

FBC Conroe
Student Ministry



Student Leadership
Team

2021-2022

Dear Potential Student Leadership Team Member:

I'm glad you're interested in becoming a student leader in our ministry!

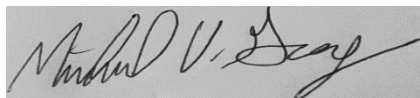
Leadership is a choice, and I hope it is something you will consider choosing. Leadership is NOT just for the outgoing people, or the popular people, or the funniest people. Leadership is NOT an event on a calendar or a new program to fill your already overbooked schedule. Leadership is a commitment.

The thing about commitments - at least the commitments that really matter - is that they are sometimes hard to keep. Sometimes a commitment in one area requires a sacrifice in another area. It is within the context of these choices that we find out who we really are and who God wants us to become.

This packet is going to help you explore an opportunity to make such a commitment - an opportunity to be a part of the Student Leadership Team. I will be expecting a lot of the SLT and this commitment may not be for everyone, but if you're still reading this then I can only assume that you're willing to find out if it is right for you. Jesus expected a lot from His disciples and, for some of you, joining the SLT may be the next step in your walk to follow Jesus.

Still interested? Then keep reading. I hope you will seriously consider the choice to be a leader.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature appears to read "Michael V. Gorp" in a cursive, flowing script.

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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, 6:30-7:30 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.

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 8-9, 2021

Where: TBD

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 _____. 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 – Spring 2021

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: TBD

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: TBD

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.

Timeline and Makeup of the SLT

The SLT is a 12-month commitment. We will typically run from the beginning of one school year (August) through to the end of the next summer. At that time, a new SLT will be formed. A member from one year CAN be a member in a following year. However, it is not guaranteed and the student will need to go through the application process each year.

Any student that meets the qualifications will be reviewed and it is our hope that each student will consider the SLT as an opportunity to both grow and to contribute.

Qualifications of the SLT

Every member of the SLT must meet and maintain certain qualifications. Only those individuals that meet the following qualifications will be considered. The applicant must:

- be entering 7th - 12th grade
- have a growing relationship with Jesus
- be connected with other followers of Jesus
- have a positive reputation

Expectations of the SLT

It is our desire to “let you know what you’re getting into,” so to speak. So, we want to be completely up front with what will be expected from each member of the SLT. Please take these expectations seriously...because we do.

Each member of the SLT will be expected to:

- *Influence* others by being a *Servant* leader
- Attend a monthly, non-negotiable, SLT meeting (entire team together)
- Participate on a ministry team
- Maintain a strong attendance in Life Group and FC
- Provide critical feedback to leadership regarding the Student Ministry
- Remain in good standing with the SLT for the full 12-month commitment

Commitments of an SLT member

If the previous are firm expectations we use to measure success within the SLT, then the following is a list of commitments we are asking each member to choose and to be stretched by. Remember, we said at the beginning that leadership was a commitment more than an inherent character trait. Therefore, leadership is less about who you are and more about who you are becoming.

Each member of the SLT is committed to:

- GROWING to be more like Jesus
- DISCOVERING his/her ministry and giftedness
- CONNECTING with other followers of Jesus in meaningful relationships
- REACHING unbelieving friends with the hope found in Jesus
- HONORING God with his/her choices and attitude
- SPEAKING up fearlessly when silence is easier
- STICKING it out even when it gets hard

Ministry Teams

Audio/Visual Team

On Wednesday Night

- Show up to practices (5:00 pm) and be on time
- Run sound during worship
- Properly maintain sound equipment
- Assist in making promotional slides and videos for upcoming events
- Run lyrics during worship
- Set up/run video for worship

Worship Team

On Stage

- Work with adult worship coordinator
- Lead worship for student ministry from 6:30-7pm by singing or playing an instrument
- Show up for practice (Wednesday 5:00 pm) prepared and on time
- Connect with the students that you lead

Off Stage

- Maintain your playing schedule
- Practice to improve your musicianship
- Become a student of other worship leaders
- Keep track of new worship music

Decorating Team

- Come up with new looks for our student ministry spaces including Hooper Chapel, Meeting Spaces, and Life Group rooms
- Create a welcoming atmosphere
- Develop stage designs with worship team
- Maintain information desk
- Decorate room for special occasions and parties

Connect Team

- Show up 15 minutes early to all programs and events
- Welcome all students at our student ministry events
- Create a welcoming atmosphere
- Check-In Students for attendance
- Connect with guests and help them fill out first-time cards
- Sit with guests and make them feel welcome
- Connect guests with adult leadership and other students

Prayer Partner

- Commit to prayer for our student ministry and our vision
- Pray for our students by name
- Pray for pastors and small group leaders
- Pray for our programs and events
- Pray for list of specific prayer requests
- Pray for revival to take place in our local schools
- Coordinate prayer opportunities for the church during big events such as DNow and Camp as well as opportunities at schools
- Work alongside adult prayer partners

Church-Wide Ministries

- Children's Ministry (Including VBS and Rock the Block)
- Greeting Team
- Worship Ministry
- Other Opportunities...

Future Teams

- Capture –Takes pictures and makes videos
- Homeless Ministry – Connect with and help the homeless in Conroe
- Cross-Platform Gamers – Video Game Ministry that connects gamers to each other and Jesus
- Encourage Ministry – Write letters and lift up others
- Community Clean Up – On-call yard and house work
- Elderly Care – Love and care for elderly people in our community
- Special Needs Ministry – Develop relationships and host events
- And More...

FBC Conroe Student Ministry

Student Leadership Team Application

(this form can also be found online, www.fcstudents.net under the resources tab)

Being on the Student Leadership Team (SLT) is a commitment to serve at First Baptist Conroe. Our SLT members are expected to be regular attenders of Life Groups, Worship, and FC on Wednesday nights.

Please prayerfully consider your ability to make this commitment before you apply for the SLT.

Personal Information

Date: _____

Legal Name _____ Preferred Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Preferred method of contact (check all that apply) Phone Call Text Email

Spiritual History

Write a brief testimony about how you became a Christian (life before Christ, how you came to know Him, and the difference He has made in you). _____

What makes someone a great leader? _____

Describe three major ways in which you have grown in your spiritual journey since you became a Christian.

What is one area that you would like to grow in your walk? _____

Do you have any hobbies? What do you like to do for fun? _____

Have you been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Ministry Information

Please indicate which Student Ministry Team you desire to serve on:

- Audio/Visual Team
- Worship Team
- Decorating Team
- Connect Team
- Prayer Partner
- Church-Wide Ministry _____
- Other _____

List any gifts, training, education, or interests which will help you in your leadership position:

Why do you want to be a student leader? _____

References

Please provide us with one of your parent's name and information and a Life Group Leader (current or last year's) for references that we may contact regarding your desire to be a student leader.

1. Name _____ Phone _____

How do you know this reference? _____ Parent _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____

How do you know this reference? _____ Life Group Leader _____

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. First Baptist Church Conroe may contact my references as deemed necessary in order to verify my suitability as a leader. I understand that the personal information in this application will be held confidential by the professional church staff. I agree to make the monthly student leadership meeting a priority. I understand that if I fail to represent God or the church well, I will be asked to step down from student leadership.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

The below section is for the parent/guardian of the student to fill out.

Parent/Guardian Commitment:

I understand the commitment that my child is making to be on the Student Leadership Team. As their parent, I support this commitment and understand that their attendance in Life Groups, Worship, and FC (on Wednesday nights) is a part of this. I am making a commitment to this leadership position, as well, and will do my part to make sure they are attending.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____