

Bethel Baptist Youth Code of Conduct

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

(Col. 3.17)

Purpose for the code of conduct:

- To support a safe and enjoyable environment for all members of our Youth Group.
- To provide clear and explicit expectations for social behaviors in all Youth Group settings.
- Provide leaders, students, and staff with appropriate actions that address student behaviors.

Policy regarding behavior:

Our Code of Conduct rules, and expectations are for all students, leaders, and pastors in church and youth group events and activities. These are common sense expectations built on respect for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. It follows, therefore, that students and leaders must refrain from disrespecting one another, from offensive and abrasive language (or dress), violence against others, from bullying, harassment, and carrying any sort of weapons. Consequences for students who endanger the youth group and church safety or disrupt the overall youth group experience of others are listed in detail. This code of conduct applies during youth group on and off site events. It also applies while on the way to and from youth group, (church vans, the shuttle, or private forms of transportation). Families and guardians are critical to our youth group and church community. We ask that you please read and understand the Code of Conduct and discuss them with your child(ren). We at Bethel Baptist Church understand that you, the parents, and guardians, know the best way to make sure your child(ren) understand the expectations that will lead to a safe and orderly church community. This Code provides definitions of behavioral offenses.

Parents, guardians, and caregivers who have any questions or concerns are encouraged to contact Pastor Jude @ Bethel Baptist Church.

Behavioral Expectations and Responsibilities:

Responsibilities for everyone:

- Respect all members of the youth group and church.
- Maintain a positive climate by being responsible, and cooperative.
- Communicate Code of Conduct expectations for students and staff.
- Motivate students to live up to the expectations of Jesus Christ and the church through positive reinforcement.
- Use good judgment to prevent minor incidents from becoming major problems.

Responsibilities for leaders:

- Respect all members of the youth group and church.
- Be fair and consistent in disciplinary procedures.
- Inform Youth Staff of all disciplinary actions.
- Use wise judgment to prevent minor incidents from becoming major problems.
- Teach and exhibit godly behavior and positively reinforce rules of conduct.
- Maintain a healthy and positive large/small group and atmosphere to provide spiritual growth
- Hold students accountable for their walk with God.

Responsibilities for Students

- Respect all members of youth group and the church community as you would like to be treated.
- Understand and comply with youth group rules and expectations.
- Behave in a godly manner that focuses on spiritual growth
- Be responsible and accountable for the rules stated in this Code of Conduct

- Cell phones will be picked up on all out-of-town trips and keep with Pastor Jude.
- During Bible studies cell phones are to be turn off and placed in cell jail till the end of Bible study.

Responsibilities of Parents / Guardians

- Respect, understand and support all leadership and policies of the Bethel Baptist Church youth group
- Recognize and understand that youth leaders and personnel must enforce the code of conduct.
- Teach your children to respect the rights of others and to follow youth group rules.
- Emphasize the importance of being a model person in both the home, the church, and in the community!

Bethel Baptist Church Student Pledge:

- As a student of the Bethel Baptist Church Youth Ministry, I pledge to follow the Code of Conduct, to respect others and myself, and to treat everyone in my church community with fairness and consideration.
- I understand and agree that church and youth group must be a positive and cooperative environment so that everyone can learn and grow.
- I understand that my regular attendance is a key to spiritual and community growth.
- I understand that violence, disruptive behavior, and abusive language are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

By signing this pledge, I understand and accept the responsibility of the Bethel Baptist Church Youth Ministry Code of Conduct for as long as I am a student of Bethel Baptist Church Youth Ministry.

Student Signature:

Date:

Bethel Baptist Church Youth Parent/Guardian Pledge:

- I have read and understand the Bethel Baptist Church Youth Ministry Code of Conduct and agree to support its purpose for as long as I (or my child) am a member/attender of this church and youth group community.
- I understand that I play a critical role in maintaining an environment where learning and growing is celebrated.
- I will emphasize to my child the importance of good behavior and the possible consequences if he or she violates the Bethel Baptist Church Youth Ministry Code of Conduct.
- I understand the importance of and expect open communication with the Bethel Baptist Church Youth Pastor and the leaders when my child's behavior and discipline at church are involved.

I pledge to provide positive supports for my child to encourage his/her regular youth group and church attendance, and to promote a positive learning and growing environment for all.

Parent Signature:

Date:
