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HANDBOOK
2024-2025

THE MISSION AND VISION OF CROSSPOINT STUDENTS



CrossPoint Student Ministry exists for the purpose of reaching, discipling, and sending out just1more student for the glory of God.

KNOW - "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Philippians 3:7-8a

In reaching just1more student for the glory of God, we want that

student to **KNOW** Christ Jesus as their all-sufficient Savior. This is in line with CrossPoint's mission to Connect with God.

GROW - "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

"Therefore **encourage one another and build one another up**, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

In discipling, just1more student for the glory of God, we want that student to **GROW** deeper in their relationship with Christ and other

believers. This is in line with CrossPoint's mission to Connect with God's People.

GO - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

In sending out, just1more student for the glory of God, we want that student to **GO** and make disciples in the steps of his/her everyday mission field. This is in line with CrossPoint's mission to Connect with God's Plan.

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LETTER FROM DANIEL

ministry to develop leaders in the church of today and tomorrow.

Our student ministry functions best when we operate from the overarching mission and vision of the church: *to glorify God by reaching Just1More to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.* We strive to accomplish this mission by making the most of the time we have with them on a weekly basis. However, our time with our students is very limited. You, as the parent, spend significantly more

time with your children in a given week than we do in a whole semester. Therefore, we desire to partner with you to help disciple your teens in a way that points them back to the primary disciple-makers in their lives: you. We wish to be a resource to you and provide the tools needed to raise your children in a biblical and godly home.

In this book you will find a variety of ways that we seek to minister to, teach, and grow your students throughout the year. This book is meant to be a general overview of all things

student ministry for the 2024/2025 year. Of course, plans are always subject to change, but we desire to follow the plans laid out in this book as closely as we can. We will strive to follow the Holy Spirit as we move throughout the year, and we ask that you pray and be flexible with us as we plan accordingly.

The hope of our entire student staff for the coming year is that your student will engage in what the Lord has in store. We strive to plan the year with every student in mind, hoping that God will use our plans to connect your

student to the gospel and to His ultimate desire for their lives: to know and love Him, to grow alongside others, and to go tell of what He has done for them.

Please remember that we, the student staff, are always available to talk with you if you need us. We are here to serve and walk through life with you. We believe this is going to be a great year and we look forward to what God will do with it!

In Christ,
Daniel Brown

IDear CrossPoint Parents,

Crosspoint Student Ministry is something special! We believe one key element that makes it special is our students. We believe the other key element that makes this student ministry special is the work of the Lord. We have continued to watch students grow into strong and mature men and women of God. We believe the Lord is using our student

DANIEL BROWN
MINISTER OF STUDENTS

Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Movie: Remember the Titans
Favorite Food & Drink: Sushi or Wings & Coke Zero
Favorite Event/Trip: Mission Atlanta
Favorite Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:21



PRESTON SMITH
ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF STUDENTS

Favorite Color: Orange like the sunset
Favorite Movie: Interstellar
Favorite Food & Drink: Fondue & Vanilla Coke
Favorite Event/Trip: Mission Guatemala
Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:38-39



ABI EBAYER
Student Ministry
Associate - Girls

Favorite Color: Terracotta
Favorite Movie: Waking Ned Devine
Favorite Food & Drink: Japanese & Diet Dr. Pepper
Favorite Event/Trip: Worship at the Hinds
Favorite Bible Verse: Colossians 1:17



AUSTIN SANDFORD
Student Ministry
Assistant - Worship

Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Movie: The Phantom of the Opera
Favorite Food & Drink: Mexican & Dr. Pepper
Favorite Event/Trip: Winter Retreat
Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6



JACEY GRACE CLARK
Student Ministry
Assistant

Favorite Color: Yellow
Favorite Movie: Eloise at the Plaza
Favorite Food & Drink: Grilled Cheese & Sweet Tea
Favorite Event/Trip: Mission Trips! Guatemala & ATL have my heart!
Favorite Bible Verse: Luke 22:42



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CORE VALUES AND EXPECTATIONS

1 **CrossPoint parents will take the primary responsibility for discipleship of students (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:1-4).**

The primary minister in a young person's life is his/her parents. While it is true that student ministry is important, its role is not to assume the responsibility God has entrusted to the parents. Therefore, the staff of the student ministry will seek to partner with parents to support them in accomplishing the task God has given them. We will not usurp the parents' role, but come along side to support, encourage, and love them in this process.

2 **The Word of God will be the foundation of all that we do (2 Timothy 4:1-2; James 1:22-24; Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; John 17:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:12).**

The Holy Spirit uses the Bible to transform lives. Without the centrality of scripture, ministry loses its focus and, as a result, opportunities for

lasting spiritual impact are diminished or lost. Therefore, from start to finish, Scripture will remain foundational and permeate all that we do. We will focus our effort and energy in helping students see and embrace the truth of God in His Word.

3 **The Gospel of Christ is the primary message (John 14:1-6; Acts 4:12).**

Games, events, and craziness of all kinds is great, but only when they work to accomplish the ultimate goal - *reaching just 1 more student for the glory of God*. For this reason, all that we do will be designed with salvation and Christ-likeness in mind. Our goal is not to entertain our young people or have the coolest, most cutting edge ministry in town, but to remain true to the gospel, trusting that God can and will change lives. We will do this by never assuming that our young people already have a sufficient understanding of the gospel and never exhorting the students to obey God's word apart from the gospel.

4 **CrossPoint is the body of Christ and our student ministry will learn and submit to the overall purpose of the church (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:1-16; Colossians 3:15; Titus 2:6-8; 1 Peter 5:15).**

The student ministry is not a separate church. Student ministry exists under the umbrella of Christ as the head of the Church, and the pastor who shepherds the church. Accordingly, we will teach our students what the Bible says about their responsibility to the church as a whole and encourage them to be involved in everything. We will take this involvement and identity with us as we declare "We Are CrossPoint" in all we say and do.

5 **Every student will be encouraged to pursue accountability relationships where they can learn and grow with other believers (Luke 6:12-13; Matthew 18:15-20; Philippians 3:17; Hebrews 3:13).**

There shouldn't be any "lone ranger" Christians. The Christian life is not to be lived in isolation. God has

given believers the Body of Christ as a support system. For this reason we seek to connect our students to mature believers for the purpose of discipleship and accountability. This will be achieved by a weekly pursuit of developing a healthy community within the student ministry body.

6 **We will speak the truth in love while being patient with all believers in the process of spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 3:5-8; Ephesians 5:17-24; Philippians 2:12-13; Romans 6:4; 2 Timothy 4:2).**

There are differences between justification, sanctification and glorification. In justification God declares sinners righteous by crediting them with the perfect righteousness of Christ. This free gift is received by grace alone, in faith alone, by Christ alone. Sanctification is the process by which the Holy Spirit of God works godliness into the hearts and lives of believers. Glorification comes when we see Jesus face to face and are transformed into His very image. Whereas justification and glorification are instantaneous, sanctification is an on-going process that will never be fully

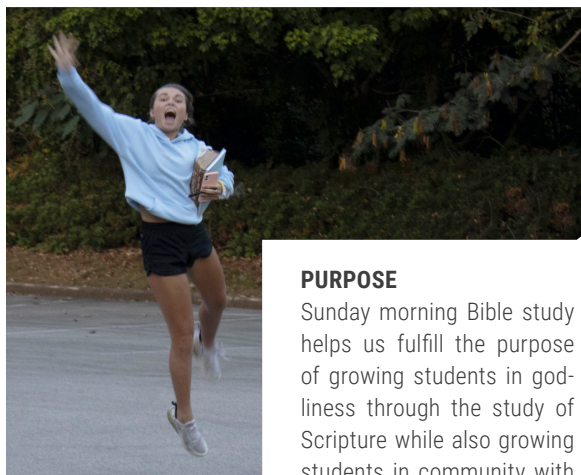
completed or fully realized in this life. As with all of us, no student will ever be without sin on this earth. Therefore, we will seek to be patient with all students in the process of spiritual growth, believing that "He who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6 - paraphrased). In this process, we encourage all of our Bible study leaders and adult servants to do the same.

7 **There will be no semblance of favoritism within the ministry because all students matter to God (Psalm 139:13-16; Luke 15; Luke 19:10; Romans 5:8; 1 Timothy 1:15-17; James 2:1-5; 2 Peter 3:9).**

Each student is fearfully and wonderfully made and unique in God's eyes. Regardless of dress, lifestyle, or personal background, God loves each student equally. Therefore, we will seek to demonstrate that same love through fairness and impartiality. We will encourage each student to interact freely and openly with each other, while discouraging "cliques" of any kind. We will remain equally accessible to everyone.

"WE ARE CROSSPOINT"
IN ALL WE SAY
AND DO.

SUNDAY MORNINGS



PURPOSE

Sunday morning Bible study helps us fulfill the purpose of growing students in godliness through the study of Scripture while also growing students in community with

BIBLE STUDY HOURS

9:15AM - MIDDLE SCHOOL

10:45AM - HIGH SCHOOL

their leaders and peers. Sunday morning Bible study provides accountability and encouragement for students to continue becoming the men and women God has called them to be.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

Our leaders have been through membership class, actively participate in kingdom work at CrossPoint, and are trained quarterly. Additionally, each leader is

required to complete an online child protection seminar. We understand that not all leaders are gifted to teach, therefore, some of our leaders serve in other areas such as outreach and fellowship.

CURRICULUM

This year, we will have a hybrid schedule for our curriculum. Our main curriculum is called The Life: Embracing the Life of a Christ Follower and is published by YM360. The Life is a biblically-based study to equip students to know exactly what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how to follow him in everyday life.

Several Sundays throughout the year, our students will spend time studying what we call a Central Focus. We have identified specific, overarching themes for each grade that we believe will address the greatest need for them in that specific stage of life. The goal of this is to equip our students with the building blocks of faith, so that when they leave

our student ministry, they leave with a strong biblical foundation for what they believe, why they believe it, and how to live it out. We pray this will prepare them to stand

firm on the truth of the gospel when they go out into the world. Here is the specific focal point for each grade.

Grade 6: IDENTITY

Primary focus will be on the origin and goal of life with God and learning and developing a biblical worldview.

Grade 7: RELATIONSHIPS

Primary focus will be developing and maintaining healthy relationships with God, family, friends, and community. We will also discuss dating and purity.

Grade 8: CHARACTER

Primary focus will be an in depth look at the life, mission and character of Jesus Christ. Students will learn about the value of integrity and be challenged to learn how to navigate tough decisions in life.

Grade 9: PURPOSE

Primary focus will be to remind students of their purpose as children of God. We will look at what spiritual gifts are and how we receive and develop them. We will help them see how they can use their gifts inside and outside the church. Dating

and purity will be revisited.

Grade 10: SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Primary focus is to take this group to a new level of devotion and surrender to God. We want to help them learn how to follow Jesus' example of loving the Lord and love their Neighbor through ministry and missions.

Grade 11: ABSOLUTE TRUTH

Primary focus this year is to deepen our students' views on biblical authority, biblical truth, and theology. We will help them see that their view about God informs their view about themselves and the world.

Grade 12: INFLUENCE

Primary focus this year will be to prepare students to move into the world and become a more independent Christian by engaging culture, apologetics, ethics, and missional-living. The question we will pose: How do you want your life to influence others?



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Fall Series "Strangers in a Strange Land"*Aug 21 - Nov 13*

Exodus

11 weeks with Intro

Worship at the Hinds'*Nov 20*

Outside

6-9pm

Christmas Worship*Dec 4***Christmas Extravaganza***Dec 11***No Services***Nov 27**Dec 18 - Jan 1***Missions Worship***Jan 8***Winter Retreat Hype Night***Jan 15***Winter Mini Series "D.T.R."***Jan 22 - Feb 12*

4 weeks

Spring Series "Waiting in the Wilderness"*Feb 19 - Apr 9*

Exodus

6 weeks

Spring Student CPU*Apr 16 - May 21*

7 weeks with orientation

Big Summer Blowout*June 4*

5-9pm



TRIPS AND EVENTS

Over the next several pages, we will detail the information about all the upcoming local trips and events available to CrossPoint Students for the 2024-2025 year. Please feel free to contact our staff if you have any questions. We are excited about all the opportunities to fellowship together and reach *Just1More*.

FUN DAYS

The student ministry sets aside time throughout the year to build community with our students by participating in some type of fun activity. In the past, these activities have included hiking, rock climbing, bowling, ice skating, and paintball. However, these fun days are not limited to just these activities. This year, we have a middle school fun day and high school fun day planned for our students.

Bowling at Spare Time

October 12th (morning)
6th-8th grade
\$ TBD

Thrift Store Fashion Challenge

October 12th
9th-12th grade
\$ TBD

Photo from Fun Day 2023



WORSHIP AT THE HINDS'

November 20th

Sometimes it's good to have a change of scenery and experience something different. Each year, we go off campus, expand our service, throw in some food, and a fun surprise. This year we will return to the Hinds' house. Stay tuned to social media and Student Connection email for more information!

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

December 11

Christmas extravaganza is exactly what it sounds like. This is our annual, elaborate and spectacular Christmas party with our students! This night will be filled with fun, food, games, gifts, and so much more!

Photo from Christmas Extravaganza 2023



January 17-20

\$200 first child/\$170 second child+

6th-12th grade

Registration opens October 2nd

WINTER RETREAT



Winter Retreat is one of the most anticipated trips of the year for our entire student ministry. This four day holiday weekend is a great chance for us to head to Laguna Beach Christian Retreat and spend time diving deeper into God's Word. The primary purpose of the weekend is to have fun, worship, go deeper in the Word, and grow in fellowship and community with one another.

The Scripture is filled with quotes, comments, prayers, and commands that teach us the great value in remembering what God has said to us and what God has done for us. The author of Hebrews is telling us that remembering is the very thing that keeps us from drifting away in the faith.

We serve an ancient and timeless God in a temporary time and space. The only way that God's children today can know and worship Him is to remember the things he did in generations past that have implications in the present. Remembering invites us to worship in every moment. Remembering God's work is the seed from which we grow. We remember the person and work of Christ in order to love him more and become more like him now.

Photos from Winter Retreat 2024

This year's theme is:
"Remember"

"We must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it."
- Hebrews 2:1



ONE WKND

“ONE WKND,” formerly known as “Disciple Now Weekend,” is a new spin on a familiar event. ONE WKND is a two night/three day event for 6th through 12th grade students. ONE WKND will consist of the following elements:

**February 14-16
\$55 per child
6th-12th Grade
Registration opens
October 2nd**



All students worship together once Friday night, and two times on Saturday. All students will participate in Bible Study groups separated by age and gender led by trained and trusted college students who love the Lord. All students will engage in missions and/or community building exercises during the weekend. At night, after worship, high schoolers will go back to pre-selected host homes and middle schoolers will remain at church together to participate in Bible Study and enjoy a fun late night event Friday and Saturday night. Middle schoolers will then be dismissed to go home and return back to CrossPoint the following morning. This weekend is an awesome opportunity for students to grow closer to one another in Christ-centered community, and grow individually as followers of Christ.

Photos from DNow 2024



SENIOR TRIP

May 29 - May 31
\$100 per child
12th Grade Only

This trip is specifically designed to spend some quality time with our seniors after they graduate and before they head off to college. We take our seniors on a trip away from home where we hang out, eat a lot of good food, and talk about their futures. We will relax, laugh, share memories, make new memories, and grow together in the Lord.



Photos from Senior Trip 2024



June 4th BIG SUMMER BLOWOUT



As we get ready to kick off the summer, we want to get together with all of our students and challenge them to make the most of their summer. We will worship together, walk through scripture, enjoy a great meal, and have fun!



FUGE CAMP

Since, 1979, Lifeway has provided a camp atmosphere for students to blend together with many churches and experience an environment of Gospel-centered growth and excitement.

Our students will be placed in Bible studies with other students from various churches. These studies will be led by Lifeway trained college students. We will get to worship together as a church and share time each night recapping what we have learned.

Fuge offers a variety of tracks each afternoon. These times provide students an opportunity to play a sport, learn a craft, engage in a Bible study, sing, play various instruments, and have other exciting opportunities to grow.

For more information visit
www.fugecamps.com



June 9 - 13

\$380 first child / \$340 second child / \$280 third child+

7th-12th grade

Mississippi College

Registration opens December 4th

Photos from Fuge 2024



MISSIONS

Over the next couple of pages, we will detail the information about all the upcoming mission trips available to CrossPoint Students for the 2024-2025 year. Please feel free to contact our staff if you have any questions. We are blessed with some amazing opportunities to spread the word of God, and reach *Just1More* for Christ.

MISSION: GUATEMALA

March 22-28
\$1,500 estimated
\$200 deposit required
10th-12th grade
(20 spots available)



CrossPoint Students partners with two ministries in Guatemala: Casa Gloria and AVIS Living to Serve. Casa Gloria is a Christ-centered, government-accredited children's home in the poorest department in Guatemala. Casa Gloria is home and family to children and babies who have been orphaned, abandoned, or abused. AVIS Living to Serve is a Christ-centered ministry focused on sharing the love of Christ through educational and health programs in rural villages.



Their educational program works to establish and strengthen schools in these rural villages. Their health programs include installing stoves and water filtration systems as well as providing health and wellness checks and surgeries for cleft palate children.

In addition to receiving funding from the Mission Stream, students can participate in two fundraising opportunities: a Boston Butt sale and support letters.



CrossPoint Students is partnering with the North American Mission Board to serve with a local church in Puerto Rico. We will be able to offer encouragement to them by meeting needs and supporting their work. This is a great opportunity for students looking to go on their first international mission trip.

In addition to receiving funding from the Mission Stream, students can participate in two fundraising opportunities: a Boston Butt sale and support letters.



MISSION: PUERTO RICO

March 22-28
\$1,500 estimated
\$200 deposit required
9th-12th grade
(30 spots available)

Photos from Guatemala 2024



MISSION DAY

June 25th

Mission day is a day set aside for our students to engage in meeting both the spiritual and physical needs of the people in our local community. Students will help minister to widows, the homeless, foster children, trafficked women, people recovering from addiction, and so many others in and around the church.

MISSION: ATLANTA

2nd or 3rd week of July
\$200 first child/\$150 second child+
6th-12th grade (40 spots available)
Application Opens February 26th

CrossPoint Students will be returning to Atlanta, Georgia where we will work alongside our mission partner, Dustin Lee, and City View Church. Our goal is to help multiply disciples from their neighbors to the nations for the glory of God.

While on this trip, students will have the opportunity to prayer walk, assist in kids camp, complete service projects, share the gospel, and more. We will also have lots of fun while we are in Atlanta! To learn more about City View, visit <https://cityviewatl.com/about/>.

MISSION: HUNTSVILLE

2nd or 3rd week of July
\$200 first child/\$150 second child+
6th-12th grade (25 spots available)
Application Opens February 26th

CrossPoint Students will be taking a trip to Huntsville, Alabama where we will work alongside our mission partner, Joshua Evans, and Grace Community Church. Our goal is to help multiply disciples from their neighbors to the nation for the glory of God.

While on this trip, students will have the opportunity to assist at VBS as well as help with community outreach. We will also have lots of fun while we are in Huntsville! To Learn more about Grace Community Church, visit <https://www.gcgurley.org/about>.



Photos from
Atlanta 2024



QR CODES FOR MISSION TRIPS



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR
GUATEMALA AND PUERTO RICO INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR
ATLANTA AND HUNTSVILLE LOCAL MISSION TRIPS



Trail Life is a Christ-centered character, leadership, and outdoor adventure ministry of Crosspoint, for families with young men ages 5 - 18. Our desire is to get fathers and sons unplugged, outdoors and serving God side by side.

Dad, this is your opportunity to disciple your son, for you both to experience the outdoors, hone your leadership skills & grow closer to God, alongside other brothers in Christ.

Whether you like camping, cars, sports, fishing, hiking, animals, history, swimming, science, or boating, you and your son are both gonna love Trail Life!!

Walk Worthy!! "...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" Colossians 1:10 ESV

For more information about Trail Life contact Caleb Davis.
jdld05@charter.net

or visit **<https://www.crosspointchurch.info/rec/>**

Scroll down to the menu, under the header, right beneath our Minister of Recreation's name (Corey Sizemore), and you will find the last menu item is Trail Life.



Mission Statement: "Connecting the church and home to create fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

CrossPoint Family Ministry partners with CrossPoint Students to help you as you lead your children in their walk with the Lord. We offer:

- Family resources, located on our website and in the church foyer
- Wednesday night classes for parents
- Family ministry opportunities, including mission trips and serving opportunities
- Special events
- Individual parent help

For more information visit our website:
www.crosspointchurch.info/family-ministry-2/

Follow us on Instagram: @crosspointfamilyministry

Follow us on Facebook: CrossPoint Family Ministry

REGISTRATION

All registration will now take place through your Realm account. If you have any questions, please email Jacey Grace Clark at jclark@crosspointchurch.info

PAYMENT

Realm - You can make payments for trips through your Realm account by going to the "Events" tab and clicking "Make a payment".

In Person - Parents can come by the church office Monday through Friday and make payments to Sharon Tapscott. Email ahead of time to set up a time to come by. She can be reached at stapscott@crosspointchurch.info

FINANCIAL AID

Payment Plans: We understand that student ministry trips and events can be expensive, especially if you have multiple children who wish to participate in multiple trips and events.

Our desire is to limit, as much as possible, the role of finances when it comes to the decision-making process. As a result, you can set up payment plans for any trip or event where you are able to pay on your trip balance over time. These plans must be set up through Sharon Tapscott. She can be reached at stapscott@crosspointchurch.info.

Multi-Child Discounts: You will only pay the full price for one child for any CrossPoint Students trip. The discount varies from trip to trip so be sure to ask us about this!

Scholarships: CrossPoint is a very generous church. As a result, scholarships are available for most student trips. If you are in need of a scholarship for a student trip, please email a member of the student staff and we will be glad to help you.

SAVED TO SERVE - STUDENTS

Picture & Videos Team:

There are two areas to serve on this team. One area will help take pictures on Wednesday nights and during trips/events. The other area will help brainstorm and create videos for our social media pages and events. Contact **Jacey Grace Clark** with any questions.

Preschool Ministry:

Some tasks may include helping kids during activities and lessons, playing with preschoolers, helping with media, and any other task given by adult leaders. This is a once a month commitment for classes 2K and up. Contact **Taylor Earley** (tearley@crosspointchurch.info) for more information.

Sunday Morning Orchestra:

Serving on this team you will commit to playing an instrument in the main worship center on Sunday mornings. For more information about serving in this area, contact **Bryan Haskins** (bhaskins@crosspointchurch.info).

Greet Team:

Servants on this team commit to greet regular attenders and guests on Wednesday nights. They also commit to helping guests connect with other students. Any student can serve on this team. Contact **Preston Smith** with any questions.

Worship Team:

The student ministry worship team is comprised of

students in grades 7-12. They meet week to week on Sunday afternoons to rehearse new music. Some students play instruments such as piano, drums, Cajon, and guitar while others sing. They meet to practice and perform, but this is not the ultimate goal. The goal is to use the gifts and talents the Lord has given them to point to Christ and lead other believers in worship. Every student involved is a member and faithful attender of CrossPoint as well as a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Contact **Austin Sandford** with any questions.

Wednesday Set-Up Team:

Servants on this team will be responsible for organizing

and setting up the Student Worship Room for worship on Wednesday nights. They will also aid the student ministry with other needed tasks. This is available to students in 8th-12th grade.

Tech Team:

This team runs the computer, lights, and soundboard at 10:45am on Sundays, Wednesday night services, and special events. Students are trained on all of the equipment and are led by adult volunteers. This is a great way for students to serve the student ministry. Any high school student can serve on this team. Contact **Austin Sandford** for more information.

help on various day trips or special events. This includes fundays, ONEWKND, special worship nights, etc. Responsibilities will vary depending on the event. Contact **Daniel** for more information. These areas may include, but are not limited to:

ONE WKND Host Home-

Part of our ONE WKND is having high school students stay at host homes for their grade and gender. Each year we need families to open their homes to these students for Friday and Saturday night. This is a fun opportunity to serve and use your home as a ministry tool. Homes are responsible for getting their students to and from the house and the church (help can be provided, if needed). Homes are also responsible for breakfast and lunch on Saturday!

SAVED TO SERVE - ADULTS

Bible Study Leader:

We strive to keep at least three servants for each class. One servant will be in charge of teaching and delegating most Sundays. A second servant will plan and facilitate events that the Bible study groups will participate in, such as service projects and fun activities. The third servant will lead the outreach/care team, making sure encouraging notes are sent to students and guests when needed. This will be a weekly commitment. Contact **Preston Smith** for more information.

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Pictures Team:

Servants on this team will help take pictures for events. This will be an as needed basis. For more information, contact **Jacey Grace Clark**.

Worship Team:

This team is comprised of both students and adults committed to using their gifts and talents to facilitate

live worship on Wednesday nights. Auditions are required to be a part of this team. Due to the growing number of students interested in this team, adult spots are limited. Contact **Austin Sandford** for more information.

Student Shop:

Servants will commit to aid in the organization and running of our student store. There are multiple ways to serve in this area. For more information, contact **Abi Ebeyer**.

Trip Chaperone:

Servants in this position are willing to accompany us on weeklong or weekend trips. Responsibilities vary each trip. This is one of our most vital servant roles. Contact **Daniel Brown** for more information.

Tech Team:

This team runs the computer, lights, and soundboard at 10:45am on Sundays, Wednesday night services, and special events. Students are trained on all of the equipment and are led by adult volunteers. This is a great way for students to serve the student ministry. Any high school student can serve on this team. Contact **Austin Sandford** for more information.

Big Breakfast Team:

This team is made up of servants who are willing to aid in the scheduling, communication, and set up of big breakfast for the students as needed. Contact **Abi Ebeyer** for more information.

Event Help:

This area of service is for adults who are willing to

Drivers-

For many of our trips or day events, we use the church buses or vans. We need volunteers who are willing to drive students either in the bus or in their own vehicle.

Cook Team Member-

On our Winter Retreat and Mission Trip we take our own CrossPoint Cook Team. This team prepares all of the meals for the students during the trip. This is a great opportunity to serve if you enjoy cooking and hanging out with our students. Contact **Daniel** for more information.

***These are some examples of Event Help, not an exhaustive list. Please feel free to contact us in regards to how you would like to serve in the Student Ministry.

Save to Serve - Adult Interest Form



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA TO FILL OUT A FORM IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A CHAPERONE OR DRIVER.

General:

Adults involved in CrossPoint Church Student Ministry activities must assume the full burden for setting and maintaining clear and appropriate physical and emotional boundaries in all Student Ministry relationships.

Two Adult Rule:

Two or more adults are to be present during any CrossPoint Student Ministry activity. If one-on-one interactions between adults and students are unavoidable or absolutely necessary, the interaction should occur in an area that is visible to others and with the knowledge of another adult. No adults or college leaders will have the sole responsibility for, or be alone with, any student. Where application of this rule is not possible or practical (e.g. emergencies) a "roaming adult" should be utilized. Student Ministry activities that cannot meet requirements of the two-adult rule will be canceled.

Proportional Adult Coverage and Supervision:

It is recommended that there be a minimum of 1 adult per 6-7 students for high school level activities, 1 adult per 5-6 students for middle school age activities. Per the two-adult rule, no activity will have less than two adults, preferably one male and one female if mixed gender students are participating.

Off-Site Activities:

It is preferable that one or more of the accompanying adults be parents/guardians of participants for Student Ministry trips.

Transportation

All students must ride in vehicles driven by authorized adults which must:

- Be at least 25 years old (or have written permission from parents for anyone younger than this age).
- Have a valid Alabama driver's license, qualified for the vehicle being operated.
- Must be under the church insurance if driving a church vehicle.
- Have proof of personal driving insurance.
- Never be alone in a vehicle with a student other than his/her own child. Therefore, no fewer than three persons, one of them an adult, should occupy a vehicle traveling to/from an activity.
- Ensure vehicles are not filled beyond capacity for their use that seat belts are always secured and that occupants behave.
- Must understand emergency contact procedures and maintain contact with the person in charge (e.g. cell phone).

Exceptional Situations

- Only under the rarest and most unusual circumstances should an adult be alone in a car, room or other accommodation with a student. This might include a case where a student is ill or in a genuine medical emergency. In this case, the adult should make every effort to enlist the help of another student or adult to be present and assist. Note however, the welfare of the student takes precedence and whatever action is necessary and appropriate must be taken.
- If there is a unique need for an adult to talk with a student in private, the adult should choose a quiet place that is in plain, public view. Examples of this may include open areas around the church (courtyards or hotel lobbies if on a trip), short walks down a sidewalk, a restaurant or other location where people are present in the area.
- Adults need to acknowledge that there is potential for sexual abuse and/or harassment by outside parties and must take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

Positive Discipline

Adults will employ only positive methods of discipline and guidance that encourages, builds self-esteem, self-control and self-direction. Examples of positive discipline include:

- Using praise and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only upon unacceptable behavior
- Reminding students of behavior expectations by using clear and positive statements
- Redirecting behavior using positive statements
- Using brief supervised separation or time out from the group, when appropriate for the student's age and development. If a student is deemed to be out of control or unapologetically disrespectful, a parent or legal guardian will be notified. Harsh, cruel or unusual treatment under the guise of discipline is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Screening

- Each adult servant is required to complete an application process which includes a personal interview and a criminal background check.
- Each adult servant is required to complete Ministry Safe, a Sexual Abuse Awareness Training program. This Training equips staff members and volunteers with a better understanding of abuser characteristics, the abuser's grooming process and common grooming behaviors. Awareness Training equips ministry workers with 'eyes to see' such that they might recognize abuser characteristics and behaviors.
- Each adult servant must be a member of CrossPoint Church. Each Bible study leader will be trained annually by the student staff.

These policies are applicable to all individuals having direct contact with the students of CrossPoint Church, including but not limited to, pastors, staff, teachers, servants, chaperones, and drivers.



POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Forms/Releases

- Medical Forms, Insurance Forms, Parental Consent/Permission Slips, Waivers & Releases, will be filed, maintained and secured in the church office.

Injury & First Aid

- We can ONLY administer band-aids and ice packs, and over the counter medication. We will consult with a parent for any further needs. We aim to have a nurse attend each trip or event.
- If a student participant is injured while under our supervision, the adult servant in charge will immediately notify the student staff. The staff then will be responsible for notifying the student's parents. All injuries must be reported no matter how insignificant or minor they may seem.

Overnight Events

- Care must be taken to ensure that there is a clean, safe environment provided for sleeping, showering, bathing, dressing and all other aspects of being away for a period of time. Adults must always respect the privacy of students and each other. Likewise students must respect the privacy of adults and each other.
- When the Student Ministry includes both males and females, and stays overnight, both male and female adults must be present (This also applies to overnight stays at CrossPoint Church).
- Only CrossPoint students and adults participating in the trip are allowed to stay in the same rooms unless the trip is geared toward multi-church collaboration.
- Sleeping areas and access to bathroom facilities should be segregated between males and females. Every sleeping unit (hotel room, dorm room, cabin, tent, etc) should have either adults of the same gender as the youth, or no adults assigned to it. In the rarest of cases when only one adult is available, the sleeping unit must have at least two students of the same gender as the adult. Adults are not allowed to share a bed with a student unless it is their own child. If absolutely necessary, beds may be shared by students of the same gender. If separate bathroom facilities are not available, times for male and female and students/adults use should be scheduled and posted prominently.
- When one room is used for sleeping, students and adults of the opposite gender will sleep an appropriate distance apart as determined by the adult in charge.
- Both students and adults shall wear appropriate sleeping apparel.
- In booking hotel rooms, reservations should be made, if possible, with all rooms on the same floor or location in the hotel. Adjacent rooms allow for enhanced supervision/safety.
- No students should be allowed to leave the premises without authorized and appropriate adult supervision.
- Curfews must be established and adhered to by all participants. The curfews are set within the schedule provided for the particular trip or event.

Counseling

Bear in mind, Student Ministry staff are not professional counselors. Consequently, this occasionally poses a significant boundary issue when working with students. As they begin to trust the Student Ministry staff, they will begin to confide in them. Problems arise when a student confides in a volunteer, expecting them to maintain confidentiality. Unfortunately, not all counseling issues can remain confidential. Student ministry servants are required to report immediately to the student staff if...

- A young person is being abused sexually
- A young person is threatening to hurt him/herself (suicide, cutting, etc)
- A young person is threatening to hurt someone else (homicide, revenge, etc)
- A young person reveals a personal crisis/endangerment (pregnancy, drug abuse addictions, criminal activity, etc)

If any of these situations arise, the student staff will take the appropriate course of action, including the consulting of authorities and/or parents or pursuing professional counseling options. The student staff is available to give counsel and guidance on any issues or concerns that arise. Because we are dealing with minors, we will use the utmost discretion as to who to involve in various issues. We desire to build trust with our young people, but not to the extent of keeping parents excluded from their child's life. Counseling appointments with student staff will not exceed past three meetings. If a fourth meeting is needed, a professional counselor will be recommended.

Inappropriate Displays of Affection

- Any form of sexual contact or contact perceived as stimulating
- Intimate kissing
- Initiating full frontal hugs or "bear hugs"
- Massages
- Lying down or sleeping beside students
- Tickling or wrestling
- Touching or hugging from behind
- Showing affection in isolated/inappropriate areas such as bedrooms, closets, restricted or private rooms
- Comments that relate to physique or body development
- Patting on the thigh, knee or leg
- Inappropriate or lengthy embraces
- Piggyback rides

Appropriate Displays of Affection

Use of appropriate physical contact in a public setting to show support, encouragement and healthy affection toward students who are receptive to this form of emotional expression is acceptable. However, adults must exercise good judgement and never force any physical contact on any students. Examples of appropriate displays of affection may include:

- Holding hands during prayers
- Side-hugs
- Hand-shakes
- High-fives, hand slaps and fist bumps
- Verbal praise
- Arms around shoulders
- Pats on the shoulder/upper back

Reporting

- Any person, adult or student, must be ready to safeguard and protect the trust and safety of children and students.
- Anyone who has "reason to believe" or evidence that a child/student is a victim of abuse or neglect has a duty to report. This duty to report is not limited to events or activities at CrossPoint Church or under our supervision. A failure to report can be considered a criminal offense and potentially subject to civil liability.
- CrossPoint Church understands that appropriate government agencies must respond and investigate reports of abuse/neglect of a child/student to the Alabama Department of Human Resources. CrossPoint Church will at all times fully cooperate with such governmental agencies, and in no way attempt to interfere in or obstruct such agencies or their investigations.
- If anyone is unsure whether an incident or condition should be reported, they should feel free to discuss the circumstances with the Minister of Students or the Executive Pastor. Additionally, CrossPoint Church asks that if an incident or condition is reported to the Alabama Department of Human Resources that the Minister of Students and the Executive Pastor be notified of the situation.

DRESS CODE

At CrossPoint, we are all part of an environment where we are trying to remove distractions so that we can concentrate on bringing God the glory. We do not want any student or adult to distract others by the way they dress or to be distracted by the way others dress. Should you choose to draw attention to yourself by dressing inappropriately, **you will be asked to change your clothes.**

Clothes should represent who we are as Christian students and adults. (Please note: This dress code applies mainly to our students who are church members and those that attend often. We want them to set the example. However, we will be sensitive to guests and will address dress code violations with more grace.) If a violation is made with the dress code by any student, grace will be ministered. Adults of the same gender will make the call and approach the student.

- Any clothing or accessory that is deemed inappropriate by a staff member or ministry leader is prohibited.
 - Students are to wear clothing in the manner for which it is designed.
 - Suspenders/braces shall be fastened and belts buckled. Pants must be worn at the waist.
 - Sun dresses and backless dresses or tops should be worn with a jacket or appropriate covering. (Jackets or covering may not be sheer or mesh).
 - Cutoff tops, tank tops, and mesh tops can be worn if a t-shirt with sleeves is worn underneath or another shirt is worn over the top. (Cover shirt or undershirt may not be sheer or mesh).
 - Students must wear proper undergarments.
 - Halter tops, tube tops, and midriff tops are not allowed. Midriffs and sides must be covered while standing or seated.
 - Anything suggestive of wine, beer, whiskey, tobacco, vulgarities and violence, are drug-related, or are demeaning to other persons may not be worn.
 - All clothing must be clean and have no holes above the knee that reveal skin or underclothes.
 - Sweatpants and jogging pants are allowed as long as they are properly fitted.
 - Skirts and shorts must not be shorter than four inches above the knee in front and back.
 - Yoga pants and similar tight fitting pants must be worn with a shirt or dress that also meets the dress code length.
 - Clothing shall not be so tight, so loose or so low cut as to be overly revealing while standing or sitting.
 - Shirts should be long enough so as not to ride up in the front or back while seated to reveal midriff area or underclothes.
 - Girl Swimsuit rules: If you have a Bikini, please cover with a dark t-shirt. If you have a one piece swimsuit that is low cut and is revealing cleavage, wear a dark t-shirt. Tankinis are allowed, but remember the no bare midriffs rule above.
- Guys swimsuit rules: Must be appropriate length. No jean cutoff shorts for swimming. No Speedo bottoms.

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STUDENT CONNECTION

This email is used to give you information about our upcoming trips and events, Wednesday night series, and resources for you as a parent. Once your child enters the Student Ministry, you should be automatically added to our email list. If you have not been receiving the Student Connect Email, please let Daniel Brown know so we can keep you filled in on what's happening in the Student Ministry.

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www.crosspointchurch.info/students

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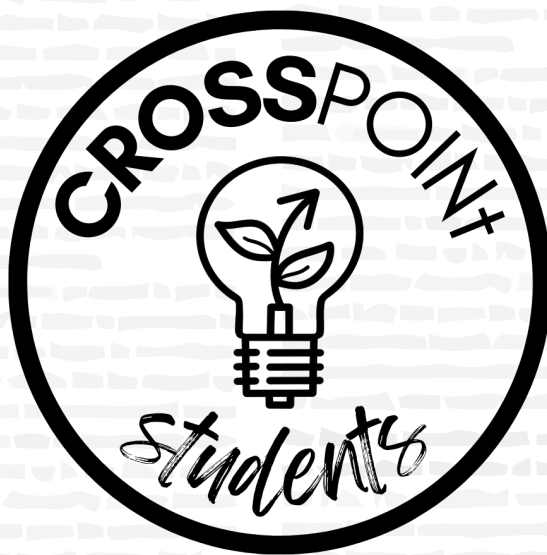
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