

Fellowship

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Parent Handbook

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A Note to Parents & Caregivers:

We are so excited to enter a new year with your students! We count it an honor and privilege to be able to walk with your student through these very formative years. Fellowship Student Ministries exist to reflect the love God to every student through the studying of God's word, building relationship together, serving in our local and global community, and to encourage the students to worship both personally and collaboratively as the church.

As we partner with you in ministry, we would love for you to prayerfully consider ways you can be involved in FSM. We know that life can be busy and hectic, but we recognize the great importance of having amazing adults investing in students' lives. The students are the reason for the ministry, but the effectiveness of FSM cannot happen without our amazing volunteers. Here are some ways you can help serve FSM:

- Pray, Pray, Pray for our pastors, volunteers, students and families
- Share your story as a guest speaker
- Be a chaperone for an event
- Provide a meal or snacks for the ministry
- Open your home to host a gathering
- Become a volunteer
- Consider driving for events or programs

Please know that if there is any way that we can support you or care for your child more intentionally, please let's grab a cup of coffee and talk about how we can do that better.

Prayers and Support,

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What is Fellowship Student Ministry About:

The world we live in, here in the USA, is becoming less and less “churched”. We can no longer assume a student or individual knows what the bible is, the stories mentioned in the scriptures or even who Jesus Christ is.

In the book *Everyday Church: Gospel Communities on Mission* by Tim Chester & Steve Timmis they point out “in 1851 around one-in-four people in the United Kingdom was a churchgoer. Now it is one-in-ten, though only about half of these are actually in church on any given Sunday. Of these, 40% go to evangelical churches. If the present trend continues, the average weekly church attendance in England will fall to 4.1% in 2020 or one in twenty-five.”¹ USA church is following suit.

There was a study done by the Missouri Baptist Convention (Southern Baptist Denomination - 1400+ congregation in the state of Missouri) that had found that 1 out of 2 people attend church on a regular basis. We can no longer assume the students we engage with will know Christ. It is our goal at FSM to help students come to know who Christ is through Gather, Grow and Go.

Gather – God is relational: He created you and I to be in relationships. We are to serve and love others so we will be Gathering in Christ.

Grow – We are not meant to be stagnant but growing, so, as we gather in Christ, we will be growing in Christ.

Go – We are not meant to just gain knowledge but we are to go. Not just go afar but across the room. As we gather in Christ we will Grow in Christ we and Go with the saving grace and mercy of Christ.

¹ Chester, Tim, and Steve Timmis. *Everyday Church: Gospel Communications on Mission*. Page 16-17. Crossway, 2012.

Fellowship Bible Church believes:

- The Bible is the inspired Word of God and inerrant in the original writings. (*2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21*)
- There is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Deuteronomy 6:4; 2 Corinthians 13:14*)
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He became man without ceasing to be God. (*John 1:1-2, 14; Luke 1:35*)
- The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father to convict the world of sin and to transform the lives of believers into the likeness of Jesus Christ. (*John 16:8-11; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 1:13-14*)
- Humans were created in the image of God, yet all have sinned and disobeyed God. The consequence of sin is eternal death. (*Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23*)
- The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ who paid the penalty for our sin when He died, was buried and rose again. (*Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*)
- All who receive, by faith, the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins are born again and become children of God, a relationship in which they are eternally secure. Salvation is "by grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone." (*Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; Ephesians 1:13-14; John 10:27-28; 14:6; Acts 4:12*)

For more information of what Fellowship Bible Church believes check out <http://oskyfbc.org/corevalues.html> and click the links "Articles of Faith" and "Constitution and By-laws."

Meeting Times:

Our goal is for the students of FSM to Gather, Grow, and Go. This is done through a variety of methods²:

Sunday Worship

Sunday worship begins at 9:00 AM every Sunday. It is an opportunity to be able to gather as a corporate body of believers to focus on the Word of God and singing praises to Him!

Sunday School

Occurs every Sunday at 10:30 AM following the worship service. This is an opportunity for students to gather in grade appropriate classes to search the word of God in a more deep and intimate way.

Gathering Times:

Many times, through the school year the High School/Middle School students will gather together to hang out, play games, hear creative teaching all to help further their understanding and relationship with the Lord.

Small Groups

The hope for these groups is to provide a more intimate space for students to discuss relevant topics, Scripture, and fellowship.

VBS

A great way for FSM to serve the families of Fellowship Bible church by providing a fun and unique way of sharing the Good news of Jesus Christ for an entire week.

² These events, names, times, days are all subject to change.

Mission/Service events

Every year we will always have focus mission/service times. It either will be locally, statewide, the country or (possibly) worldwide. It is never enough in a Christian life to simply hear the word but also be doers of the word.

Camp

Weeklong event that will focus on the growth of your students' lives in a camp setting. It is an opportunity for FSM student to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and each other.

Winter Blitz

Weekend event, around new year's, to help develop your student's faith. We will team up with other churches to hang out, eat food, play games, build friendships and grow in our relationship with Christ.

Safety Policy

It is our hope and purpose to provide a safe environment for students where they can gather, grow, and go in their relationship with God. We will take appropriate steps to ensure FSM a positive experience for the students to feel free to be themselves and enjoy, explore and be nurtured in their spiritual formation.

Fellowship Bible Church staff and volunteers who work with children or youth are required to have a background check. Also, new volunteers must go through an application and interview process. There will be training for all volunteers.

We strive to have multiple adults at every gathering with FSM. Classrooms and meetings area will have unobstructed windows or part of a door open to main view into each classroom.

1-on-1 meetings with volunteers/staff should never be permitted; FSM volunteers should never be alone with a student of either sex. Any outside (off the church campus) meetings or events should be approved by the Student ministries pastor and parents/guardian of that student that are meeting.

Texting/social media and other forms of electronic communication have become common today, especially among students. There will be limited communication with students through these venues. A few ways that this can occur:

- FSM intagram page: [@FSM_osky](#)
- Email: shawn.allee@oskyfbc.org
- Church #: 641.672.225
- Church Website: www.oskyfbc.org

Photo Permission

The general understanding is that all church activities may be recorded and photographed for church (Fellowship Bible Church) use and FSM Instagram page. We will not tag your student, use their name or release any information about them on social media. Any family can opt out of consent at any time with an email, note, letter or a simple conversation with the student ministries pastor, Shawn Allee.

Health Policy

We encourage sick students and FSM volunteers to stay home when they are sick. Reasons a student should stay home:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Non-clear drainage from the eyes or nose
- Pink eye
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Unexplained rashes (possible chicken pox, fifth disease, etc.)
- Lice

Allergies

We are happy to work with families to make sure there are safe foods available for our students at each event. Parents are responsible for letting FSM staff and volunteers about their students' allergies.

If a student has an emergency medication for severe allergies/asthma that needs to stay with the student, please notify Student Ministries Pastor and volunteer in charge. An Emergency Medication Form is required. This form can be requested from the Student ministries pastor.

Calendar

Specific dates will be set. There will be major events that occur over the course of the calendar year, which are:

- Service Week
- Hang out
- Winter Blitz
- Fun Trips
- VBS
- Camp
- Other

Resources

There is so much that is being preached to you as a parent about your student (movies, school, work associates, media, social networks etc.) that it can be hard to determine what is beneficial. Below is a list of great resources for your walk with Christ, tips as parents, and information on your student.

1. We must be in the Word of God daily
 - a. www.hereadstruth.com
 - b. www.shereadstruth.com
 - c. www.esv.org
 - d. www.youversion.com
2. Commentary – A better understanding of the Scriptures
 - a. www.thebibleproject.com
 - b. Fellowship Bible Church Library
3. Culture – What is happening in Youth Culture
 - a. www.fevr.net
 - b. www.blog.youthspecialties.com/category/culture/
 - c. www.cpyu.org
4. Books
 - a. *Meet Generation Z: Understanding and Reaching the New Post-Christian World* by James Emery
 - b. *Already Gone: Why your kids will quit church and you can do to stop it* by Ken Ham
5. Parenting
 - a. <https://cpyu.org/>
 - b. <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/teens.aspx>
 - c. <https://www.pluggedin.com/> (movie, tv, video games, & book review)
 - d. <https://thesource4parents.com/parenting-help/>

Contact Information

We hope for open and honest communication. If you have any ideas, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us.

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Permission/Information Form

Detail of Student

Name: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Male/Female (circle appropriate)

Grade: _____

School: _____

Home School: Y/N

Grade: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Text: Y/N

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Details:

In the event of an emergency relation to your son/daughter, please provided information of guardians or relations below which we can use to contact in case you are unreachable.

Contact 1: _____

Contact 2: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Relationship to the Child: _____

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Insurance information:

Please supply ALL of the following information. *Attach a copy of your insurance card.*

Medical Insurance Co.: _____ Group#: _____

Policy#: _____ Company's Address: _____

Company's Phone: (_____) _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Family Physician's Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Medical Information:

Are there any medical conditions (i.e. allergies, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, travel sickness, ect.) which we should be aware of? _____

Does your student have any special dietary needs? If so, please explain. _____

Are there any disabilities or special needs we need to know about? If so, please explain. _____

Please explain any other pertinent information about the participant (i.e. physical, behavioral or emotional) that would be important for our leadership to know. _____

Over-the-Counter Medication Permission: Do you give permission for your child/youth to be given over-the-counter medication as needed and as directed on the label, to treat non-emergency medical conditions that do not require a doctor or hospital visit such as a minor headache, stomachache, or allergic reaction (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, antacids, Benadryl) while at a youth ministry event?

NO, Contact me or get medical help if my child has any minor medical concern.

Parent

Signature _____

Yes, I give permission for an adult youth leader to give my child approved over-the-counter medications as directed on an as needed basis to treat non-emergency medical conditions.

Parent

Signature _____

List All medications the youth will take during any youth ministry trips, retreats or events (on campus or off). This includes any prescription, non-prescription medications, herbal supplements and vitamins. Any participant under the age of 18 is required to give **ALL MEDICATION to the adult youth leader in their original containers with complete dispensing instructions before the start of the event.**

Medical Name	Dose	Treatment For	Dispensing Instruction

As a parent/guardian of (child’s name) _____ (hereafter “my youth”), I give permission for my youth to participate in all of Fellowship Student Ministries of Fellowship Bible Church in Oskaloosa IA activities and events. I give permission from my youth to ride in the church Van.

I understand that in the event medical intervention is needed, every attempt will be made to contact immediately the person listed as Parent/Guardian and if they are unable to be reached Contact 1 then Contact 2 will be reached. In the event he/she cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission (unless otherwise stated) to the physician or dentist selected by the activity leader to hospitalize, secure medical treatment, and/or to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my youth as deemed necessary.

I understand that my insurance coverage for my child will be used as primary coverage in the event medical intervention is needed. IF I do not have medical insurance, I understand that I am responsible for the costs that incurred. I understand all reasonable safety precautions will be taken while the youth are in authorized locations during the events and activities of the Fellowship Student Ministries of Fellowship Bible Church.

I understand the risk of unforeseen hazards and know the inherent possibility of risk. I agree not to hold Fellowship Bible Church, its leaders, employees, and volunteer staff liable for damages, losses, or injuries incurred by my youth.

Parent/Guardian Name Print	____/____/____ Date
Parent/Guardian Name Signature	____/____/____ Date