

B M P C Youth Ministry

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Application



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A Note to Parents,

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the possibility of your student being involved in Student Serve, our student leadership opportunity. Please know that it is not the desire of the youth ministry 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 support, from you first, as well as our team here. We are here to help you grow a faithful young man or woman. We believe that leadership opportunities are essential to healthy growth. In order to be a part of this leadership team, we require students to attend our Sunday morning Youth Gathering/ Sunday School and attend Student Serve meetings on Wednesday nights this year. If this is a commitment you feel your student can commit to, we would love for them to fill out our Student Serve application.

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

In Faith,

Kellen

Rev. Kellen A. Smith
Associate Pastor

Student Serve Leadership Student Leadership Team Description

Why Should I Do It?

Student Serve Leadership team has 3 primary purposes:

1. Discipleship
2. Learn Leadership Principles
3. Gain Leadership Experience

Discipleship

- ✦ Students will participate in Leadership lessons on Wednesday night
- ✦ There will be weekly check-ins on life and faith
- ✦ Students will have more personal time and interaction with the Youth Ministry staff

Learn Leadership Principles

- ✦ There will be monthly lessons from the Leadership365 curriculum
- ✦ Please see monthly topics covered
- ✦ Students will have monthly access to an adult leadership advisor from the Youth Ministry Council

Gain Leadership Experience

- ✦ Each student will have weekly ministry responsibilities
- ✦ Students will work in leadership teams and will have the responsibility of dreaming, planning, developing, and carrying out a ministry opportunity

In addition, Student Serve is a great activity to put eventually put on college applications. It also builds a foundation for future job interviews and work experience.

Student Serve Leadership Monthly Leadership Training

What Will I Learn?

Every month, students will have an interactive time with our Youth Ministry staff. Below, you will see the monthly teaching topics and a description.

October | Leadership Design

Description: Your foundation of leadership is built on who you are. Each person will lead differently based on how they were created and how God has specifically gifted them. This information will determine how we act in different situations and allow us to serve others through our strengths.

November | Debrief of Leadership Wiring and Spiritual Gifts Assessment

December | Balancing Act

Description: We all know a great visionary who has acted inappropriately. We also know the leader who wants everything done right but can't execute the vision. The key here is balance. A leader must learn how to execute skills, but also be someone of great character. Students will take home a leadership skills test that will be brought back and debriefed in the January session.

January | Debrief of Leadership Skills Test and Character Trait Assessment

February | Mission First-People Always

Description: God has given us a mission and the mission is people. Leaders generally value one over the other, thus neglecting the one they do not value. But in leadership, tasks and relationships are tied together. Great leaders understand this and work hard to care for people, while still reaching goals. Students will take home one test that will be brought back and debriefed in the March session.

March | Debrief of Leadership Style Assessment

April | Creative Leadership

Description: God has given us the gift of creativity. While we express it differently, creativity is something we all have within us. Leaders use creativity in what they do. Students will have an opportunity to explore their own creativity and reflect on how this relates to leadership.

May | Debrief of Creative Leadership and Year-in-Review

Student Serve Leadership Leadership Teams Descriptions

All Student Serve leaders will participate weekly on our ministry teams.

Media Team

The goal of this team is to develop media content for our weekly Youth Gathering. In addition, this team will review communication to youth and parents.

Hospitality Team

The goal of this team is to provide hospitality leadership on Sunday morning by greeting and hosting other students.

Prayer Team

The goal of this team is participate in regular prayer for the concerns of students and families in the Youth Ministry.

Worship Team

The goal of this team is to provide the worship music for our Youth Gathering. Students will come early on Sunday morning to rehearse and prepare the stage.

Student Serve Leadership Expectations of a Student Leader

Leadership demands expectations. Leaders will be held to a high standard. As a result, the youth ministry insists that student leaders meet certain 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 major events
- ✦ Genuinely friendly
- ✦ Constantly looks for opportunities to share their faith
- ✦ Has a good reputation with peers

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

- ✦ Sunday Morning Youth Gathering/ Sunday School.
- ✦ Student Serve weekly meetings on Wednesday nights.

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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. Please type or write clearly with blue or black ink and return your completed application to the Youth Ministry office.
3. Return the application by **Sunday, September 25th**.

- 3) Define the following terms: Servant, Humility. Name someone you believe exemplifies these qualities.

- 4) Tell me about what it means to you to be a follower of Christ.

- 5) List any extracurricular activities you participate in, including clubs, sports, church, etc.

- 6) Do you currently have a job? If so, where?

- 7) Is there anything that would hinder you from consistently attending our Sunday morning Youth Gathering/Sunday School and weekly Student Serve meetings?

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

I commit to faithfully and consistently attend the programs and ministries listed on page 5 to the best of my abilities.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Release Form

I acknowledge that my student is applying for the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry Student Serve leadership team and give my permission and full support to them doing so. I will support my student in his/her leadership role in the Youth Ministry at BMPC.

Student's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____