

Fellowship Baptist Church

Youth Group

Rules and Guidelines of Life (General Conduct Code)

The vision of the FBC's Youth Group is to mentor and equip our teens to develop a faith that exists outside of the church building. A walk with Christ that is dynamic, lived out and shared beyond the church walls.

Romans 12:1: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."

Luke 9:23: "Then he said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'"

Youth Group Guidelines

The teens of the FBC Youth Group seek to be SERVANTS. *Therefore, we act in accordance with our faith and our vision.*

- Sinners in need of a Savior (Romans 5:8-10)
- Enter by the narrow gate (Matthew 7:13-14)
- Reaching Out (Matthew 25:31-40)
- Venerate God/Imitate Christ (Ephesians 5:1)
- Agape Love (John 13:34-35)
- Nourishing Relationships (1 Peter 4:8-10)
- Time is Worship (Matthew 25:31-40)
- Sacrificial Service (Luke 9:23)

John 13:34-35: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- Keep a positive attitude.
- Remember that you are an ambassador for Christ and this church and, as such, your actions and words provide either a good or bad example.

Youth Group Rules

Romans 12:1: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."

- Show respect for everyone you come in contact with, by your actions and your words. This means that making fun of others and cutting each other down is not acceptable.
- Respect your brothers and sisters in Christ. (e.g., do not speak when someone else is speaking.)
- Respect the facilities. (e.g., do not throw or kick balls at the doors or walls, no standing, walking or running on church furniture or chairs, clean up after yourself.)
- Students may not be on Fellowship Baptist property more than 15 minutes prior to the beginning or 15 minutes later than the end of a youth event.

- No obscene language.
- No drugs (including K2), alcohol, or tobacco use.
- No Weapons
- Public displays of affection while at church functions are inappropriate. This detracts from our purpose as we meet together. Youth leaders will model appropriate behavior.
- For the safety and well being of all, every meeting and event has physical boundaries. Stay within those boundaries.
- During study time, you must remain seated to avoid disrupting the group.

Dress Guidelines

It is important that our dress is appropriate. It is our intention to be holy and pleasing to God. Clothing should not be disruptive or bring unnecessary attention to the wearer. The following will not be permitted:

- Bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, tank tops, see through clothing, tube tops, halter tops.
- Visible undergarments. Pants should be worn at waist/hip level.
- Dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts and garments that are not longer than the wearer's fingertips with the arm and hand fully extended. If a garment has a slit, the top of the slit must be lower than the wearer's fingertips with the arms and hand fully extended.
- No clothing with offensive or obscene pictures and/or words.

If you would not wear it to church on Sunday morning or to school than chances are you should not wear it to youth group. Should you dress in an inappropriate manner you will be asked to put on different clothes or your parents will be called to bring you new clothing or to take you home.

Consequences of violating these rules will be immediate and certain.

Consequences for Disruption Behavior During Class

We gather together once a week for a period of worship and study. We cannot allow disruptive behavior to detract from our time together and our focus on Christ. Disruptive classroom behavior will result in the following progressive consequences:

First Offense: Student will receive a verbal warning from the teacher or assisting adult in the classroom.

Second Offense: Student will be removed from class by an assisting adult. Hopefully, a private discussion will resolve the problem and, if the problem is resolved, the student may return to class.

Third Offense: The student will be removed from class by an assisting adult. The student will be required to notify their parent of their classroom behavior as expediently as possible, on the same day as occurrence. Resolution of the issue will be affected by the student, parents and teacher prior to the student returning to class. This will be resolved on a case by case basis.

Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior While on Trips

Disruptive or unsafe behavior on trips will not be tolerated. Disruptive and unsafe behavior includes any violation of the Youth Group Rules as well as specific rules imposed for that trip. The final authority determining what is and is not considered disruptive and unsafe behavior will be the Youth Team.

Consequences will be progressive:

First Offense: Student will contact his or her parent(s) to explain the problem. An adult will then speak to the parent in order to ensure that the parent understands the situation. Appropriate consequences will be enforced on the trip.

Example: A student intentionally disregards the physical boundaries and walks across the street to Starbucks. The student will call his or her parents and everyone will have a discussion. As an appropriate consequence, that student will have an opportunity to form a lasting relationship with a chaperone for the remainder of the trip.

Second Offense: Student will be sent home at his or her own expense. The student will contact his or her parent(s) to explain the problem and arrange for transportation home. An adult will then speak to the parent in order to ensure that the parent understands the situation.

Additionally, the student will not be allowed to participate in ANY FBC activities away from the church building for a minimum of three months. Further determination of appropriate consequences will be made by the Youth Team.

As a student in the Fellowship Baptist Church Youth Group, I have prayerfully read and understand FBC's Youth Group General Conduct Code and choose to adhere to it at all FBC Youth Group functions.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

As a parent of a youth in the Fellowship Baptist Youth Group, I have prayerfully read and understand FBC's Youth Group General Conduct Code. I further understand that Wednesday night Youth Group meets weekly at Fellowship Baptist Church and begins at 7pm. and dismisses youth at 9/9:15pm. No students will be on Fellowship Baptist property before 6:45pm or after 9:30pm. I support the Code of Conduct and expect my child to adhere to it at all times.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____