

First Baptist Church Student Activities Policy and Procedures

In order to establish a distinctively Christian student ministry that shows forth the testimony of Christ, it is imperative that the parents of the students support the desired goals and standards of the student ministry. Good clear standards that promote a Christlike atmosphere are vital to our testimony before the lost, and discipling the believer. For that reason, the standards set forth below are to help prevent any problem that might arise, and to inform what our policy is to those that may not know.

Students must adhere to these guidelines to participate in student ministry activities.

General Guidelines for First Baptist Church:

I Timothy 4:12 says "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

1. There should be an atmosphere of friendliness with and among all students, parents, and members reaching out to visitors.

Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

2. There should be an atmosphere of clean uplifting conversation that is honoring to Christ.

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

3. There should be an attentiveness to prayer, teaching, and preaching of the Word of God at the appropriate times.

II Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

4. There should be an attitude of respect and obedience to the leaders who are in charge.

I Peter 5:5 "Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

5. There should be a spirit and attitude of fun and excitement in a wholesome atmosphere, and a freedom to let students be students with Biblical guidelines.

Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things."

6. There is no obscene, vulgar, or suggestive language; movies above a PG rating, or worldly media permitted on a student activity, such as inappropriate T-shirts, magazines, books, music, etc.

Psalm 101:3 "I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me."

7. The use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and firearms will be strictly forbidden on any student ministry activity.

8. No student couple is allowed to be by themselves on a student ministry activity. There is to be no physical contact between guys and girls.

II Timothy 2:22 "Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

I Thessalonians 5:22 "Avoid every kind of evil."

9. Young men and ladies are to dress modestly at all times.

I Peter 3:3,4 "Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."

10. Should a visitor or a new member not act in accordance with these guidelines because of ignorance, each student involved in ALIVE should still strive to maintain the right standard and attitude until the individual can be informed in a positive and constructive manner by either a friend or ministry leader.

11. Only a qualified adult driver will be allowed to transport students on student ministry activities. Student drivers will not be used.

12. A student may not leave any student ministry activity with another student driver without permission from a parent/guardian. If a student or students arrive at an activity with a student driver, it is assumed that permission has been granted. No other students may ride with that student driver without permission. (The student ministry leaders assume that each student has already arranged their ride home from a student ministry activity with a parent or guardian).

While the student ministry leaders will do their best to see that each of these guidelines are followed, they cannot be everywhere and cannot hear every word that is said. The best implementation of the above guidelines will come from the homes and positive peer pressure in which our students live and maintain Christlike lives.

James 4:17 "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

Still there are bound to be infractions by some, even from the best of homes, because we are dealing with humans. As parents, let's be firm in our commitment to God's way, and let's be

understanding as we train young lives for Christ. Let's do our best to support each other as parents. Each of our children are capable of doing wrong as well as being wronged. Should any problems arise, let us listen patiently, and speak gracefully. Let's work together as a team, with God as our Captain and the Word of God as our rule book.

Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over."

Galatians 6:1 "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted."