



NAPC Student Leadership Handbook

New Albany Presbyterian Church



Dear future 222 Student Leader,

You are a critical player on our team! Thank you! Through your time, passion and gifts you are making a great investment into the lives of the many students who will walk through our door. Your willingness to join our team is greatly appreciated.

This incredible privilege of leadership takes humility and willingness to learn. Hopefully these pages help launch you into a great journey of being a student leader here at 222. On the following, pages you will find our 222 Youth Ministries Student Leadership Handbook.

We want to thank you in advance for familiarizing yourself with these materials. This information will assist you greatly as you prepare to be a student leader. If you have any questions, please bring them to Pastor Brady during your meeting.

Remember, together we are making an impact that will last for eternity!

In His Service,

Brady Robinson

Student Ministries Handbook

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About 222

We are the 7-12th grade student ministry of New Albany Presbyterian Church and our vision is to see **“Every Youth Become a Disciple Who Make Disciples.”** We accomplish this in a few ways. First, our middle and high school students gather in rooms 109 and 111 in the classroom building between the two services for a time of Bible Study and attend service with their parents. We also have semimonthly youth nights where the youth gather with their leaders (more information later). We have monthly Boys2Men and Girls2Women meetings as well. We top this all off with fun trips, a winter retreat, and service opportunities. In the future, we hope to add an annual mission trip.

Mission: Make Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20) Who
Make Disciples (2 Timothy 2:2)

Our Vision: We labor to see **every student become a disciple** of Jesus Christ who fulfills the Great Commission while they serve and love people

Strategy: One to Many, One to Few, One to One

Values/DNA

Multigenerational Worship- Within the book of Acts (Acts 21:5) we see a multigenerational church on display. Studies show that many students who spend time worshipping in a multigenerational context go on to experience an authentic faith post high school. Therefore, we take advantage of opportunities that allow our students to have meaningful multigenerational interactions within our church body. We want our students to be discipled by our community and add value to our church through their gifts and service.

Openness and Acceptance- We will love with open arms anybody who attends one of our events. We do not discriminate against any race, economic status, sexuality, or religion in terms of who we allow to attend an event. Everybody needs Jesus and we desire to give the Gospel to anyone and everyone who comes through our doors.

Discipleship- In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus told his disciples to go and make more disciples. A good definition of discipleship is “the active, community-driven process by which those who have placed their faith in Jesus grow in their relationship with God and in their likeness to Jesus Christ, for the purpose of glorifying God and fulfilling the Great Commission.” Through our small groups and relationships we want to invest the Word of God and our very lives into our students. We desire to create more than

programs, but meaningful relationships in which the Gospel can be rooted.

Gospel Centrality- Romans 6:23 states, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” We believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the central message of Christianity and seek to impart that truth into the lives of students.

Lasting Faith- We believe that our students are created in God’s image (Gen. 1:26-27) and therefore have the ability to serve and make an impact in his Kingdom. We seek to equip our students with an authentic faith so they will live the life Christ desires for them, not only in middle and high school, but after graduation as well.

Partnering With Parents- Scripture teaches that the family unit is the primary institution of influence and discipleship for children (Deut. 6:4-7). Therefore we seek to partner with and not compete with parents in discipling and investing in the spiritual life of a student.

Student Leadership Expectations

Thank you so much for wanting to be a student leader. As a leader, there are expectations of you in this role. We felt it was best to spell these items out specifically so we are all on the same page. Please read the items below carefully. Do not hesitate to talk to Pastor Brady if you have any questions or concerns about any item. As a 222 Ministries Student Leader we expect you to:

- **BE RESPONSIBLE.** Know the schedule and be there. As a leader, we hope you are at the various youth events and leadership meetings. If you are unable to be at a Youth Event, please let Pastor Brady know more than 48 hours in advance. You also will be responsible for whatever area/committee you sign up to be on. **We ask that you commit to serving for the whole upcoming school year. If you are a junior, you can renew your commitment before your senior year.**
- **BE ON TIME.** Communication is key here. If something is outside of your control, please communicate that you will be late to an event or meeting. Being on time helps us get the things done we need to get done as well as allows us to be at our most prepared.
- **BE WELCOMING.** When you arrive at an event, you will notice students who you have never seen or met. Please walk up to them and introduce yourself and let them know that you are glad they are there.
- **RECRUIT.** You are overseeing some ministry area inside of our 222 Ministries. That means you need help. To

get this help, you will need to ask fellow students (any grade) to help with these tasks. This means you will need to have relationships with them, so try to spend time with them and get people to be on your team!

- **BE INVITING.** The best people to invite your friends to 222 events is...wait for it... YOU! You know them better than your leaders and you see them way more often, so inviting people and helping the ministry grow is a great way to show your leadership.
- **BE FLEXIBLE.** Youth ministry can be unexpected. Since we are working with middle school and high school students, you truly never completely know what will happen. We will plan and plan and plan, but we have to be ready for the unexpected. During a youth event, you may be asked to do something in light of something unexpected happening. We ask that you are flexible with this.
- **BE PRAYERFUL.** We ask that you remain in constant prayer for all the other students, your fellow leaders, and the 222 Ministries as a whole.
- **CO-LEAD 1 SMALL GROUP** We are launching a new program for middle/high school students. Twice a year we will do small group journeys similar to how the adults at NAPC do small groups. For 6(ish) weeks in the fall and in the spring we will meet at Pastor Brady's house and have small groups led by you, the student leaders.

Student Leadership Teams

Throughout 222 Ministries, we have many different components. As a part of the student leadership team, you will be overseeing one of these areas of the ministry.

- **WELCOME.** Every event we want to have smiling faces greeting everyone who walks through our doors. You will be in charge of getting people to act as greeters to start our events. You also will be over reaching out to new students and thanking them for coming. This will mean finding them on IG or getting their number so you can reach out to them.
- **WORSHIP.** Every Youth Night we have a band made up of middle and high school students and our acoustic worship leader, Lucy Hauser. If you are the head of this area you will help Lucy pick out/find new music that we should sing, find new students to lead, and help with the scheduling.
- **SERVICE.** Our church has a heart for the Linden community and our own community in New Albany. You will help come up with ideas and sign ups for serving opportunities.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA.** You will run the social media pages. As of now, this only includes an instagram account but if there are other options we should look into you will be in charge of coming up with a plan and reasons why we should use that platform.

- **GAMES/EVENTS.** Every event we have a certain order in which we do things, but we need help running and planning. You will be the student representative in planning the events and games as a whole as well as getting volunteers to run various activities, particularly at Youth Nights.
- **SMALL GROUPS.** If you are the point person of this ministry you will help select what we will study and schedule of this program.

222 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM APPLICATION

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Birthday: _____

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. Please share when and how you became a Christian.

2. Please share what you're doing to continue growing in your faith in Jesus.

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3. Why do you want to be on the student leadership team?

4. How would your non-christian friends describe your relationship with God?

5. How would your church friends describe your relationship with God?

6. How would your family describe your relationship with God?

7. What are your strengths and weaknesses and how would you like to grow this coming year?

8. Please review the following commitment form with your parents, sign and bring to your interview.

MY COMMITMENT

I have a relationship with Jesus Christ and live by faith, following his example and obeying His commands in the Bible.

I'M COMMITTED TO:

- Regular church and youth group attendance;
- Modeling a healthy commitment to my family;
- Personal growth through Bible Study and prayer;
- Leading a small group in the fall and in the spring;
- Meeting monthly with an adult mentor (for Bible study, Bible verse memorization and accountability)

I would like the following adult member of our congregation to be asked to be my mentor:

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

- Living a lifestyle befitting a role model and ambassador of Jesus;
- Being an example of proper behavior during worship services, youth group, Sunday School, retreats and other activities;
- "Being a light" in my school, in my neighborhood and in my home.

I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Volunteering approximately 1-2 hours a week in addition to regular youth ministry activities in a specific ministry area. (see Ministry Area choices sheet)
- Attending Student Leadership Team usually held on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30am at Starbucks on Market Street
- Attending the Student Leadership Team Retreat on August ?? . Details TBA

Monthly Leadership Meetings

- Prayer and devotions led by teen leaders
- Training
- Working in Ministry area teams

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YOU WILL CHOOSE 1 MINISTRY AREA FROM THE FOLLOWING TO LEAD. Please put a 1 by your first choice and a 2 by your second choice.

Ministry Areas:

- ____ Service Team
- ____ Welcome Team
- ____ Worship Team
- ____ Social Media Team
- ____ Games/Event team
- ____ Small Groups

Examples of Monthly Training Topics

- Leading a community group/prayer time
- Engaging in spiritual conversations
- Sharing your faith
- Programming with a purpose

I've read all of the above and accept the Leadership Team Commitment.

Teen Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(please note the day long leadership retreat in 2021 will be in August)

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