



**Student
Ministries**

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Student Ministries Annual Parent Kick-Off Gathering

Mission of Lakeside's Student Ministry:

Our mission is to transform as many students as possible into passionate and productive followers of Jesus.

Purpose of Student Ministry:

We exist to glorify God by **Reaching Up** to Him in worship, by **Reaching Out** to not yet believing students and **Reaching In** by growing up in Christ, connecting in Christian community, and discovering God's calling.

Therefore We desire to PARTNER with Parents to...

- **Build a Culture and Community of Worship, Prayer & Connection with God.**
 - Worship means loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (*Mark 12:29-30*). Worship is a posture the believer lives in relationship to God (*Romans 12:1-2*). To this end we will focus on developing a culture and community of worshippers.
- **Build a Culture of Evangelism & Service as We Connect to Those in Our Culture.**
 - Reaching out to others is one of the last commands of Christ in the Scriptures. Before leaving earth he said, "Go make disciples of all nations..." (*Matthew 28:19*). Jesus also said to love our neighbor as ourselves (*Mark 12:31*). To this end we will develop a culture and community that is missional.
- **Build a Culture of Leadership/Discipleship & Connection in Community.**
 - We were created out of community (Trinity) for community and God's desire is that we grow up in our faith. In short, we are to grow in unity and maturity (*Ephesians 4:1-16*). To this end we will develop a culture and community of emerging leaders and theologians.

The People of Our Ministry

We are privileged to have some Godly, top-notch, adults volunteering in our Student Ministries that offer our young people love, guidance, support, and encouragement. All of our volunteers go through extensive interviews, background checks, reference checks, and are lead by our youth directors in monthly staff meetings and individual "check-in" meetings. If you would like more information about how to become a youth volunteer please contact us or have other questions please feel free to contact us.

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How Our Ministry Works

Large Group Gatherings are designed to be engaging, interactive, and transformational experiences that connect students to God and one another.

- Worship/Games
- Video/Image
- Teaching/Discussion
- Fun!
- **MSM:** Saturdays at 6:30pm in The Dock of The Block.
- **Encounter:** Sundays at 10:45am in The Basement of The Block.
- **Eighteen24:** Thursdays at 6:30pm in The Lobby of The Block.

Small Groups are designed to take students deeper into community and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. We believe that life transformation takes place most effectively in the small.

- 40-Days of Love
- Prayer/Sharing
- Teaching/Discussion
- MSM starts on 8/28, Encounter starts on 9/2, and Eighteen24 starts on 9/12.

Service/Outreach/Missions/Camps/Events are designed to give students a place to invite their friends who do not know Christ yet and show the love of God to our community. Students will be encouraged to show their love for God by serving in word and deed.

- Local/Cross Cultural Missions
- Activities/Events
- Camps/Retreats

“Servantship” (Student Leadership Training) teams are designed to help students grow in their own relationship with Christ and learn what it means to serve the body of Christ and the culture around them.

- Special Activity/Event/Retreat/Service opportunities throughout the year.

How Our Ministry Communicates

- We value effective communication and believe that all good communication is a two-way street. Therefore, we ask that parents help us by letting us know how we can answer your questions and partner with you better throughout the year. We will communicate in the following ways:
 - **Website:** lakesidechurch.com
 - **MSM:** msmlakeside.com
 - **Encounter:** encounterlakeside.com
 - **Eighteen24:** eighteen24lakeside.com
 - Text, Facebook, Twitter (see website)
 - Email and phone calls
 - Occasional “snail mail” (i.e. Letters, postcards, etc.)

Helping Your Child Get More Connected

Sometimes it can be hard for students to make friends and connections in a large ministry. Here are the top five ways that we encourage parents to help their child find a place of community at Lakeside Church:

- **Participation (including being invitational).**
 - When students are involved and even bring friends, they are more likely to feel a sense of community in a large ministry setting.
- **Small Groups, Small Groups, Small Groups!**
 - We believe that relationships are formed and life change happens best in smaller, more personal groups.
- **Service Opportunities and Trips.**
 - One of the best ways to get to know someone is to roll up your sleeves and work side-by-side or simply spend time together on a trip.
- **Communicate with Student Ministries.**
 - You know your child best. Help us to know your child better by sharing your story with us!
- **Lead by Example.**
 - Parents are still the #1 influence in their children’s lives. Remember more is caught than taught.

Big Important Dates to Remember in 2009-2010

- We are working hard to plan out a God honoring, strategic year that will bless you and your student and effectively reach out to non-Christian young people. Here are some of the BIG events we are planning this year:
 - Halloween @ Lakeside for Teens – Oct. 31 (FREE)
 - MSM Winter Camp – 1/29 – 1/31 (\$150)
 - All Student Ministry Spring Missions Trip - Approx. (\$300. Students will raise some support)
 - MSM Summer Camp – 7/11 – 7/17 or 6/13 – 6/19 (Approx. \$389-\$479)
 - Encounter House Boat Trip - 6/15 – 6/19 (Approx. \$350)
 - Student Ministry Spring Celebration – TBA
 - City Impact (Thanksgiving Day Family Service Project)
 - Sweat – Annual Spring Fundraiser: Pledge drive 2/22 - 3/19. Work day 3/20.

Our Strategy to Help You Financially

Many of us are parents too! We understand the financial challenge of having your child participate in Lakeside’s Student Programs. Therefore, we ask all students to also participate in our annual fund-raiser called S.W.E.A.T. (Student Work Effort Around Town). In the past this has only been offered to High School students. Now S.W.E.A.T. is open to Middle School Students as well.

Appendix One: How We Hope Your Student Will Develop (Spiritual Formation)

PROFILE: The Spiritually Formed Student will be growing toward (In no particular order)...

1. Understanding God's redemptive story/purpose for humanity.
2. Understanding their (age-appropriate) identity in Christ.
3. Recognizing their gifts and abilities.
4. Sharing their faith-holistically (not just telling but living it out in relationships).
5. Becoming a world-minded Christian.
6. Understanding their need for community.
7. Understanding and experiencing the need for service/servant-leadership.
8. Knowing what it means to "hear" and "follow" God in an intimate relationship.
9. Having a certain amount of Biblical knowledge (how to study it, use it, rely on it, share it).
10. Expressing their faith in a daily devotion to God (style is up to the individual).
11. Developing skills in preparation for Life.
12. Committing to live out their life incarnationally
13. The ability to live life with wisdom.
14. Understanding their need for sabbath and time away.
15. Understanding the Fruits of the Spirit (Love, joy, peace, etc.).

Appendix Two: What We Will Be Teaching Your Students

Students will learn the following to equip them in their Spiritual Formation: Annual Diet of Topics (Topics/Issues/Themes that promote Spiritual Formation in Students/Young Adults).

1. Life of Jesus
2. Meta-Narrative (God's redemptive story/purpose for humanity as found in Scripture)
3. Relationships
4. Spiritual Habits/Discipleships
5. How to read, study, understand, and apply the Scriptures—basic hermeneutics.
6. Doctrine/Theology (non-negotiables—something annually however theology and the doctrines of the Church can be taught within each and every other subject)
 - a. God-Triune, Relational, Creator
 - b. Anthropology—Doctrine of Humanity
 - c. Christology—Doctrine of Christ
 - d. Pneumatology—Doctrine of The Holy Spirit
 - e. Ecclesiology—Doctrine of The Church
 - f. Eschatology—Doctrine of Last Things
 - g. Soteriology—Doctrine of Salvation
7. OT/NT Surveys
8. Wisdom
9. Apologetics and current cultural issues
10. Evangelism/Missions
11. Mission, Vision, Purpose
12. Leadership
13. Holidays
14. Biblical Characters
15. Whole books of the Bible

Appendix Three: What We Will Be Teaching Your Students this Fall?

August 16/17 – September 5/6: *Exploring Our Mission, Vision, Purpose*

Title of Series: **DNA** (*In other words, what are we called and created to be and do?*)

Key Passages: The Shema: Dt. 6:4; Gen. 1-3; Luke 5; Luke 19.

We will be discussing what it means to be a missional community of young worshipping theologians and leaders:

- Missional – Engaging the culture around us with the love of Christ.
- Community – Entering into loving relationships with one another.
- Worshipping – Igniting our hearts to live for him.
- Emerging Leaders – Excelling in leading the next generation in following Jesus.
- Young Theologians – Exploring God's Word with all our heart and mind to be transformed.

September 12/13 – October 17/18: **40 Days of Love**