



FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministry

Policies and Procedures 2017-2018

Our Mission

FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministries exists to inspire and challenge youth to know the God that loves them, equip them to grow into the image of Christ through consistent prayer, worship and bible study, train them to love and serve their neighbors and use their gifts and calling in the larger community at FUMC.

Our Strategy

We accomplish our mission by creating environments conducive to faith development through weekly youth groups, Sunday School and Disciple Bible Study, and providing opportunities for our youth to grow in their love of God and their community through regular service opportunities, annual mission trips and fellowship.

What We're For (Values)

1. Christ likeness: Seeing transformation happen in the lives of our youth.
2. The Bible: Placing the highest value on the Scriptures and seeking to live out what they direct us to do.
3. Inclusive Community: Welcoming and loving people just as they are.
4. Relationships: Fostering relationships with God, in our youth family and across generations and cultures.
5. Respectfulness: Seeking to listen and learn from one another in order to have mutual affection.
6. Compassion: Providing opportunities to nurture and minister to others.
7. Fun: Being creative and fun.

General Philosophy

1. We support the parents/guardian's role as your teenager's primary spiritual authority.
2. We support each family as the priority in a teenager's life. FUMC Tullahoma Youth Ministry will be in partnership with each family.
3. We seek to be a holistic ministry. We will strive to meet physical, emotional, social, mental, and spiritual needs in every student.
4. We seek to include each student on trips and programs. A lack of finances will not be the sole factor in keeping any student from participating in any youth event. Financial arrangements can be made through the youth office at FUMC Tullahoma.

Guidelines for Behavior

1. Students and adults are expected to: Respect others. Listen carefully. Participate fully.
2. All conduct shall be in keeping with the highest Christian regard and respect for all persons.
3. All youth must adhere to the designated times and gathering spaces/be respectful of church and property.
4. All youth attending FUMC Tullahoma youth activities should be in 6-12th grade. In regards to parents deciding which summer programs/trips in which their child will participate, youth will remain in their classification (i.e. elementary / middle school / high school) until Promotion Sunday in late July, wherein they will move to their respective age group and can participate in their programs/trips.
5. Youth will be warned twice, then asked to leave if any leader feels they are being disruptive and parents will be notified.
6. All dress should be in good taste.
7. Alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco products are strictly prohibited for both youth and adults.
8. Youth will not be left unattended at the church. Please do not leave your teen here when no adult is present.
9. Youth staff will notify a parent/guardian of any accident involving your youth, no matter how small.
10. All adult leaders will fill out an application, be screened and interviewed, and will participate in on-going training throughout the year. The conduct guidelines apply to all adult volunteers, as well as all youth participants.
11. Positive attitudes and language is encouraged. Profanity and bullying others will not be tolerated.

Trip Registration Policy

1. You can register for any youth event by contacting the youth ministry office at FUMC Tullahoma.
2. Deadlines are just that. We need them to properly plan! Your child is NOT signed up for a trip until we receive a deposit AND completed registration form.

Trip Refund Policy

1. If you cancel before the registration deadline, you can get a refund.
2. If you cancel after the registration deadline and someone from the waiting list (if there is one) takes your spot, you can have a refund.
3. If you cancel after the registration deadline and no one takes your spot, we cannot refund your money.