

Youth Parent Information 2010-2011

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Purpose of Youth Ministry:

- **Gather** – Youth ministry ought to provide youth with a community of peers with similar commitments and beliefs.
- **Grace** – Effective youth ministry values the honest, curious, mischievous, inquisitive nature of youth.
- **Growth** – Effective youth ministry nurtures the faith and spiritual growth of youth, creates an environment in which questions are welcomed and group exploration of those questions is encouraged, and nurtures a progression of leadership development.
- **Giving** – Youth ministry ought to provide opportunities for youth to live out their faith in (service) to the community.
- **Go** – Effective youth ministry nurtures critical thinkers – young theologians who will carry critical knowledge and action with them outside of CPBC walls.

Youth Education – (where the youth are in the sequence of Christian Education)

- Critical reflection of stories – Better understanding of Biblical texts – more “purposeful” application

Philosophy for Leadership in Youth Ministry:

My Role and Commitment to Youth Ministry

- Provide youth with opportunities to strengthen their faith through bible studies, worship experience, missions/community involvement, and group fellowship.
- Create young theologians –nurture the critical eye in youth –produce young people who think critically about their faith, the world, and their place in it.
- Welcome questions and allow the youth to work through them in conversations with the group, ministers and parents.
- Youth ministry happens within, not apart from the rest of the ministry of the rest of the church. The church participates in nurturing the faith and character of our youth, and our youth shape the ministry of the church.
- Value and affirm the unique giftedness of each youth, and encourage them in finding ways to serve God with those gifts.

- Love God through loving people – encourage our youth to live a life committed to the ministry of Jesus.
- Personally commit myself to living in a way that models Christian living to the youth by: asking questions without having to know all the answers; loving others; meeting people where they are; owning up to mistakes and making efforts towards growth; progression NOT perfection – always a work in progress.

Sponsors Role and Commitment to Youth Ministry

- **Maintain:** Commit to one or two Sunday nights a month, and agree to assist with Sunday night youth programs. Consistency of leadership communicates to the youth your commitment and investment in them.
- **Monitor:** The youth group ought to be a safe space for all youth. As leaders of the group we commit to making sure all youth feel welcomed, supported and are treated fairly.
- **Mentor:** Commit to nurturing the personal and spiritual growth of each individual youth: Value and affirm the unique giftedness of each youth, and encourage them in finding ways to serve God with those gifts; Welcome questions and allow the youth to work through them in conversations with the group, ministers and parents; Love God through loving people – encourage our youth to live a life committed to the ministry of Jesus.
- **Model:** Commit to living in a way that models Christian living to the youth: asks questions without having to know all the answers, love others, meet people where they are, own up to mistakes and make efforts towards growth, progression NOT perfection – always a work in progress.
- **Motivate:** At the end of the day, we want to produce young people who think critically about their faith, the world, and their place in it. We commit ourselves to the personal and spiritual growth of each youth, and to encourage them to use their gifts in ways that will change the world around them.

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