



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*of Lapeer, Michigan*

September 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

It is my privilege to be able to serve our church and community through First Baptist's youth ministry. My family and I are truly blessed to be part of FBCL, and we really enjoyed our first two years here. We are looking forward to continued growth, partnership, and fellowship with you and your students, even as we seek to improve in many ways. You and your children will notice some changes in our youth ministry; we trust these will help us be more biblically faithful as we seek to make disciples. Please feel free to come to any of our Wednesday night gatherings or even one of our special events.

The ultimate purpose of our youth ministry here at First Baptist is the same as the purpose of our entire church: to glorify God by making disciples of all nations through teaching, worship, evangelism, and fellowship. We seek to do this as we love the Lord and love others (Matt. 22:36-40).

To this end, the youth ministry will strive to influence youth for God's glory by seeking to nurture a growing intimacy with Christ, the loving service of others, and the faithful evangelization of the lost. These goals are based upon our four core values: (1) the **Word** of God, (2) Christian **growth**, (3) a **community** of brotherly love, and (4) **ministry** to others. We ask for your prayer and support in this endeavor, as we strive for discipleship within (not apart from) our church family.

With God's help, when we are together, we will model holiness, build relationships, teach Scripture, and worship God. On **Wednesdays**, we will gather from 6:45-8:15pm. Our plans include studying God's Word together, small-group discussion and prayer, corporate singing, and lots of fun! On **Sundays**, we meet from 9:45-10:45am to study God's Word together (sometimes combined with adult Sunday School classes) before joining the rest of our church for our morning worship service.

AWANA, our exciting ministry for children from 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, has begun for the year! They also gather from 6:30-8:15pm each Wednesday night. Please consider this valuable opportunity and resource as you seek to disciple your younger children. As with the youth, Bible-learning and God-loving is emphasized, and fun will be had. We hope to see you each Wednesday night!

COMMUNICATION: It is my desire to keep you well informed as to what we are studying and doing in youth ministry. To that end, I've given an information card to the teens and asked for them to provide contact information for themselves and their parents. I will do my best to keep our youth webpage updated, make announcement sheets available, and email you routinely. If you ever have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to help, please let me know. If you are interested in hosting a youth activity at your home, we would greatly appreciate it! Just contact me to express your interest.

Make sure to check out the back of this letter for upcoming events. Thank you for this opportunity!

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