

First Baptist Woodstock High School Ministry

StudentServe

Student Leadership Teams

A Note to Parents,

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the possibility of your student being involved in StudentServe, our student leadership opportunity. Please know that it is not the desire of the High School ministries staff to create more activities for your student to be involved in. Life is busy. There is always an activity to occupy our time. We recognize that busyness does not equate to growth and growth should not come at the sacrifice of family time and commitments.

However, I want you to know that a commitment to this team involves much support, from you first, as well as our team here. We are here to help you grow a godly young man or woman. We believe that leadership opportunities are essential to healthy growth. In order to become a part of this leadership team, we require students to attend Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, as well as Wednesday nights. Additionally, student leaders are required to attend the StudentServe training event (Friday night and Saturday morning), be a part of a ministry team, and attend a monthly leadership meeting. If this is a commitment you feel your student can pledge to, we would love for them to fill out our StudentServe application.

Thank you so much for your support. You are vital to the growth of a spiritually maturing young adult!

His Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Lawson".

Matt Lawson
High School Pastor

StudentServe Leadership

High School Leadership Teams Descriptions

Prayer Team
Outreach Team
Inreach Team
Worship Team
Servant Team
Discipleship Team

Prayer

It is our hope that the prayers of our saints will move our own hearts toward Christ and lift our petitions before the throne of Grace. God desires dependent people. The prayer team expresses that dependence and helps us to seek God on behalf of our ministry. They organize prayer chains and pray for prayer requests submitted to our ministry.

Outreach

Outreach is critical to our ministry. With 39,823 public school students in Cherokee and Cobb counties, there are many waiting within our sphere of influence for the gospel. Our outreach team is responsible for many areas, including first-time guest follow-up from Sunday mornings, planning and organizing our 1|8 Jerusalem projects on high school campuses, and aiding in the planning of our other 1|8 missional opportunities.

Inreach

Given the size of our ministry, large group gatherings can be overwhelming. The inreach team is responsible for making the bigness smaller. They are primarily responsible for making people feel welcomed and part of our family on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and other events. They also manage our guest table on Wednesday nights. In addition, they will serve as First Touch students who reach out to new believers to help assimilate them into our ministry. The Inreach team will also assist in planning relational events (retreats-lock-ins-six flags type events).

Worship

The worship team seeks to lead us during our corporate times of worship, primarily on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and other special events. There are several non-musical positions for the worship team that will include meeting with the High School pastor and worship team members to plan for Wednesday night services. Other responsibilities may include putting together man-on-the-street videos, promo videos, humorous videos, and creative announcements.

Servant

Just as the deacons in Acts 6 served to facilitate ministry, so too our Servant team enables each of our ministries to accomplish their intended purposes. The servant team is primarily responsible for the set-up, tear down, and media portions of our Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings (Media Shout, cameras, lights, sound board). They will also be responsible for the same functions at other events. Additionally, responsibilities may include helping office staff with various tasks.

Discipleship

We hope to be a ministry that models the early church's mold of devoting themselves to the apostles teaching. Our Discipleship team includes those who lead our bible studies and teaching times on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights, primarily adults.

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Leadership Team Responsibilities

Prayer Team

- Meet for prayer before Sunday mornings and Wednesday night events
- Recruit other students and adults to participate in praying for our ministries
- Establish a way to gather prayer requests from students and adult leaders
- Establish a method of contacting others to pray for needs
- Those participating in the Prayer Team will also participate on another team

Outreach Team

- Lead the student ministry in sharing Christ by personal example
- Assist the High School Pastor in brainstorming ideas and planning for on-campus mission week in October (also follow-up, explorative on-campus bible study, contacting those who come to Wednesday night program)
- Gathering visitor information and calling/visiting/emailing first time guests from Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and other special events
- Participating in and recruiting other students to participate in visitation
- Making other students aware of success stories of those sharing Christ and those coming to know Christ (could be videos, on stage testimonies, prayer emails for those who have heard the gospel)
- Assist in office tasks relating to the planning of mission trips
- Brainstorm and offer ideas of how to penetrate the gospel to every student in Cherokee and Cobb counties
- Will help develop a “seeker” strategy (explorative on-campus bible study, seeker materials, question and answer video)

Inreach Team

- Be a smiling face and welcoming hand as students come on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and other special events
- Brainstorming creative ways to make students and adults feel welcome and part of our family
- Helping to develop, maintain, and manage a guest table that will make guests feel welcome and also provide a way for us to maintain contact with them
- Help develop a package of information for guests
- Serve as a FirstTouch to new believers. Will contact and establish an intentional relationship for a period of at least 1 month in order to help begin a process of discipleship and assimilation into our ministry
- Brainstorm and help plan relational, fun activities (at least 2 a year)

Worship Team

- Plan for, practice, and perform musical worship for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights
- Meet with High School Pastor for worship planning meetings
- Explore creative worship opportunities
- Film and edit various videos to be used for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights
- This team will include band members as well as a few other students to help in planning for meetings

Servant Team

- Arrive early to set-up chairs, dividers, pizza tables, information tables, etc. for events
- Help tear down band equipment, props, tables, dividers, and trash clean up
- Run MediaShout (similar to PowerPoint) for programs and events
- Operate cameras for Wednesday nights
- Help operate sound board and lights for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings
- Occasionally help with tasks and responsibilities for High School ministry staff

Discipleship Team

- Assist with counselor set-up for Wednesday nights
- Help develop and teach an on-campus exploratory “seeker” study following outreach events like the on-campus mission week
- Serve as a FirstTouch to new believers. Will contact and establish an intentional relationship for a period of at least 1 month in order to help begin a process of discipleship and assimilation into our ministry
- Will rotate in and out of our 6 week Sunday morning bible study for new believers (Welcome Home study will be taught twice from September until December, twice from January until May, and once during the summer).

Expectations of a Student Leader

Leadership demands expectations. Leaders will be held to a high standard. As a result, the high school ministry insists that student leaders meet stringent requirements. Fortunately, students are more than ready to be challenged.

The profile of a student leader is...

- Humility
- Growing spiritually
- Genuine and transparent
- Publicly supports leadership and their decisions
- Makes visitors feel welcome at events and programs
- Participates in ALL major events
- Genuinely friendly
- Constantly looks for opportunities to share their faith
- Has a good reputation with peers

Those participating in StudentServe are expected to be the most faithful and consistent participants in the high school ministry. Leaders are present! While noting that there are times when one cannot be present, StudentServe leaders are expected to faithfully attend the following:

- Sunday School
- Sunday Morning Worship
- Sunday Evening Worship
- Wednesday Night Student Worship
- **StudentServe leadership weekend (mandatory for participation)**
 - o **Tentatively - Friday, September 1-Saturday, September 2**
 - o **Held at the church**
- Once a month StudentServe leadership meetings

Additionally, it is highly recommended by your High School Pastor that you consider attending Student Leadership University 101, if possible, held in Orlando every summer.

How to Become a Student Leader

1. Pray about this decision. Discuss it with several friends as well as your parents. We require your parents or guardian to sign the application stating they believe you are capable and ready for leadership.
2. Complete the application. Write clearly with blue or black ink and return your completed application along with a photo, if we do not already have your picture, to the Student Ministries office in the B building.
3. Have your two references complete the reference form. Provide them an envelope to return it back to you. When returned to you, the envelope should be sealed with their signature and printed name on the front.
4. Return the application by **Wednesday, August 23rd** to the Student Ministries office.
5. If accepted, you will be notified by the High School Pastor with further information on the **leadership retreat tentatively scheduled for September 1-2.**

Student Leadership Application

Instructions

1. Please answer the following questions clearly using blue or black ink
2. If we do not have a picture of you on file, please attach a photo of yourself
3. Return this application to the High School Secretary in the Student Ministries office in the B building

Name _____

Parents Names _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

MySpace page _____

May we have permission to view your MySpace page? _____

School _____ Age _____ Grade Entering _____

How long have you attended First Baptist Woodstock? _____

Are you a member of First Baptist Woodstock? _____

References

Please provide 2 references. One reference should be from a teacher, coach, supervisor, employer, or close Christian friend. The second should be from your current or former Sunday School teacher from this past year. No relatives please. Explain to the reference that you are applying for a student leadership position at your church and would like for them to fill out the reference. Provide an envelope for them to return the form to you sealed with their name printed and signed on the front.

Reference 1

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

9) What are your dreams, hopes, goals for the future?

10) How does integrity effect one's reputation with others?

I pledge to faithfully and consistently attend the programs and ministries listed on page 5.
Excessive absentees may result in my dismissal from the StudentServe Leadership team.

X _____ Date _____
signature

Interests and Experiences

Please place an **I** beside any of the following activities you have an **interest** in participating in. By placing an I in the blank, you are indicating that you are interested in serving on a leadership team that carries out that function. Please place an **E** beside those activities in which you have any **experience**. You may have both an I and an E for the same activity. Please note that not having experience in any of these areas is absolutely fine.

Teaching a bible study	_____	Visitation	_____
PowerPoint	_____	Making videos	_____
Audio equipment	_____	Public Speaking	_____
Campus clubs leadership	_____	Sports	_____
Writing	_____	Creative Planning	_____

Leadership Team Preferences

After reading the Leadership Team descriptions and responsibilities, please indicate your first, second, and third preference for the team you would desire to serve. In the space provided under the first choice, please describe why this is your first choice. Include any experiences you have which may relate to this team.

First _____

Second _____

Third _____

Reference Form #1

First Baptist Woodstock High School Ministry
StudentServe Leadership Application

This portion is to be filled out by applicant.

Name: _____

Grade: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone #: _____

____ I waive my right to read this reference.

X _____

*Note to reference: This reference should be completed and returned to applicant in a **sealed** envelop with your signature **and** printed name on the front.*

Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

How long have you known him/her? _____

Please circle the best answer:

1. This student has a **growing** walk with the Lord.
Strongly Agree Agree with reservations Disagree Strongly disagree
2. This student looks for opportunities to serve.
Strongly Agree Agree with reservations Disagree Strongly disagree
3. This student is teachable.
Strongly Agree Agree with reservations Disagree Strongly disagree
4. Humility is a characteristic of this students' life.
Strongly Agree Agree with reservations Disagree Strongly disagree

Reference Form #2

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This portion is to be filled out by applicant.

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

I waive my right to read this reference.

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Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

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3. This student is teachable.
Strongly Agree Agree with reservations Disagree Strongly disagree
4. Humility is a characteristic of this students' life.
Strongly Agree Agree with reservations Disagree Strongly disagree
5. This student is a leader.
Strongly Agree Agree with reservations Disagree Strongly disagree

Parent Release Form

I acknowledge that my student is applying for the First Baptist Church Woodstock High School Ministry's StudentServe and give my permission and full support to them doing so. I will support my student in his/her leadership role in the Student Ministry at FBCW.

X _____
Parent Signature

Printed Name

Date: _____