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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-WHOKNOWSWHERE YOUTH MINISTRY VISION DOCUMENT

Mission: To develop disciples of Christ, alongside their parents, who know their identity in Him, who creatively consider and partner in God's work in, through and around them, and to grow increasingly closer to Jesus.

Values:

- God Glorifying (Psalm 66:1-2)
- Christ Centred (Colossians 1:18)
- Spirit Empowered (Acts 1:8)
- Bible Based (II Tim. 3:16; Matt. 28:18-20)
- Local Church focused (I Peter 2:4-10; Acts 2:42-47)
- Intentionally Inclusive (Rev. 15:4; Gal. 3:26-28)

Practices:

- We live out authentic lives (Eph. 4:25)
- We empower courageous leadership (I Cor. 4:16; Rom 12:8; Dan. 12:3)
- We affirm the priesthood of all believers (I Pet. 2:9; Heb. 10:19-23)
- We equip gift-oriented ministry (I Cor. 12; Eph 4:11-13; Rom. 12:5-8)
- We pursue excellence (Col. 3:17)
- We are committed to accountability (Luke 17:3; Prov 27:17)
- We are balanced in evangelism and discipleship (Matt. 28:19,20)
- We are diligent in cultural engagement (Matt. 5:13-16; Mark 16:15)
- We ensure healthy environments (Mark 9:42; Mark 10:14)
- We model healthy communication (Eph 4:15; Prov. 22:11)
- We seek strategic partnerships (Phil. 1:3-6)

Strategy:

- Mentoring: to develop a student's faith by pairing him/her with an adult mentor
- Sharing Life: to build an authentic, intergenerational community where all adult members invest into 1-2 students each
- Sunday school: to encourage and teach those wanting a deeper understanding of faith and the implications of living a life with Jesus
- Saturday night youth group: opportunities for students and their invited friends to explore faith in a safe environment. to practice aspects of faith.
- large group events: events that provide invited friends with a different context to explore faith, and to connect with the larger faith community
- service projects: to exercise faith in Jesus through practical means
- prayer: to support and be supported by God and the local faith community. to gain a clearer understanding of what God is saying to ourselves and our context.