



Christ Baptist Students



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What is your purpose as a ministry?

**Christ Baptist Student
Ministry exists to help
students love God,
love others, and
make disciples.**



When are your weekly programs?

Sunday Morning

9:00-10:00 am – verse-by-verse, topical, book, and character studies

Sunday Evening

5:00-6:00 pm – game and hang out time

6:00-7:00 pm – snacks, worship, an interactive message, and small group discussion

Wednesday Evening

6:00-7:00 pm – Adoration Student Choir rehearsals (during the school year); special on- and off-campus events (during the month of December and the summer)

Does this weekly schedule ever change?

Because the dynamics of student ministry change throughout the year, we have school-year programming (see above) and December/summer programming. During December and the summer, our students take a break from classes and come together for teaching, worship, and fun events. Weekly program times remain the same year round.

What areas do you seek to develop through discipleship?

We seek to develop students' faith, character, wisdom, and obedience.

Faith – The central application for most biblical passages is *believe* (John 6:29; 1 John 3:23). We are continually challenged by Scripture to believe something about God, ourselves, the world, the gospel, etc.

Character – It is clear in Scripture that God is more concerned about inward character than outward appearance. This is why His plan for believers is to conform them to the image of His Son inside and out (Rom. 8:29).

Wisdom – One of the most important skills a teenager can develop is discernment through wisdom. The Proverbs cry out, “Get wisdom; get insight... Do not forsake her, and she will keep you” (Prov. 4:5-6).

Obedience – Jesus says plainly, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15). God’s instructions are for our good and His glory; and there is temporal and eternal blessing to be had for those who are faithful.

By what means do you disciple students?

We seek to disciple students through **small groups, preaching and teaching**, and creating environments in which they can **grow healthy friendships**.

How do you disciple students through small groups?

Grow Friendships – Small groups provide a unique environment for the development of deep and formative relationships. Groups intentionally spend part of every weekly meeting learning more about each other's lives.

Apply Messages – Students discuss questions in their small groups that help them apply each week's message to their lives.

Prioritize Prayer – Students' individual needs are prayed for in small groups. We desire that they learn how to pray biblical and eternally significant prayers.

Evangelize the Lost – Small groups are intended to be a non-threatening environment where students can invite their lost friends to learn about Jesus and His gospel.



How do you disciple students through preaching and teaching?

On Sunday evenings, students hear biblical messages taught in a way that they can relate to. Small-group interaction is also a key component of this teaching time. At various points in the message, the youth minister will turn students into their groups to discuss important issues related to the Bible passage being studied. In this way, we attempt to keep our Sunday night teaching as dynamic as possible.

On Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am, students participate in verse-by-verse, topical, book, or character studies. Each 4- to 6-week period during the school year, students may sign up for the course of their choosing.



Sunday Morning Course Dates

September 11-25

October 16-November 20

January 29-March 5

March 19-April 9

May 7-28

Each December and summer students join together as one group and hear messages delivered by our youth minister.



Beyond small groups, how do you help students grow healthy friendships?

We open each Sunday morning with 10-15 minutes of hang out time, and on the second Sunday of each month, we have either Krispy Kreme donuts, Bojangles biscuits, or some other great breakfast food! On Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00 pm, students participate in group game or hang out time. Group games may be open - like a pickup game of kickball or ultimate Frisbee, or they may be organized - like a relay race or volleyball tournament.

Each month of the year, we offer **special off-campus events**. Past events include: Defy Gravity trampoline park, COVERT in-depth apologetic studies, movie nights, games at the park, pool parties, bowling, trips to local water or roller-coaster parks, and more.



The **BIG 4** schedule for the 2016-17 ministry year is the following:

Fall

Regenerate Student Conference
at Christ Baptist

**September 30 -
October 2, 2016**

Winter

Ski Trip

January 13-16, 2017

Spring

Spring Retreat

April 28-30, 2017

Summer

Student Life Camp at
Wake Forest University

June 12-16, 2017

Mission Trip to Portland, ME

July, 2017

We often tell students that one of the best ways to connect with other students is to attend one of our special events. Lots of life-changing Bible study, prayer, and worship happens at these events, but there is also no substitute for the ways in which these events unify our students through growing healthy friendships.



When do students participate in worship?

We hope that students will see the Sunday morning corporate worship hour of our church as an indispensable part of their relationship with God. It is here that the local body at Christ Baptist joins together to give God the praise He deserves. In addition to this most central time of worship, we sing together before the message on Sunday evenings.



In what ways may adults serve as leaders?

*Adults may serve as teachers, small group leaders, and/or event volunteers.**

Teachers choose the topic(s) they will cover, plan a 4-6 week course, prepare each lesson in this course, and instruct students on Sunday mornings.

Small Group Leaders sit with groups of students on Sunday nights and help facilitate discussion and encourage interaction.

Event Volunteers may serve anywhere from once per week to once per year. For example, some parents enjoy hosting a group of students at their home during one of our annual weekend events, while others would prefer to go on a weekend retreat or to summer camp as a chaperone. Still others volunteer to provide food or other resources for events.

**All adult volunteers in the youth ministry are required to complete a ministry leadership application, background check, and abuse prevention training.*

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