



Children's & Youth Ministries

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14

A Guide for Service



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Calvary Baptist Church Mission (The Aim)

We seek to glorify God
and make disciples of Jesus Christ
through our commitment
to Worship, Word and Witness.

Youth Ministries Vision (Our Path)

We seek to empower youth
to express love for God
and be mature disciples of Jesus Christ
in Christian Character, Christian Education
and Christian Service.

Calvary Youth Ministries Organizational Paradigm

Worship (Christian Character) <i>Spiritual</i>	Word (Christian Education) <i>Intellectual</i>	Witness (Christian Service) <i>Social</i>
<i>(Motions of Praise/ Sounds of Silence)</i> <i>(Shouts of Joy Children's Choir)</i> <i>(Spirit and Truth Youth and Young Adult Choir)</i> ___ Student Leadership ___ Youth Worship <i>(Youth Ushers)</i>	<i>(Academic Enrichment)</i> ___ Children's Church <i>(Church School)</i> ___ CSI Tuesdays <i>(Y.E.S. Program)</i>	___ Boyz II Men/CBC Stepperz ___ Teens Loving Christ ___ Youth Night ___ Special Programs

Calvary Youth Ministries Point Leaders

- Staff Minister for Youth Ministry
 - Coordinators/Youth Minister(s)
*High School, Junior High, Children
Special Programs*
- *Servants/Servant Leaders*
- Assistant to the Staff Minister
 - Servant (Leadership) Discernment
 - Intercessor

Staff Minister for Youth Ministry

PURPOSE: To oversee the youth ministries.

COMMITMENT: 35 hours per week

DURATION: January-December

REPORTS TO: Senior Pastor

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Empower servants and servant leaders
- Develop ministries
- Examine involvement levels

Coordinators

PURPOSE: To develop an aspect of the organizational paradigm

COMMITMENT: 3 hours per week

DURATION: August-July

REPORTS TO: Staff Minister for Youth Ministry

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Build relationships with servant leaders
- Know each youth by name
- Equip and evaluate ministries quarterly
- Provide support for vision implementation

Special Programs Coordinator

PURPOSE: Execute all special programs and outings as liaison and coordinator

COMMITMENT: 1-2 hours per week

DURATION: August-July

REPORTS TO: Staff Minister for Youth Ministry

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Verify program/outing details and forward to Staff Minister for Youth Ministry for confirmation
- Coordinate registration/sign-up through ministries servant leaders
- Recruit and confirm chaperones

Assistant to the Staff Minister

PURPOSE: To provide general assistance to the Staff Minister for Youth Ministry.

COMMITMENT: 2-4 hours per week

DURATION: August-July

REPORTS TO: Staff Minister for Youth Ministry

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide administrative support to Staff Minister for Youth Ministry
- Develop communication between Staff Minister for Youth Ministry, Servant Leaders, Servants and CSI Teachers
- Develop communication between youth and church
- Participate in the programs through presence

Servant Discernment

PURPOSE: To infuse the process of new servant and servant leader selection and attraction with purpose and prayer that is inline with the ministries vision, individual ministries purposes and with the aim of shaping a ministry that is inviting, embracing and encouraging of our young people.

COMMITMENT: 1-2 hours per week

DURATION: August-July

REPORTS TO: Staff Minister for Youth Ministry

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Observe during worship/CSI Tuesdays/other teaching ministries those who are 1) teachable, 2) full of the Spirit, 3) wise, 4) willing to serve and 5) are available
- Informally meet new and disengaged members
- Pray for those to whom drawn
- Forward names of potential servant(s) (leaders) to Staff Minister for Youth Ministry
 - Goal: invite 7 NEW servants per month
- Encourage potential Kingdom servants for youth to discover their gifts

Intercessor

PURPOSE: To pray on behalf of the Calvary Youth Ministries daily.

COMMITMENT: 2-4 hours per week

DURATION: August-July

REPORTS TO: Staff Minister for Youth Ministry

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Intercede on behalf of the following groups (by name)
 - Youth
 - Staff Minister for Youth Ministry
 - Youth Ministry Overseers
 - Youth Ministries
 - Servant Leaders
 - Servants
- Pray for the Servant Leadership of the Calvary Youth Ministries weekly
- Communicate experience of prayer time to Staff Minister

**Position Description
Calvary Youth Ministries
Ministry Servant/Life Coach**

PURPOSE: To build one-on-one Christ-centered relationships with children or youth and their families; assist the servant leader in day-to-day operations of a children's or youth ministry.

COMMITMENT: 2 hours per week

DURATION: August – December or January – July

REPORTS TO: Servant Leader

Qualifications:

- Gift of encouragement (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
 - Make encouragement a habit – become a good-finder every day
- A heart for *all* people
- Display a loving disposition
- Maintain the discipline to listen (James 1:19)
- Have a teachable spirit
- Possess a willingness to serve/are available
- Be dedicated to character development

Disciple/Servant
Personal Development
Learner/Teachable
Knows self
Processes life experiences

Disciple-er/Shepherd
Relational Skills
Communicates truth
Knows youth culture
Guides youth through life

Be-Attributes to Providing Leadership for Youth

- Be Interesting
 - Understand the Culture
 - People learn 80% visually and 20% audibly, but we in the church usually talk 80% of the time.
 - Teens would rather text message than talk
- Be Relevant
- Be Real
- Be Transparent
- Be Concise
 - Present a road map not a collage

Self-serving Leader vs. Servant Leader:
What is the difference?
(Matthew 20:25-28)

Self-Serving
No succession
Ownership
Personal good
People viewed as *objects*
Interested in *talking*

Servant
Reproduction
Stewardship
Good of the whole
People viewed as *subjects*
Interesting in *listening*

Position Description
Calvary Youth Ministries
Ministry Servant Leader

PURPOSE: To build Christ-centered relationships with children or youth; prayerfully plan and implement strategic initiatives; handle the day-to-day operations of a children's or youth ministry in a way that is exceptionally effective.

COMMITMENT: 2-4 hours per week

DURATION: August -- July

REPORTS TO: Staff Minister for Youth Ministry/Youth Minister

Qualifications:

- Display consistent and visible growth in discipleship
 - Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)
- Be dedicated to leadership development
- Be visionary-oriented
- Utilize spiritual gifts and skills
- Be reliable/faithful
- Builds strong relationships
- Have an inclination to resolve conflict

Manager
Task-Oriented
Program Focused
Administrative Skills
Builds a ministry

Leader
Team-Oriented
Family Friendly
Coaching Skills
Builds a community

Challenges

1. Rely on prayer
2. Promote opportunities for development/training
3. Increase program collaboration/coordination
 - a. Maintain calendar commitments
 - b. Streamline communication
 - c. Plan in a timely manner
4. Meet needs of the total child
5. Enlarge the team
 - a. Parents
 - b. Servants
 - c. Servant Leaders

Youth Needs to Succeed

1. Love
2. Boundaries
3. Access to Adequate Resources

Youth Expectations

1. COMMITMENT

- a. Encourage Depth not Breadth
- b. Servant Leader Commitment: 1 year (August-July)
- c. Servant Commitment: Aug-Dec or Jan-July

2. CONSISTENCY

- a. Catch the vision/Ignite the fire
- b. Be family-friendly
- c. Respect time

3. CARE

- a. “They need to know that you care before they care what you know.”

4. COMMUNICATION

- a. Approach the youth directly
- b. Explain EVERYTHING

5. CREATIVITY

- a. Explore your gifts/Encourage their gifts
- b. Distance is a factor
- c. Competition is inevitable

6. CURRICULUM

- a. Biblical mandate: make disciples
- b. Bible-based: mission/vision/purpose-driven
 - i. Practical application to daily life
 - ii. Emphasizes love, spiritual disciplines, relationship
- c. Challenging
 - i. Critical thinking/Inductive reasoning

7. COMMUNITY

- a. Emphasize a familial atmosphere
- b. Foster a sense of belonging
- c. Encourage relationship outside of sessions

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS		
ISSUE	NEW TESTAMENT	CHURCH OF TODAY
Location	House to house and in the temple courts	Church buildings
Relationships	Intimate relationships: encouragement and accountability emphasized	Intimacy rare, little transparency
Discipling	Personal mentoring and modeling	Classes, notebooks, lectures; little modeling
Spiritual Gifts	Used by all believers to build up the Body of Christ	Either ignored, downplayed or limited to the “clergy”
Evangelism Motto	“Go and Make Disciples”	“Come and Grow with us”
Primary Commitment	Make disciples , increase kingdom, faster Christian community	Enlarge the institution
Primary Leadership Task	Model the life of a disciple via relationship and active ministry	Building and directing programs
Primary Pastoral Task	Equip and disciple believers for ministry via relationship and active ministry	Preach good sermons
Leadership Test	Character; heart of service and; fruit	What you know
Prayer Life	Heavy emphasis; intentional	Individual choice; limited
Focus	Small groups meeting at homes	Congregation
Teaching	Apply the scriptures to basic needs & relationships	Subscribe to the distinctive beliefs of our church
Support System	The small band of believers	Pastor or staff
Frequency of Fellowship	Daily, as an investment of life together for the kingdom	Weekly, before or after services

Steps to Overcome Challenges & Meet Youth Expectations

Strengthen commitment to discipleship

- private devotion public worship bible study
- prayer fasting memorization of scripture
- Operate out of the overflow (cf. Luke 6:44-45)
- Faith will increase (cf. Romans 10:17)
- Have an offensive weapon (cf. Ephesians 6:10-17)

Embody prayer-centered ministry

- Charge the atmosphere with the presence of God
- Invite the Holy Spirit to be manifest (through each of us)

Aim for the Vision/Purpose

- Understand it
- Know it
- Be empowered to fulfill it
 - **Focus on 2-3 ministries**
 - Meet by ministry monthly for prayer, preparation

Scripture Encounters/Model Christian Character

- Show youth the Word
- Read, Reread, Meditate, Memorize, Pray
- Be the Kingdom
 1. Develops Curiosity/Inductive study skills
 2. Lifestyle Evangelism: discipleship is caught

Youth Ministries' Positive Affirmations

1. We are loved by God and we try to love Him back.
2. We see ourselves the way that God see us.
3. We love everybody equally even when it's hard.
4. We do stuff that makes the world better.

A Servant's (Leader's) Inventory

1. Are you faithful in attendance, rain or shine?
2. Do you arrive at least fifteen minutes early to talk to the youth?
3. Do you sit with the youth during worship?
4. Do you mark records promptly, getting them to the Staff Minister for Youth Ministry without delay? Or, do you leave these details to the Staff Minister for Youth Ministry?
5. Do you have a clear overall view of the entire quarter's goals?
6. Can you put into one brief sentence the purpose of the ministry you serve?
7. Do the youth understand that the meeting objective is from the Bible, not a lesson booklet?
8. Do you use a vocabulary the youth understand?
9. Do you ask questions and encourage the youth to participate?
10. Do you start preparation of next meeting's objectives on Monday of each week?
11. If something funny happens, do you join in the laughter and then use the incident to get back into the objective?
12. Can you put a talkative youth in his/her place without resentment?
13. Do you send birthday cards, Christmas cards and get-well cards to the youth?
14. Do you know the hobbies and heartaches of each of the youth?
15. Do you call the homes of each of the youth at least once a month, and do you immediately call a youth being absent two successive Sundays or meetings?
16. Do you pray daily for the youth, the ministry and the ministries?
17. Do you constantly seek servant (leadership) improvement, (i.e. mentorship, bible study, good books, conferences, and other training)?
18. Are you positive that each of the youth knows the Way of Salvation?
19. Do you attend ministry and entire ministries fellowship events and activities?
20. Are you faithful in attendance at worship services and midweek activities?
21. Do you vary your methods so that the youth are not sure of what you might do next?
22. Is your Christian life clean and exemplary in that you are not doing things you would be ashamed for the youth to know about?
23. Do you evaluate your work and analyze youth reaction each week, noting mistakes and successful results?
24. When you get discouraged and are ready to give up the ministry, do you go to the Lord for His encouragement and strength?
25. Are you pleased with your answers to these questions?

Tools for Empowerment

Youth Ministry Vision Conferences

All adults who serve in youth ministry gather in July and January for vision casting, strategic planning and prayer. (Servant Leaders, Servants, CSI Teachers, CSI Assistants, Point Leaders)

Empowerment Team Sessions

The Empowerment Team will convene quarterly for prayer, planning and preparation. (Servant Leaders, Point Leaders)

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| +Senior Pastor's Leadership Development Sessions | biannual |
| +Ministry Development Session | quarterly |

Quarterly Ministry Meetings

Each ministry is strongly encouraged to meet monthly to plan and review monthly objectives and goals, to discuss relationship development and to pray for the young people and each other.

Quarterly Ministry Report – DUE 2nd Sundays (Mar, June, Sept, Dec)

- Gather prayer requests
- Inform the Senior Pastor of ministry health
- Determine/evaluate strategic goals

Evaluation

Each ministry and servant (leader) will be evaluated periodically to bear more fruit.

Excellence

We endeavor not to lower our standards for the sake of being “nice” because in so doing we compromise our purpose, planning and prayer.

Contact Information/Privacy

We ask that your contact information be kept up to date. The Staff Minister for Youth Ministry, Youth Minister, Church Staff and Empowerment Team are the only parties privy to your information; all other inquiries will be forwarded to you for follow-up.

Brochures/Flyers

Necessities **CYM** (Calvary Youth Ministries or Calvary Baptist Church
Contact Information
Ministry(ies)
Contact Person
Contact Number and Email
Place & Time of gathering
Rev. Jerry M. Carter, Jr., Ph.D., Senior Pastor
Attention grabbing graphics
Easy to read: clear font, concise
(Vision: Youth Ministries Logo)

Submit to: youth@calvarybc.org

CYM Bulletin Page

Submit to: youth@calvarybc.org

- Announcements will be added to the CYM bulletin page and forwarded to the appropriate staff member(s).
- Announcements may be edited.

Event Planning

When brainstorming events email: youth@calvarybc.org and potential ministries with which to partner. Once dates have been identified contact the Church Administrator at 973.267.9079 x201. After the event has been confirmed fill out the appropriate request forms.

Information Requests

In the event that a parents/youth calls the Church Office for information, in addition to notifying youth@calvarybc.org please contact the office with any meeting changes. (rbethune@calvarybc.org, fhedgepeth@calvarybc.org, cbc10mlk3@aol.com)

Transportation Guidelines

Transportation should be coordinated through Calvary's transportation ministry. Usage of the church vans is free of charge. Usage of the church mini-bus is \$65 per outing and up (depending on the distance of the site from the church and the length of the outing). See the Staff Minister for Youth Ministry with specific questions.

Stewardship

Please inform the Staff Minister for Youth Ministry of all non-purchase order spending at least 2-weeks prior to the date. After making advance notification of spending, vouchers may be left in the CYM mailbox for signing; all vouchers must be signed by the Staff Minister for Youth Ministry or by the Youth Minister. Vouchers received by Saturday night will be signed and forwarded to the Finance Office each Monday morning; checks are generally ready by Thursday morning. Impromptu parties, trips and giveaways are welcome, but funding will not be guaranteed without prior approval. All house account purchases (i.e. Staples, Family Christian Stores, etc.) must be made through the Church Office.

*Preparation does not negate inspiration.
Preparation ignites inspiration.*

Administration (Church Office)

Bulletin Announcements -

- Announcements for the church body
- Ideally, at least two weeks prior to the event
- Submit to Administrative Assistant (generalinfo@calvarybc.org) no later than 5:00pm on Tuesdays
- Bereavements are the only exception
- Announcements are subject to approval and revision as necessary

Clerical Assistance -

- If your ministry needs typing, copying, or a mass mailing, please submit a Clerical Request Form three days in advance of the date you need the finished items/task.
- Note: mailings over 25 pieces require 5 working days notice and support from at least 1 member of the ministry

Room Request/Space Reservation (No Set-up) -

- To reserve a classroom, the chapel, Mahalia Jackson Fellowship Hall, or sanctuary for any ministry meeting, submit a Room Request Form two weeks in advance of the date requested to guarantee proper calendaring and processing

Communications (Congregational Life)

Visual Announcements -

- Announcements for the church body
- Ideally, at least two weeks prior to the event
- Submit to Minister of Congregational Life (mincpatterson@calvarybc.org) on Thursdays

Facilities

Room Request/Space Reservation (With Set-up Required) -

- To reserve a classroom, the chapel, Mahalia Jackson Fellowship Hall, or sanctuary for any ministry meeting, submit a Facilities Room Request/Set-Up Form
- Ideally, two weeks in advance of the date requested. Two week lead time is a must if you are requesting food
 - Please attach the Kitchen Ministry - Food Service Request Form to your Room Request
- Minimally, one week in advance to guarantee proper calendaring and processing

Media & Technology

Audio-Visual Equipment Usage -

- If you will need to use the portable LCD projector and/or handheld microphones for your ministry meeting or event, please inform either Courtney Parchment (copitwins@aol.com) or Paula Rainford (nordeanadine35@aim.com) one week in advance
- If your ministry will need specialty equipment (i.e. clip on microphones or outside speakers), you must include the rental fees for the equipment in your ministry budget and allow extra time for the media ministry to order the equipment. Specialty requests should be submitted in writing 30 days in advance
- Major events that require audio-visual assistance and equipment (i.e. plays and concerts) should involve media ministry leaders in the early planning stages so that the validity of the requests can be validated and/or adjusted

Calvary Connection -

- Spotlights ministry activities
- Submit story ideas to: connection@calvarybc.org
- Quarterly publication; submission deadlines to come

Website-

Each ministry has a page on our website (www.calvarybc.org). Please visit your ministry's page periodically. If you would like to make updates, email the information to the Church Administrator (cbc10mlk1@aol.com) and Minister of Congregational Life (mincpatterson@calvarybc.org)

Service Ministries

Divine Designs -

- Provide requests for decorations at least six weeks prior to the event by contacting Jacquelyn Chapman, Ministry Chair, at Jacquelyn.F.Chapman@verizon.net. For larger events, additional lead time is required
- When submitting requests, provide information including date, time, general/overall requirements, size/scope of the event, budget, etc.
- Our Divine Designs Ministry will purchase/provide the materials needed to transform your space

Kitchen -

- Complete Kitchen Ministry/Food Service Request Form two weeks prior to your event
- For major events - 100 or more - a minimum of 30days notice is required

Parking -

- When you are having special guests (i.e. an approved guest preacher/presenter) who requires reserved parking, inform the Church Administrator and/or Van Thompson, Parking Ministry Coordinator (van.thompson@skanska.com or 973-691-0492) 24 hours in advance so the space(s) can be reserved

Transportation -

- Complete Transportation Request Form and submit two weeks in advance

For ease of reference, the forms mentioned herein are available on our website (www.calvarybc.org) for your convenience:

- Ministry - Facility Request & No Set-up
- Clerical Request Form
- Ministry - Facility Request & Set-up
- Kitchen Ministry - Food Service Request Form (*coming soon*)
- Transportation Request Form (*coming soon*)

Event Planning Checklist

*Always start with prayer,
then have a conversation with the Staff Minister for Youth Ministry...*

Planning Meetings

Dates of planning team meetings
Date of event
Distribution of tasks
Planning team phone numbers

Seat reserved signs
Opening prayer
Special guests
Persons to be invited
Invitation? (who gives it?)
Follow-up cards for prospects, take-home tracts, etc.

Publicity

Logo design
Flier design
Poster design
Event on church website
Registration form design (avail. on website?)
Mailing lists
School announcements
Letters and fliers
Calendar-of-events announcement.
Newsletter announcement.
Bulletin announcement
Meeting at which to publicize event
Background on keynote presenter and camera-ready photos

Keynote Presenter

Cost
Travel arrangements
Ground transportation
Accommodations and meals
Introduction
Audio Request
Facilities Request
Person to assist presenter
Confirmation letter, event schedule, travel directions
Introduction of speaker

Food Service

Number to be served
Menu
Food Services Request (2-4 weeks notice)
Adults to oversee

Follow-Up

Thank you letters
-Youth volunteers
-Adult volunteers
Presenters
Contact persons
Honorarium checks
Financial report of income and expenses
Evaluation
-By staff and volunteers
-By youth group members (have students evaluate at last workshop session?)

Program

Schedule
Program booklet design
Request copyright permissions
Workshop descriptions
Number of copies needed
Welcome remarks
Announcements

LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

BASIC COUNSELING & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

- I. WHAT SKILLS YOU NEED TO KNOW (OR LEARN) TO BE AN EFFECTIVE COUNSELOR/MENTOR
 - A. ATTENDING & CARING BEHAVIOR
 - Eye Contact
 - Careful Listening
 - Observation
 - Non-verbals (e.g., Facial Expression, Posture)
 - B. INVITING THE PERSON TO TALK
 - Open-ended Questions
 - Brief Comments
 - Topic Switching
 - Here & Now
 - C. EMPHATHETIC RESPONSES
 - Paraphrasing
 - Perception
 - D. CLARIFYING THE “FACTS”
 - Summarize
 - Check-off
 - E. “EXPLORING”
 - Undiscussed Areas
 - Focused Questions
 - F. CONFRONTING
 - When Appropriate
 - Valuing & Affirming

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BASIC COUNSELING & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS TRAINING
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II. ATTITUDES YOU EXPRESS IN YOUR RESPONSES AS A COUNSELOR/MENTOR

A. EVALUATIVE

- Value Judgment

B. INTERPRETIVE

- Teach or Explain (Why)

C. SUPPORTIVE

- Reassure
- Inspire

D. PROBING

- Questions

E. UNDERSTANDING

- Empathy

F. ADVISING

- Constructive Suggestions

III. BASED ON THE ATTITUDES LISTED ABOVE, IDENTIFY AT LEAST TWO (2) RESPONSES TO THE 16 YEAR OLD YOUTH IN THE EXAMPLE BELOW:

I tell you I hate my father. I hate him! I hate him! And there's no reason for it. He is a good and kindly man. He has never laid a hand on me – but I have this terrific feeling against him – and it makes me feel so terrible because there is no reason for it. It's a sin to hate your father, especially if you don't have any reason for it. I – it worries me.

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IV. RESPONSES TO COUNSELING/MENTORING EXAMPLE (III)

- A. Of course you feel guilty about hating him so, especially since you can't put your finger on what he has done to make you hate him. And then, too, you will find that underneath it all you have some love for him, and this plays a part in your feelings of guilt. _____
- B. I guess everyone at some time or another goes through a period when they hate one or both of their parents. It's really not at all uncommon. Most people find they can work out some way of getting along until things settle down. _____
- C. This is certainly something that you will want to get cleared up. Happy relationships with parents are too constructive a thing. You wouldn't want to jeopardize what that could mean to you. _____
- D. It worries you that you should hate your father without reason, and you feel sinful for hating him. _____
- E. Let me recommend that you talk to your father about your feeling – have it out with him. _____

I think we ought to get at the root of that worry. Tell me about your father – all about him. _____

**CALVARY YOUTH MINISTRIES
NEW SERVANT LEADER'S TRAINING**

**YOUTH & THEIR DEVELOPMENT
PSYCHOLOGICAL BRIDGE**

<u>DEVELOPMENTAL AGE GROUP</u>	<u>STAGE</u>	<u>WORST FEARS</u>	<u>WHO'S ON THE THRONE</u>
Primary (1-8 yrs)	Total Dependence	Separation, Abandonment	Parents & Adult others
Juniors (9-12 yrs.)	Strong sense of Right & Wrong	Blame Punishment	Super Heroes Athletes, etc.
Teens (13-18 yrs.)	Search for Independence & Acceptance	Deterioration of the physical body (loss of beauty)	Peers (local & celebrity)

Notes

- Choose the leadership qualities needed to effectively interact with youth from the list below

- ___ A constant striving for excellence
- ___ A preference for concise information
- ___ Patience
- ___ Emphasis on process, change and surprises
- ___ A total commitment to yourself
- ___ A belief that succeeding is the top priority
- ___ A softness and willingness to bend
- ___ A tolerance for repeated errors
- ___ Ability to listen patiently
- ___ Efficiency
- ___ A desire to promote directing independence even when your ways are different
- ___ A tolerance for chaos

Notes

Teaching Prayer in Youth Ministries

The Bible tells us that Jesus' disciples once came to him with a request, "Lord, teach us to pray." (Luke 11:1)

Within our Youth Ministries, our students also have a need to learn how to pray and we, as servant(s) (leaders), have a responsibility to help them learn how to pray and how to make prayer an important part of their life. What can we do? Here are a few ideas:

- Make prayer a part central part of the ministry time.
- Set up prayer partners for the ministry.
- Study examples of prayers found in the Bible. What are the elements of these prayers? Why were these persons praying? How were the prayers answered?
- Ask the youth to bring prayer requests to class. Write the requests on a board or large sheet of paper. Pray for the requests the meeting and ask youth to pray for them on their own, too.
- Ask youth to keep a prayer diary of requests and answers. Discuss how each was or wasn't answered in your meeting.

Does Sunday School & Church Make A Difference?

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse recently announced the findings of one of the first surveys that specifically addressed the impact of church attendance on kids' drinking and drug-taking behaviors. The survey found that churchgoers are much less likely than infrequent and non-attendees to smoke, drink, or get high. According to the survey...

One in five unchurched kids smoke. Only one in 13 church kids smoke.

Two in five unchurched kids have smoked marijuana. Only one in eight church kids have ever tried marijuana.

Two in five unchurched kids say at least half of their friends drink. One in five church kids say at least half of their friends drink.

Calvary Youth Ministries
Servant (Leader) Commitment Form

Vision

We seek to empower youth to express their love for God and be mature disciples of Jesus Christ in Christian Character, Christian Education and Christian Service.

Commitment: After observing the youth ministries and reading about the commitment involved with being on this team, I have spent time in prayer, and discussed with my family the commitment involved as a servant (leader).

I choose to commit to the following:

I acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ in my life and have a personal relationship with him.

I am committed toward growing and maturing my relationship with God through quiet times, active attendance at church and involvement in accountable relationships.

I am committed to choices and a lifestyle that are both godly and “above reproach,” knowing that my lifestyle is a model for students.

I am making a commitment to the youth ministries for at least:

1 year (servant leader-Aug. through July)

1 semester (servant-Aug. through Dec. or Jan. through July)

I will attend the:

monthly ministry meetings (servants/servant leaders)

quarterly Empowerment Team sessions (servant leaders)

yearly Pastor’s Leadership Conference (servant leaders)

I will make a committed attempt to help find at least one other adult servant for our growing need of servant and servant leaders in the youth ministries.

I understand the mission of the church as well as the vision of the youth ministries and commit to help fulfill the mission and vision and care for the students God brings in the ministry.

Because I am making a significant commitment and my presence is important, I agree to be consistent and on time to the program(s) I commit myself to.

I am making a commitment to the following ministries:

Ministry: _____

Ministry: _____

Position: _____

Signature

Date

Calvary Baptist Church

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