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INTRODUCTION

It is my desire to provide as much information as possible to as many as possible about what is going on at First Baptist Church of Loxley. That is the reason for this information booklet. The information found within this booklet will help you to organize your thoughts about what the Student Ministry at FBC Loxley looks like. However, it is not an exact copy of all the things that go on within the ministry.

We at FBC Loxley call our Student Ministry THE CIRCUIT. Our name is based upon the verse found in the Bible at Matthew 5:16.

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 NASB

In order to have a light shining, you must have a circuit that runs the light. At THE CIRCUIT, we try to develop students that will shine their lights wherever they go. We also encourage them to walk in the Spirit and therefore walk in a manner worthy of the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:10).

It is my hope that we can get as many people involved in THE CIRCUIT STUDENT MINISTRY so that people will come to Christ, walk with Christ, and bring others to Christ.

We want you to be involved too. If you have ever thought about being a part of a teenager’s life in any way, please do not hesitate to email or call me. You can reach me by email at knowtheway2him@yahoo.com . You can call me at 251-610-6784.

Thanks go to God for the opportunity to serve as Student Pastor at FBC Loxley. I pray that God will work wonders in our students to see them be lights in the world for the glory of God.

Blessings,

Ralph Rimmer III

Student Pastor- FBC Loxley

THE CIRCUIT

The Circuit is our Wednesday night fellowship where students grades 7-12 can come and pray, worship with powerful music, hear the gospel, and have fun through interactive games. We use this night as a catalyst for all of the other areas of ministry throughout The Circuit Student Ministry. We have a very welcoming atmosphere where the students can be a part of something special. Middle school and High school students meet at The Circuit House every Wednesday night at 6:30. Come be a part of something special.

AMPED

Amped is the second part of The Circuit Sequence where students come and have a small group study with other students. Amped allows students to interact with a close knit group. Students are able to share stories about their personal lives and what God is doing through their lives. In addition, students also get to dig deeper into the word and find out more truths from the Bible that shape their walk with Christ. Amped happens every Sunday morning at 9:45. Come find your place at Amped.

Community Group

Community Group is a new way for our students to be connected outside of the church. CG is in a church member's home where deeper Bible study, fellowship, praise, and outreach are a priority in making disciples. Students will be disciple on an intentional basis during this time. CG will begin in 2012 and will be ongoing. It is my hope that students will grow deeper in their faith and lead others to Christ. CG will meet on a TBA date and time weekly.

SPRING TRIPS AND RETREATS

GARM-Spring Break Ministry

During the spring season, we want to make sure our students are being active in missions. One of the best ways that students become active during the spring is by participating with the GARM ministry during Spring break. GARM (Gulf Area Resort Ministry) is sponsored by the Baldwin Baptist Association. GARM allows for middle and high school students to participate each Spring break in Beach Reach. During this time, students will participate in various mission projects. The various projects include handing out water on the beach, arts and crafts with children on the beach, one-on-one evangelism on the beach, and musical missions on the beach. Other projects include Bible camps in the RV parks and nightly concerts with local Christian bands. The trip lasts for a week and is located in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach during the week of spring break. The cost is minimal and covers food, lodging, and transportation for the student during the week. Anyone interested should contact the Student Pastor within a month before spring break.

Disciple Now and Revivals

During the spring, The Circuit Student Ministry also plans either a D-Now or a Revival. Each plan consists of a couple of nights of Deeper Bible study and Dynamic worship. Make plans for your teenager to attend whichever event is planned. These events are not driven by entertainment but do have an entertainment value that extends past the social realm into the Spiritual. In other words, what we do during these times builds up the level of excitement for the Word of God and walking in Christ.

Extracurricular Trip

Each spring there will be a fun trip designated mostly toward a theme/amusement park. This will be a one day trip and will require lots of stamina.

SUMMER TRIPS AND RETREATS

The summer months are extremely packed with loads of activities for the students to participate in. Below are some of the trips that we may go on and retreats that we may have during the summer months. We try to make sure each student has a chance to hear the gospel of Jesus and put their gifts of God to practice.

Summer Camp

Each summer The Circuit Student Ministry takes a week to bring students to a summer camp. The summer camp focuses on a certain theme and invests solid Biblical principles into the student. The worship is always high impact and the preached word is always intentional. There are countless stories of students that did not want to go to camp but were forced to and it was the best thing that ever happened to them. Camp can make a huge difference in the life of a student. Some camps will include missions work but most will not. Most camps are a few hours away from home and cost \$200-\$300. The costs of camp include transportation, room and board, food, and any materials for Bible study given by the camp sponsors. Several chaperones attend the camps to make sure there is ample supervision. Please consider sending your teenager to camp this coming summer. Ask the Student Pastor for more information.

Back to School Retreat

This is a retreat right before school starts. This retreat is done by The Circuit Student Ministry and each year the place, cost, and time will be determined by the number of students interested. This will be a time of deep Bible study and worship as well as fellowship and unity building.

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Mission Trips

Each summer our church goes on a mission trip. Some of the trips are domestic and some foreign. We believe that students should go on trips on domestic soil and foreign soil. Each mission trip is usually a week long (give or take a few days) and is open to any student that has finished the 8th grade. Mission trips are designed to help the people of God display the purpose of God; to make His name famous. Please consider signing your child up for a mission trip. Places of missions in the past: Haiti, Guatemala, Baldwin Baptist Builders. Please see any Pastor for more information.

Extracurricular trips

Sometimes during the summer when scheduling allows, our group will go to an amusement park, river, or some other place of adventure to unite in fellowship and fun. Some of these trips might include a weekend at a lake house with lots of fellowship time. You never know what kind of trip might be planned but you can guarantee that it will be a fun trip. However, students that do not participate in at least 75-80% of the other programs we have available may be denied the privilege to go on one of these trips. Newcomers to the group are not excluded if they have been participating in the group for less than a month. We want to build a consistency of coming to other events and not just to the “Fun” events. All events are fun!

FALL TRIPS, RETREATS, ACTIVITIES

During the fall, many of our students are involved in extracurricular activities with school. However, we still like to have activities for the students to participate in. The activities or events will include 5th Quarters after high school football games, camping trips, lock-ins, and other miscellaneous trips and activities TBA. These are fun times and sometimes challenging times as we seek to unite students under one gospel of Jesus Christ.

5th Quarter

Students gather at the church after high school football games to play games, watch movies, have food, or just hang out.

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Camping Trips

The students will take a Friday and Saturday and go camping at one of the many campgrounds located within 2 hours of the church. Several adults will facilitate the camping trips as chaperones.

Lock-Ins

The Circuit Student Ministry usually does one lock in a year and it happens around the New Year, particularly New Years Eve. There is no need to explain what goes on at a lock-in. One word. Craziness!

FUNDRAISERS

We do several fundraisers throughout the year. Most of our fundraisers are dinners, but some include yard sales, item sales, teenager sales (we really don't sell teenagers), and any other fundraiser that doesn't beg of outsiders for money. We believe it is important to provide some service for the money we receive. However there are times when people are gracious to give. That is just fine. If there is any fundraiser that you know of that work well, please tell the Student Pastor so that coordination can be made.

DEADLINES

All deadlines are set so that there can be proper organization of people, material, time, and finances for particular events and trips. Please make sure that you are keeping up with deadlines and that you follow them strictly to ensure that everything runs smooth with information for your teenager. Please make sure you are registered for an event by the event deadline. These deadlines are set to help us determine if an event is going to happen or not and also help us effectively plan for the events. If enough students are not registered for an event by the deadline, the event will be canceled.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Below are some basic rules and procedures that we adhere to. These procedures are not in any way designed to dampen the spirit of fun and excitement at our events, but they do serve to protect our students and make sure the events we attend can have the greatest spiritual impact.

Medical / Liability Release Forms - Before a student attends any event off campus with THE CIRCUIT STUDENT MINISTRY, we must have a form on file for them. You will find this form toward the back of this handbook. And yes, this form **MUST** be notarized.

Cell Phones - Cell Phones are strictly prohibited during trips or weekend events unless stated otherwise. Cell Phones will be taken up prior to the event (should your student need it the moment the event is over or in case of an emergency during the event, students will be allowed access to it).

They will be returned at the end of the event or prior to loading the bus for the return trip home. If a student breaks this rule, their phone will be confiscated and returned later. Cell Phones are a great tool but can also be an INCREDIBLE distraction. Students will be allowed to use a chaperones' Cell Phone during the course of the weekend or event.

Video Game Systems / Portable Electronics - **DO NOT BRING THEM TO ANY EVENT!** iPods are allowed during travel. If caught with these items during an event, the item will also be confiscated and returned at a later date.

Volunteers - All volunteers are subject to a background check and must fill out a Volunteer Application.

Money / Deposits

All money turned in for events should be placed in an envelope and turned into the Student Pastor. Please do not place any cash or checks on the Student Pastors desk unless it is in an envelope that is completely filled out. **ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON REFUNDABLE.**

Other rules and procedures will be given for specific events. By signing the Medical / Liability Release Form you are agreeing that your student or students will be held to all rules as stipulated by the Student Ministry.

Waiver and Release Form/ Permission to Treat

Valid for a period of 1 year from date of completion.

Name of Church: _____ City/State: _____

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Birthdate: ___/___/___ Age: ___ Sex (M/F): ___

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone:(____) _____ Work Phone:(____) _____

Secondary contact to notify in event of emergency: _____

Their relationship to you: _____ Their phone:(____) _____

Please supply ALL of the following information and attach a copy of your insurance card.

Medical Insurance Co.: _____ Group# _____ Policy#: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Family Physicians Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Physical Limitations (Asthma, diabetes, allergies, etc.), and/or special instructions (Allergic to certain meds, rare blood type, wears contact lenses, etc.):

List ALL medication taken on a regular basis and/or any brought with you (Prescription meds MUST have a pharmacy label and name of doctor):

List all operations/serious injuries and dates within the past five (5) years: The Health History is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities except as noted.

Emergency Authorization - I hereby give permission to medical personnel selected by the participant's Church sponsor/his designee or camp staff to order X-rays, routine tests, and treatment for myself. In the event of an emergency and neither my primary contact nor secondary can be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Authorized Agent to hospitalize, secure proper treatment, order injections and/or anesthesia and/or surgery to myself as named above.

I further authorize the release of the above medical information to appropriate medical personnel and/or the health coverage insurance company. In addition, I have, and do hereby, release the church, its employees or agents from liability associated with participation in a church activity. I understand that if I do not have medical insurance, I, as the parent or guardian, will be responsible for any medical expenses in the event of a sickness and/or injury. I understand that there are risks involved in taking part in recreation activities and other activities related to participation in youth functions.

Disciplinary Action - I also give full authority to the Minister to Students or sponsor(s) to discipline my son or daughter as deemed necessary. If my child's behavior is repeatedly disruptive to or endangers the safety of the group, I give the Minister to Students or sponsor(s) my permission to send him/her back home, after my son/daughter has called me and informed me as to the reason he/she is being sent home and the means (plane, bus, car) by which he/she will arrive. I agree further to pay the cost of this return trip should this action become necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

The following to be completed by the notary witnessing parent/guardian's signature.

The State of _____ the County of _____ Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared _____ known to me (or proved to me on the oath of _____) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed. Given under my hand and the seal of the office this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

Notary Public, Signature _____

My commission expires the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.