



The vision of the student ministry here at CCJ is to mentor and equip our students so they can develop a faith that grows into deep love for Christ and then live out that faith in Christ for the specific purposes God has called each one of them to do.

We want them to have a walk with Christ that is dynamic, Bible based and willingly shared beyond our church walls. As with any group, whether it is a sports team, a club at school, or even a job, there are certain rules and expectations that help make the group stronger.

As a youth group, we want to set a positive example for others of what it means to be a member of the body of Christ, so we **must** also hold ourselves to certain expectations. **Here are some of the standards that we will strive to live up to as members of "Vindicated", the student ministry of Calvary Chapel Joplin**

"Then he said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.' Luke 9:23

Student Ministry Guidelines

- **Respect** your fellow students and Student leaders both by your actions and your words.
- Keep a **positive** attitude and help to lift the spirits of others.
- Remember that you are an ambassador for Christ and this church, and your actions and words **will** be an example. (good or bad)
- Take **"ownership"** of the nightly meetings/events. Clean up after yourselves and respect the space that God has given us to use.



Student Ministry Guidelines

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."
Romans 12:1*

- No obscene language.
- No drug, alcohol, or tobacco use.
- No weapons.
- Public display of affection with your significant other while at church is inappropriate. This detracts from our purpose and will **NOT** be tolerated.
- During study time, please remain seated to avoid disrupting the group (with the exceptions of emergencies). Please use the restroom prior to Bible studies and Worship services and **turn all cell phones and electronic devices off. (unless you are using your device as your Bible).** Any other use (social media, texting, etc.) and you will forfeit your device for the remainder of the evening.
- If you would not wear an article of clothing to church on Sunday morning or to school, then chances are you should not wear it to youth group.

Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior for All Student Activities

We gather together once a week for a period of worship and study. Since our time together is very limited we cannot allow disruptive behavior to detract from our time together and our focus on Christ. Disruptive and unsafe behavior includes any violation of the Student Ministry Guidelines as well as any other given for the safety and/or structure of the evening or event. The final authority determining disruptive and unsafe behavior will be the Youth leader or youth sponsors. Consequences will be as follows:

1. Student will receive a verbal warning and appropriate correction
2. If disruptive behavior persists, the parents of the student will be contacted and further action will be determined.



Parents,

It truly is a privilege to minister to your child. I'm convinced that God has great things in store for them as they begin the next phase of their church life. Please know that you are welcome to join us for our weekly gatherings and are encouraged to come along side our events and trips in order to minister to and get to know the other students. We are excited about this upcoming year and what God is going to do in the lives of our students. Listed below is some general information to help you during the 2020-2021 youth year.

- Youth group meets from **7:00-8:30**. **Leaders will begin to receive students at 6:30** please make every effort to drop and pickup your child on time.
- From time to time we will travel. **We will need a permission slip signed for each event and medical release**(enclosed in this packet). Please complete the release form and return it to a student leader ASAP.
 - **Note: If you are a returning student we will need an updated medical release.**
- Event/trip information will be given out at least 1 month in advance. Copies of handouts will be available in the youth room. Information will also be posted on our student Facebook page.
- Be sure and download the **CCJ APP** so you can be informed of future events, times and other important announcements.
- If there is an issue with a fee for an event/trip, feel free to give me a call so that we can work something out. Our goal is that no student should be left out because of finances. However, funds are limited so make sure and communicate your specific need ASAP.

Listed below is your student leader contact information

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If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact any of the student leadership staff