

STUDENTS HANDBOOK *Middle*

STUDENT PASTOR WELCOME MESSAGE



Eric Patterson
Student Pastor

Greetings,

I am Eric Patterson and I am blessed to serve as the Student Pastor here at Palmetto Baptist Church. I have been called to PBC with a mission to love students and provide opportunities for them to start, cultivate, and sustain a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. We do this by providing gatherings that focus on community, worship, and spiritual development. We strive for these goals by making sure all teaching is Christ-centered and scripturally accurate. It is also of the utmost importance for me to remind families that the student ministry is meant to be complementary to the work already being done in the homes. We want to make sure that parents understand that teaching and discipling the student begins in the home. We are here to journey in this process as a ministry to help students and families put their faith into practice. I believe God has placed you and your student in this ministry on purpose. I also believe that if we work in concert under the covering and by the leading of the Holy Spirit your student will leave this ministry ready and equipped to walk into the calling God has placed on their life. Thank you for beginning this journey with Palmetto Baptist Students!

Blessings,

Eric Patterson

VISION AND STRUCTURE



Ministry Statement

"Students helping students follow Jesus!"

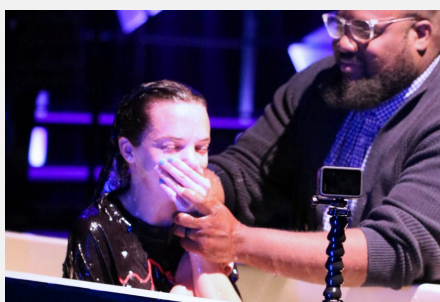


Ministry Strategy

Connect: To one another in worship

Grow: Through Bible study and small group

Serve: In school, church, and culture



Purpose

To lead students into an authentic and scripture-led relationship with Jesus Christ. To reach lost teens and provide opportunities for lasting discipleship. To instill a heart for the Great Commission in their community and the world.



MINISTRY STRUCTURE



Student Pastor

The Student Pastor's duties are to provide opportunities for students to initiate and cultivate relationships with Jesus, help students live out the life God has curated for them, and help students grow in their love for missions and the lost in this world.



Student Leadership Team

Selected students who have shown leadership characteristics and use their gifts for the Youth Ministry. This group will meet monthly to help move the ministry forward.

Volunteers

Volunteers are a necessary component of every effective ministry. This ministry needs volunteers who love teenagers, love seeing them grow in faith, and are willing to provide a Christ-like influence. Our volunteers serve as teachers, chaperones, small group leaders, and servants! If you are interested please fill out the volunteer form and give it to Eric.



MINISTRY STRATEGY

WORSHIP	STUDY	FELLOWSHIP	LEADERSHIP
Provide Authentic Worship Opportunities	Sermon	Events will be enjoyable, welcoming, and focused on fellowship	Student Leadership Team
Prayer Time	Wednesday Night Small Groups	WOW- Worthy Events, Visitor events, Themed Worship Nights	Parent Volunteers
Interesting, Authentic Sermon Material	Sunday Morning Small Groups	Retreats	Small Group leaders

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UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL

Middle Schoolers need to understand the Gospel in relation to the life they lead

1

GROW IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Kids need their people!

3

CULTIVATE PRAYER LIFE

Having an active prayer life is one of the most helpful ways to understand that God is at work in their lives

4

BIBLICAL LITERACY

Understand the Word of God and be able to utilize it to cultivate their Christian identity.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY GOALS

LEADERSHIP

AGREEMENT

Greetings!

You have received this letter because you have shown yourself as a leader in this Student Ministry. The following information explains the expectations that come along with serving on the Student Ministry Leadership team. If you feel you are unable to adhere to these expectations please feel free to let the leadership know that you are not able to serve in this capacity.

Attendance Policy: Student leadership must attend a minimum of 2 of the 5 Sunday Morning Small Group gatherings and a minimum of 3 of the Wednesday gatherings. This student must attend planning meetings Wednesday after service unless there is a valid reason that has been made known to leadership prior to the meeting.

Spiritual Standard: Students who hold this leadership role will need to ensure that their spiritual life is a priority. They should behave in a manner that shows younger students that fun and spiritual growth are necessary for a successful ministry.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

— FORM

SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Event applying for:

Date:

Are You a
Member?

YES

NO

Applicant's Name :

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name :

Date Of
Birth :

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D

M

M

Y

Y

Full
Address :

E-Mail :

What
percentage
are you in
need of?

25%

50%

75%

100%

How often
do you
attend Youth
Gatherings?

Rarely

Sometimes

Often

All the
time!

Parent/ Guardian Name

Parent/Guadian Signature

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PAYMENT AND FUNDRAISERS



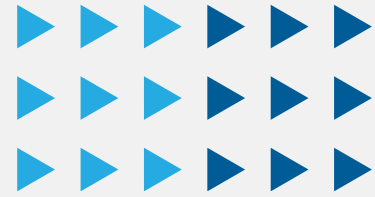
The Student Ministry will only allow cash and checks as forms of payment. In addition, all sign-ups for events will have an initial, non-refundable deposit to save the seat. Cut-off dates will serve as the last possible dates to cancel without penalty. The penalty for late cancellation will mean that the person who signed up will still be responsible for paying the full balance.

Fundraisers are tools to help students pay for events and for ministry upgrades only. Fundraisers will never be used to enhance any person's finances. Funds raised at fundraisers will be divided amongst the participants toward the cost of the event, trip, or retreat. If a student misses a fundraiser, they are not entitled to benefit from the work put forth. Fundraisers will only happen prior to ministry events and will not be hosted out-of-season

For more information contact: Eric Patterson



ADULT VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT



I, _____, commit to fulfilling the responsibilities outlined in this role description for Student Ministry Volunteer. I agree to serve this ministry in this capacity to the best of my abilities, partner with the ministry in our mission, and live out the ministry's vision through my actions. I agree to report any suspicious, unethical, or dangerous behavior witnessed to my volunteer leader. I will guard the church's reputation in the community and strive to reflect Christ in all my words and actions.

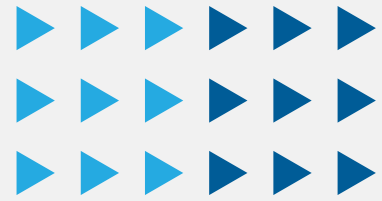
I, _____, commit to caring for the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of this valued volunteer and commission him/her to serve in obedience to Christ as a leader of this church. I agree to adequately equip and resource him/her for the responsibilities we ask him/her to fulfill. We agree to put him/her before the performance and to address all questions, concerns, or mistakes with grace, truth, and love. The ministry leadership entrusts him/her with the responsibilities of this role and shares with him/her the responsibility to maintain and defend our beliefs, culture, and values so that our vision is unified and we reach our mission.

Volunteer Name

Student Pastor Signature

Volunteer Contact Email:

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Chaperones: D-Now, WinterJam, Tubing, and other activities

Small Group Leaders:

- Middle School Girls
- Middle School Boys
- High School Boys
- High School Girls

Wednesday Night Volunteers: Cafe, Check-In, 3 Adults

Retreat Chaperones:

Adults who attend Student trips and stay the duration in an effort to serve the students by helping the Student Pastor

MINISTRY GATHERINGS



Wednesday Night

The Ministry hosts weekly gatherings at 6 pm on Wednesdays in the Loft. Every 4th Wednesday is an INVITE NIGHT which will begin with a sermon and end with recreation.



Small Groups

The Student Ministry digs deeper on Sunday mornings with a focus on Biblical literacy. Small Group begins at 10 am.

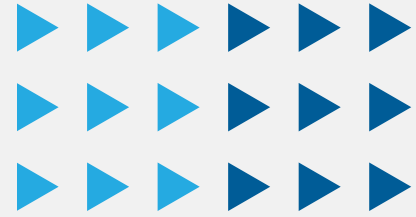


Events

The ministry will host events such as: retreats, concerts, and themed Wednesday gatherings. Check the Calendar for dates.



BIG ANNUAL EVENTS



Winter Retreat

A Student retreat held during either December or January. This year is Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters on MLK weekend of 2025

WinterJam

A Christian Music Concert held annually.

Disciple Now

A weekend that focuses on Discipling the next generation. This includes spending the night at Host Homes and 3 worship gatherings with teens from Coweta and Fayette County.

Summer Retreat

A Student retreat held during the summer months. Next year is FUGE from June 16-20th at Carson-Newman University



MINISTRY COMMUNICATION



Email

You will get a weekly PBC Youth Email on Thursdays as well as the weekly church announcement email. If you have not provided an email for these please do so.



Social Media

please follow us for updates!

- Facebook @PBC Student Ministry
- Instagram @palmettostudents



Event Board

Please check out our event board in the lobby of the church.



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUTH MINISTRY



30 Hrs

HOURS SPENT AT CHURCH

The strongest influence in a student's life is that of a parent. Recent studies on the efficacy of Youth Ministry prove that the more parents value their spiritual life, the more the student will.

This year we hope to be a ministry that also serves parents with resources and opportunities to participate with the students in order to better serve the entire family, and ultimately, the student.



3,000 Hrs

HOURS SPENT AT HOME

59%

THE AMOUNT OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GREW UP CHURCH AND WALK AWAY. ALMOST 6 OUT OF TEN.



Top 2 Challenges of Youth Ministry - (barna.com)



STUDENT BUSYNESS



UNINTERESTED PARENTS



WHAT IS INTERESTING ABOUT ALL OF THIS DATA IS THAT ALL OF THE SOLUTIONS ARE ABOUT PARENTS GROWING IN THEIR FAITH AND BEING ACTIVE IN DISCIPLESHIP



W E D N E S D A Y N I G H T

Timeline

5:30 PM

HANGOUT

6:05 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:10 PM

PRAYER TIME

6:15 PM

GAME OR WORSHIP

6:30 PM

SERMON TIME

7:00 PM

GROUP TIME

7:15 PM

DISMISSAL



Fall Sermon Series



AUG

CATALYST

In this four-week series from Hebrews, we'll discover that faith is a catalyst for action, the faith of others can be a catalyst on our journey, Jesus is the catalyst for a new relationship with God, and we can be a catalyst for change.

SEP

FAMILIA

In this 4-week series, we'll take a look at some of the lessons learned by Jesus-followers in the early days of the church, because learning how to be part of God's family might help us learn how to be part of our own families. In God's family, we support each other, pray for each other, reconcile with each other, and love each other.

OCT

BREAK TRAIL

In this 4 week series, we'll read the stories of Jesus breaking new trails as we discover that Jesus never gives up on us, understands our pain, shows us love, is alive, can be trusted, and gives us a mission.

NOV

FREE PEOPLE

In this 4-week series in the book of James, we'll discover that the right rules can set you free — and that free people don't dance with danger, make decisions that benefit others, and give up their freedoms for others.

DEC

ADVENT

In this four-week series from Luke, we will see Jesus fulfill Prophecy. We will go through the Christmas story and how Jesus's birth brings hope to a dying world.

W E D N E S D A Y
N I G H T

RULES

Respect the Church of God

Respect the Ministry Volunteer

Respect Every Student

Worship During Worship



August

- ④ Back to School Breakfast
- ②⑧ Ultimate Frisbee

September

- ④ Worship Night
- ②⑤ Flag Football

October

- ⑨ Prayer Night
- ②③ Laser Tag
- ③⑩ Students Pumpkin Carving

November

- ⑥ Flannel and Flapjacks
- ②⑩ Bonfire and Hot Chocolate

December

- ①④ Ice Skating
- ①⑧ Disco Christmas Party



This is my testimony from death to life
Cause grace rewrote my story, I'll testify
By Jesus Christ the Righteous
I'm justified
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THANK YOU