

**Our purpose:**

Building relationships characterizes our Youth programs. Most importantly it is a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Senior & Junior High youth are challenged to know Christ in a deeper, personal way through the weekly youth group Bible Study, through mid-week Bible studies, and through a personal devotional life. Opportunities to stretch the students faith comes through service projects, mission trips, church ministries and community involvement. Through various activities students develop a closeness and sense of caring for each other. They are encouraged to share this sense of belonging with all who come to the youth group as well as their friends at school and work.

**Our youth ministry consists of:**

Age groups include:

- 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade (Jr. High)
- 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade (Sr. High)
- Young Adults Group (18 & up)
- Sunday night and weekly youth group meeting which provides relevant Bible teaching and studies, along with fun and fellowship with other students.
- Discipleship and Sunday school opportunities designed to deepen student relationships with Christ and also offer biblical answers to tough issues in life.
- Spring/Summer trips are designed to evangelize and disciple students while also encouraging unity with other believers.
- Many other fun events throughout the year that help encourage and promote healthy spiritual relationships.

**Youth leader qualifications and expectations:**

- All Jr. High counselors, Sr. High counselors and volunteers must complete a student ministry application, which includes a background check before joining our team of leaders.
- Leaders are expected to live a life that brings glory to God and should set an example of a growing disciple of Christ.
- Leaders are expected to be consistent in attending regularly scheduled church services.

**Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday school teacher qualifications and expectations:**

- Teachers must be appointed and approved by the Y2 team.
- Teachers must have a heart for youth, be able to relate well, and express a calling to minister to students.

- Teachers are expected to live a life that brings glory to God and be an example of a growing disciple of Christ.
- All Sunday school teachers must complete a student ministry application which includes a background check.
- Sunday school teachers are expected to be consistent in attending regularly scheduled church service.
- Teachers are expected to be present in class 10-15 minutes early to greet the students as they arrive.
- Teachers are expected to follow the approved curriculum and be prepared to teach each Sunday.

#### **Transportation qualifications:**

- Drivers of students must be between the ages of 25 years old and 65.
- Drivers of students must have a valid driver's license and have a copy on file in the church office.
- Drivers must have a clean driving record (DUI, reckless or careless driving, or excessive speeding tickets).
- Drivers should not have more than one at-fault accident or one minor traffic violation within the last three years.
- Drivers of the church bus must be on the church's insurance, have a CDL certification and subject to random drug screening.
- Students are not allowed to drive their own vehicles to youth events that are out of town, except with the parents or guardians' written permission and approval of the student minister or counselor in charge.
- Drivers need to be approved by the youth pastor.
- Bus drivers are approved by the bus team.

#### **Student Dress:**

- Students are expected to dress in a manner that is honoring to God.
- Students who are dressed inappropriately at a camp or conference will be asked to change.
- When a bathing suit is required for a youth group activity, all suits will meet the requirement in bullet one, "All suits will be honoring to God." Counselors in attendance will use appropriate discretion if a student needs to change into appropriate attire.

#### **Student Conduct:**

- Students are expected to follow the policy rules at all times.
- Students are to respect and obey all leaders and their authority.
- Students are to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner both at church and at away events.
- Offensive or destructive behavior will not be tolerated at church or at away events.
- The parents or legal guardian will register their student for all off church campus activities with a valid contact phone number. If their student fails to follow the rules of Gaylord E-Free Church

student ministry, camps, and conferences and may be sent home. If a student is to be sent home, the parent or guardian responsible will be contacted to pick up their student.

- Guns, drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, inappropriate music, or pornographic material is not allowed on church grounds or at any events.

**Sexual Harassment:**

- Sexual harassment will not be tolerated by students or adults.
- A female and male teacher or counselor will be present on all off campus events.
- Information shared by a student with an adult about inappropriate sexual behavior by another adult will be reported to the proper authorities immediately.
- If sexual misconduct occurs, the parents or legal guardian will be notified of the situation.
- Youth leaders are never to counsel or be in a vehicle alone with a student of the opposite gender.

**Contact Information:**

E-Free Church, Gaylord Campus – 989-732-2647; fax 989-732-6120; webpage: [www.miefree.org](http://www.miefree.org)

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I have read and understand the Gaylord E-Free Youth policy.

**Parent /Guardian**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Information:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: M/D/Y \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year from High School: *Please circle one.* **2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021**

Medical Alert (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Other student info we should know?

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Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone for emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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