275

During the summer we attend Impact Youth Camp. This camp is different than most. Impact Camp is geared for discipleship. High school student leaders have the opportunity to serve and lead at camp. They get training the weekend before and then get immediate practice teaching and serving.

Student Mission Trip – Summer 2022 (Will Announce Early October)

Where: TBA

Cost: \$???

Every summer our students have the opportunity to take part in a mission trip just for students. Our mission philosophy is based on Acts 1:8. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses in Jerusalem (home), Judea (state), Samaria (other state), and the end of the earth (international).

One-Time Events

Throughout the entire year we do many other events. All of these events serve a specific purpose. Some provide opportunities for students to grow in their faith. Other events provide students the opportunity to invite a friend that may not know the Lord.

Communication

Parent Newsletter

Every week, I have Carrie email out our parent newsletter that contains an article I've written for you, upcoming events including permission forms, and a video of some kind.

Remind App

Text updates for parents. Want to be stay on top of the latest information? Sign up for our Remind texts for Parents. We try to limit the number of texts you get so your phone isn't going crazy. To sign up, simply send a text to the number: 81010, text this message "@b27ah".

YouTube

Every Wednesday we record our FC service and it is uploaded on Thursdays for students who can't be a part of our program for the night (quarantine, practice, game, concert, etc.). This year I will also be recording a short video summary of main points of the night and some discussion questions on the way home. A link will be sent to parents through the Remind App.

Social Media

We do have a student Facebook and Instagram page where we publish a lot of content after events. Like and follow us if you haven't already. There are also links to the pages in the weekly newsletter.

Personal Contact Info

Please feel free to contact me directly if you ever have questions or concerns.

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