

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

RULES AND GENERAL CONDUCT CODE

The vision of the Berean Baptist Church's Youth Fellowship is to teach and equip our youth with the infallible Word of God in order to develop a faith that exists beyond the church walls: To instruct in obedience to Christ; showing Scripture as a guide for daily life.

GUIDING SCRIPTURE

(Psa 25:4) *Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.*

(Psa 25:5) *Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.*

(Psa 25:9) *The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.*

(Psa 119:105) *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

(1Ti 1:17) *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RULES

- **Present yourself with a willing attitude to learn and participate in an open forum biblical discussion.**

(2Ti 2:15) *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

- **Remember that you are a follower of Christ and you represent this church and, as such, your actions and words should be carefully chosen.**

(Mar 8:34) ... *Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

(Joh 13:34-35) *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

- **We are here to build up and edify each other in the commandments of God, and Jesus Christ. Take the extra steps to live them out with one another in the Fellowship; exhorting others to good works through your actions and your words.**

(Rom 14:19) *Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*

(Php 2:3) *Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

(Jas 3:16-17) *For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

- **Respect your brothers and sisters in Christ. (e.g., do not speak when someone else is speaking.)**

(Jas 1:19) Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

- **During study time, you must remain seated to avoid disrupting the Fellowship.**
- **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.)**
(1Co 10:31) Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.
(Act 24:16) And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.
- **No obscene language.**
(2Ti 2:16) But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.
- **No drugs, alcohol, or tobacco use.**
- *(1Co 6:19) What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*
(2Co 6:16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- **Public displays of affection while at church functions are inappropriate. These detract from our purpose as we meet together. Youth leaders will model appropriate behavior.**
(2Ti 2:22) Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- **For the safety and wellbeing of all, every meeting and event has physical boundaries. Stay within those boundaries.**
(Php 1:10) That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

DRESS GUIDELINES

(Rom 12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(1Ti 2:9) In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety...

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 Fellowship.**
- **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 DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR DURING CLASS

We gather together 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 Fellowship 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 Berean Baptist Church activities away from the church building for a minimum of three months. Further determination of appropriate consequences will be made by the Youth Team.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP COVENANT

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

Name:

Date:

Signature: _____

As a parent of a youth in the Berean Baptist Youth Fellowship, I have prayerfully read and understand Berean Baptist Church's Youth Fellowship General Conduct Code. I support the Code of Conduct and expect my child to adhere to it at all times.

Name:

Date:

Signature: _____