

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Youth Group

RULES & DRESS CODE

The focus of our ministry here is to lovingly confront people with the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and this ministry has two biblical objectives:

1. *To tell people of their need to repent from sin, and be brought into right relationship with God through Jesus Christ the Savior.*
2. *To grow those disciples God has placed in our care to maturity, and service in the faith.*

All motives and activities of the New Testament church should seek to fulfill these 2 primary objectives. ***The church finds its very identity and reason for existing in the Lord Jesus Christ, and should therefore seek to reflect His ministry and character as much as possible.***

To help ensure an environment for your teen's spiritual growth that is safe, healthy, and God-honoring in its attempt to achieve these objectives, we have put the following rules into effect:

1. Adult staff & chaperones will be respected and obeyed at all times. They are giving their time for the protection and guidance of the group.
2. The rules of any establishment we visit will be honored as our own.
3. Opposite sex facilities are off-limits at all times without adult approval / supervision.
4. Romantic displays of affection are not allowed since this is a ministry group, and not a date. This includes hugging, kissing, hand-holding, and sitting together in any manner deemed inappropriate by the adult staff.
5. Repeated disruptions (distracting talk, joking around) during teaching, or preaching times will not be tolerated. Profanity is prohibited.
6. Meeting times and schedules of the group will be followed at all times. (*If you come to a church event, you are agreeing to do what the church has planned for you to do.*)
7. The following items are prohibited since they are usually offensive to, or distracting from our ministry objectives: Lighters, matches, fireworks, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, weapons, ungodly books and magazines (staff discretion), skateboards & roller blades, and any practical joke material. Personal listening devices (i-pods, etc.) may be disallowed too (staff discretion). The adult staff reserve the right to add any items to this list they deem a problem at any time. Any prohibited items brought will be confiscated.
8. Graduates from H.S., & young adults are not allowed to attend youth meetings or activities unless they have completed *Leadership Development Training* with fulfillment of all criteria, and serve an appointed ministry function on the Youth Ministry Team.
9. Chaperones & drivers for youth trips must be 21 years of age or older, and approved by the Youth Pastor.
10. Our DRESS CODE, will be in effect at all times for the group. It includes:

No revealing tank-tops, midriiffs, spaghetti straps, low-cut, or excessively tight shirts or dresses.

No short-shorts, or short hemlines on dresses. (Hem should be within 6" from top of the knee).

No sleeveless shirts with oversized arm holes.

No hats in the main auditorium on guys.

No exposed underwear.

No t-shirts or logos representing ungodly philosophies - including offensive music groups. (Staff discretion).

No cross-gender dressing (including, but not limited to, nail polish & eye make-up on guys).

No 2-piece, or french-cut swimsuits. ("Tankinis" for girls are allowed if top & bottom meet).

Anything disruptive to the cause of Christ is prohibited.

Any regular attendee violating the group dress code may be asked to change, or be dismissed from the youth meeting/event.

Your cooperation in supporting these rules is greatly appreciated, and will help to ensure that we are pursuing the fulfillment of the objectives of the church. All of the above rules in general will be enforced with the following system of consequences, however, the adult staff reserves the right to immediately dismiss anyone due to flagrant violations, or insubordination:

1st offense - Loss of privileges (eg. suspension from the next similar activity / confiscation of materials).

2nd offense - Call home & explain the problem.

3rd offense - Go home. (Parents are responsible for transportation and costs).

For your teen & the cause of Christ,