

Glynwood Baptist Church

2019-2020

Parent Handbook

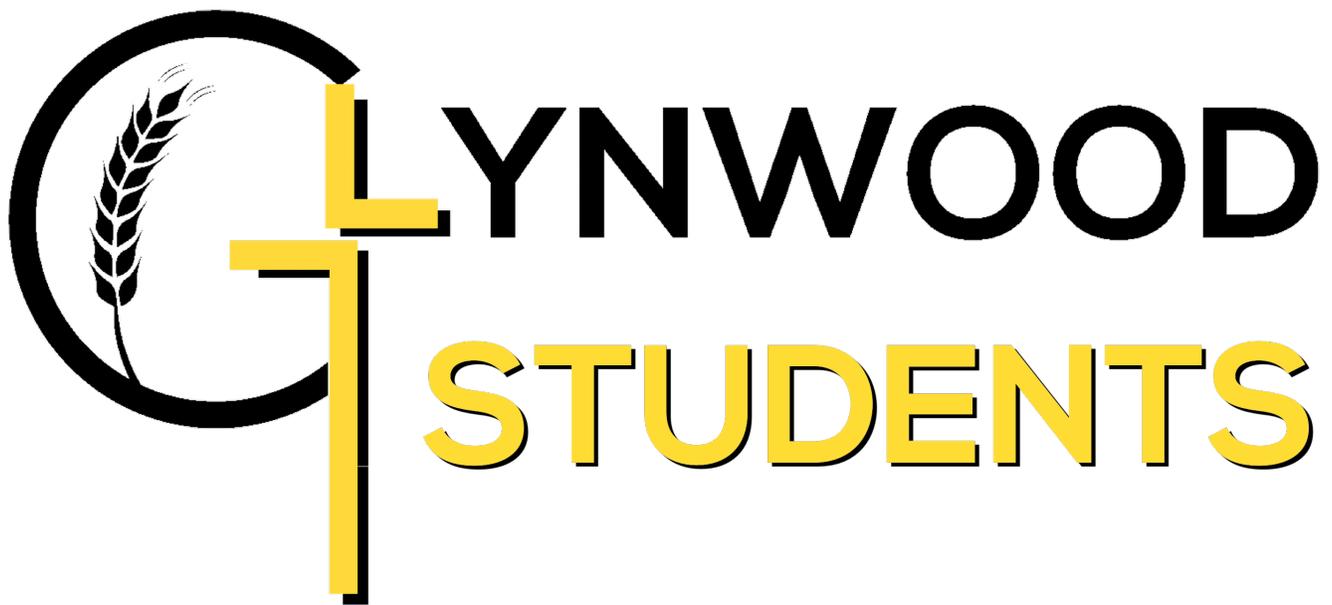


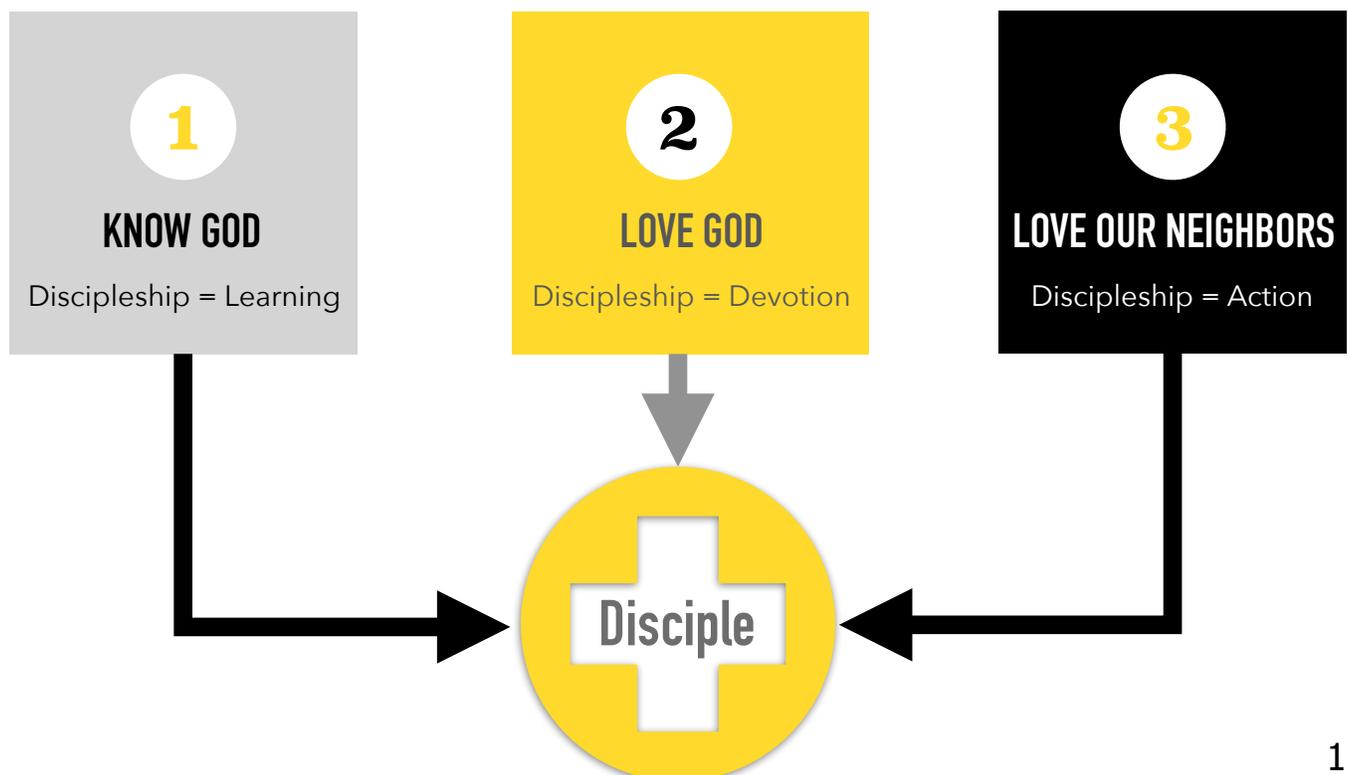
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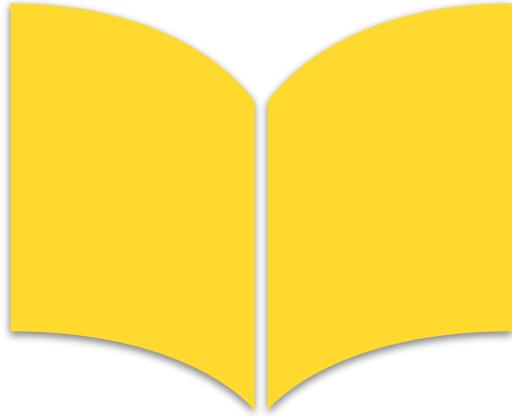
The Mission of Glynwood Baptist Church



Our church and the Glynwood Student Ministry believe that discipleship happens when we put our people in a position to Know God, Love God, and Love Our Neighbors. In the Student Ministry we are intentional about structuring our services and events around these three elements. In order to worship God rightly, we must know the truths the one true God has revealed in His Word (Mark 12:29). A relationship with God is more than simply knowing facts. Instead, the truths of Scripture should call us to awe and wonder, thanksgiving and praise, reverence and humility, and most of all love. We are called to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). When we love God, we obey Him (John 14:15) and love the things He loves. Just as God loves the world and all those in it (John 3:16), we are called to love all those around us, including our neighbors (Mark 12:31). We believe that when we emphasize these three elements, discipleship happens and we fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). Our goal as a church is to see you and all the students that come through our ministry become disciples of Jesus Christ who know Him, love Him, and love their neighbors.



How We Make the Mission a Reality

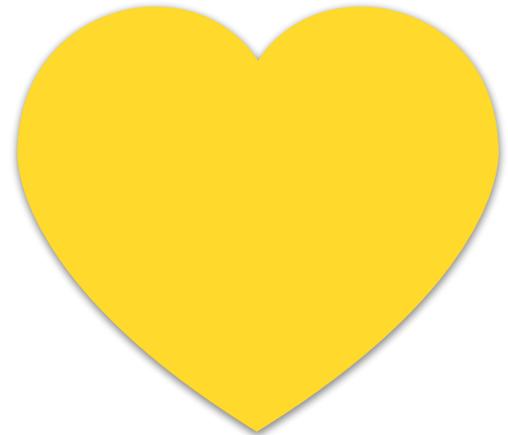


KNOW GOD

Sunday School
Bible Study Within Discipleship Groups
Discipleship Retreats and Camps

LOVE GOD

Sunday Night Student Worship
Accountability Within Discipleship Groups
Discipleship Retreats and Camps



LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Fellowships and House Parties
Missions Within Our Community
State Missions
National Missions
Foreign Missions



Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- **8:30 am - Corporate Worship Service**
- **9:45 am - Sunday School**
- **11:00 am - Corporate Worship Service**
- **5:00 pm - Student Worship**

Wednesday

- **6:30 pm - Student Discipleship Groups**

Expectations of Students

1. To respect both leaders and peers.
2. To arrive and depart according to the scheduled times that are given for church and other events.
3. Understand that aggressive contact will not be accepted because of the chance of injury to self or to others as well as damage to church property.
4. No fireworks, weapons, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs are allowed. Appropriate action will be taken if these are found in anyone's possession.
5. Youth are to avoid any inappropriate language, such as cursing, derogatory statements, inappropriate jokes, or statements that are inappropriate for mixed company.
6. Youth are to avoid any inappropriate contact. Translation: no public displays of affection. Embrace the side hug.
7. When traveling, couples must sit and stay in sight of a chaperone at all times.
8. Youth dress will be appropriate at all times. At no point should anyone be able to see another's undergarments at any of our events or services. Of note:
 - Avoid wearing tank tops or tight-fitting clothing. Please practice modesty.
 - Avoid leggings and yoga styled pants without a t-shirt that covers your bottom.

Consequences for Rules Violations

We will follow the Biblical code of **Matthew 18:15-17**.

First Offense: We will address it with the student first as a warning.

Second Offense: Cody will contact the parents to let them know what has happened.

Third Offense: Cody will schedule a meeting with the student, his or her parents, and the pastor to discuss a solution.

NOTE: If a student's behavior is unbecoming while the youth group is on a trip, a student may be sent home at the first offense at the parents' expense. This is to avoid a disturbance to the entire group during times for spiritual growth.

Registering and Paying for Events

PHYSICAL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Students can register on a physical form and turn money in with the registration form. We ask that physical payments and registrations are placed in a sealed envelope with the amount, the student's name, and what the payment is for written on the outside. If both a registration form and money are due, please include them together in the same envelope. These can be placed in the offering plate, or given directly to our Financial Ministry Assistant, Cody, or another trustworthy Leader.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Digital registration and payments can be made on the Student Ministry Webpage - <http://glynwoodbc.com/ministries/student-ministry>. Our webpage will contain any forms you will need as well as the option to pay through SecureGive. Instructions on how to do so are listed on the webpage.

MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS

An active Medical Release Form is needed anytime a student is with the Student Ministry at an event or trip and neither of the student's parents or guardians is attending. Upon registering for an event, please be sure to turn in a medical release form if you do not have one that is up to date. You can find copies of the Medical Release Forms in the Resource Wall, or you can download one online. Additionally, Medical Release Forms will be available at Parent Luncheons. We will require a new Medical Release Form for each student every 4 months. These will coincide with the Parent Luncheons. Please include any current illness, disabilities, physical challenges, prescription schedules, mental disorders, or dietary issues that could become an issues during a trip or event.

Safeguards for Students

Glynwood Baptist Church is dedicated to partnering parents in their role to make disciples of their students. Part of our commitment in this is making sure parents feel secure when entrusting their children to us. Parents have an open invitation to observe all programs and activities in which their student is involved. However, parents who desire to participate in or have continuous, ongoing contact with Student Ministry programs or overnight activities will be required to complete the Church's volunteer application and screening process. Additionally, we encourage all parents to look over our Student Ministry Policy and Procedures Handbook. We ask all of our Leaders and Volunteers to read and adhere to these policies and procedures to protect both our Students and our Volunteers and Leaders. Topics covered in the Student Ministry Policy and Procedures Handbook range from appropriate physical touch, social media policy, counseling with students, and traveling and overnight policies.

Parent Communication

1. **Availability:** There is an open door policy. Parents will be given Cody's office hours, email address and phone number. Cody is available to assist them and their children in any way possible. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the student pastor; he plans to arrive at scheduled events early and stay late to be able to speak with as many parents as possible.

2. **Regular Communication:** Our Student Ministry provides physical copies of the calendar on the resource wall, and loads the calendar on the student ministry website. In addition, we try to send out text reminders about all special events and upcoming deadlines via our Facebook group, Instagram, and our GroupMe group text. Additionally, we will begin sending out monthly emails to parents in the fall of 2019.

3. **Parent Luncheons:** Parent Luncheons are held for all Student Ministry Volunteers and parents of youth. Current status of the youth program, upcoming events and future direction for the ministry is discussed. Parents are given the opportunity to ask questions and offer input and/or insight to assist in the student ministry. These meetings typically include food and fellowship activities to enhance the working relationship between parents and student ministry volunteers.

STUDENT MINISTRY COMMUNICATION MEDIUM

Facebook Group: @GBCYouth

Instagram: @gbc_students

GroupMe: Glynwood Student Ministry Parents

Church Website: glynwoodbc.com

The Resource Wall

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Please schedule appointments during office hours