



student ministries

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During the summer we employ interns to assist us with camps, mission trips and weekly events.

THE CURB

The Curb is the Student Ministries building of First Baptist Church Allen. Downstairs is where we meet for large group events on Sundays and Wednesdays and for fellowship events throughout the year. Upstairs, known as The Loft, is used for small groups and smaller meeting spaces. Bible Fellowship Groups, Acteens, Challengers, Bible Drill and other smaller events meet upstairs throughout the year.

THE LOOP

The Loop is designed to be the way you can be “in the know” with everything that is happening in Student Ministry life. Here are the ways to be in The Loop:

1. eNewsletters

To subscribe to our email news brief, visit *publications.fbcallen.org*.

XA Quick Bits (Weekly Emails): provides info about the week’s upcoming events, student birthdays, as well as registration due dates for camp, mission trips, Disciple Now and other events.

2. Text Messages

Text “join xastudents” to 40650. We send out text reminders for upcoming events, encouragements, updates from camp and mission trips and additional information that is needed for events.

3. Website

fbcallen.org (main church site)

students.fbcallen.org (student page)

calendar.fbcallen.org (church calendar)

4. Social Network

a. **Facebook:** facebook.com/xastudents

b. **Twitter:** twitter.com/xastudents

c. **Instagram:** Instagram.com/xastudents

d. **Vine:** vine.com/xastudents

5. Church Media

a. **Bulletin** – Looking at the week ahead (available Sunday mornings)

b. **First Look** – Weekly email news brief of all things happening in the church
(visit: *publications.fbcallen.org* to subscribe)

c. **US Mail** – Postcards, Flyers, Packets

d. **Worship Slides** – Information will be on slides before Sunday morning services

ACTS 2 DEVOTION

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

- Acts 2:41-47

As a student ministry, we want to be a group of students who are radically devoted to Christ, irrevocably committed to each other, and relentlessly dedicated to reaching those outside God's family with the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is what we mean by being an "Acts 2 Church". There are three aspects to "Acts 2 Devotion": Devoted to the Savior; Devoted to Fellowship; Devoted to Missions.

DEVOTED TO THE SAVIOR

Radical devotion to worship, God's word, and prayer

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS (BFGs)

BFGs meet each Sunday morning. This is where students truly get plugged into the community. Small Groups are at the heart of what we do in XA Student Ministries. Our goal is to move every student into a healthy vibrant small group where they can live out Acts 2:42.

*"And they devoted themselves to the **apostles teaching** and the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and the **prayers**."*

- Acts 2v42

***Apostles Teaching** – Scripture is the foundation for all teaching*

***Fellowship** – Live Life Together*

***Breaking Bread** – Remembering Christ in All Things*

***Prayers** – Seeking and Supporting God's Will for Everyone*

BFG Meeting Times

***Middle School** (grades 7-8) meets at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

***High School** (grades 9-12) meets at 10:30 a.m.*

BFG Curriculum/Material

The Gospel Project. www.gospelproject.com/students/

The Gospel Project for Students helps to develop and equip our students with a deeper understanding of Scripture and how the story of Jesus Christ ties it all together. Every week and in every lesson, students will encounter the gospel through the in-depth study of Bible, theology, and missions, with the view of seeing how all the Scriptures point to Jesus, and how the gospel has the ability to transform a student's life. As your students move through The Gospel Project and allow the truth of the gospel to work on them, move through them, and transform them, they begin to realize that they are participants in God's gospel project.

The Gospel Project devotionals are available for \$3 for students to read throughout the week at The Curb Welcome Desk. This book will also enhance a student's time in small group every Sunday morning. We highly recommend students pick one up. There is a new version every quarter.

BIBLE DRILL

Bible Drill for students meets **every Sunday at 4 p.m.** in The Loft (second floor of The Curb) and continues throughout the school year. Speakers Tournament is for High School students that have a desire to develop their skills in articulating the Gospel of Jesus Christ through speeches that they develop throughout the school year. Pam Davis leads our Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament.

STUDENT SINGERS

Student Singers meet **every Sunday at 5 p.m.** in the Music Suite, just south of the Worship Center. This is a great way to get plugged in with other students who have a passion to discover worship through music. This allows students to participate in the worship services on Sunday morning.

DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS

(Disciple Now, Retreats, Discipleship Days, Disciple Groups)

We want to provide events that are designed to take students to their next level in being a disciple of Christ. We design events that are specifically crafted towards moving students into those specific directions. We will achieve these next levels through various events and short term discipleship trainings throughout the year. Each event (will not be designed for the masses) will be focused on smaller groups allowing for more interaction and personal growth challenges.

DEVOTED TO THE FELLOWSHIP

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” - John 13:35

REFUGE (Grades 7-8; Wednesdays at 6 p.m.)

ROCK (Grades 9-12; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.)

*Be to me a **Rock** and **Refuge** to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.*

- Psalm 71:3

Refuge & Rock are XA Student Ministries “Foyer” ministry. This means that we design Wednesday nights for students to invite their friends from school, sports/band and any other part of life to a safe and fun environment. This is where new students can come and see what we are all about. Our plan is to take students from the large group “foyer” to a BFG “living room.” We are constantly moving students to their next steps of getting plugged into small groups. This is a great place for students to invite their friends to introduce them to community and Christ.

ONE

This is where we combine both Refuge (middle school) and Rock (high school) into one special event on Wednesday night. They will meet at 7 p.m. and end by 8 p.m.

YOUTH CAMP

(High School Camp is June 20-25, 2016; Middle School Camp is June 27-July 1, 2016)

We attend Impact Youth Camp with churches from across the state of Texas. Impact Camp meets on a college campus and is a week-long time of being in the Word of God and hanging out with friends. This is a great opportunity for students to grow and move forward in their next steps with Christ, both personally and with the group. There are ways for parents to see the evening worship services via the web every night. If a student has only one week out of the summer to attend a youth event we encourage them to be a part of youth camp.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

We provide special fellowship events throughout the year. Each fellowship event that we plan is carefully designed to move students to connect with others and with Christ. We will include key words in the publications as to the nature of the event. i.e. *this is a great event to invite your friends, this is an event for students to get connected.* We will have events off campus as well providing a neutral environment for students to invite friends who would not otherwise come to a church building. Each event will be announced through “The Loop”.

DEVOTED TO THE MISSION

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” - Acts 1:8

Jerusalem – Acteens/Challengers, Angel T-Ball, Parents Night Out, Balloon Festival, Food Pantry, Day Mission Projects

Judea and Samaria – Summer Mission Trips, Missional Training Events

Ends of the earth – Junior/Senior Mission Trip, Various Overseas Mission Trips with Parents

CHALLENGERS/ACTEENS

(Grades 9-12; Wednesdays at 6 p.m. | Grade 12 Challengers; Sundays at 6 p.m.)

(Grades 7-8; Wednesdays at 7 p.m.)

Challengers (for guys) and Acteens (for girls) meet upstairs on Wednesday nights and focuses on being mission-minded. Students will be challenged to live out Acts 1:8, not only in foreign countries, but in their schools as well.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

@HOME MINISTRY

We understand that discipleship at home will have the greatest impact on a student’s life and we want to equip families to effectively live out the gospel daily. We desire to continually partner with families through resources, conferences, and articles that we find beneficial for families to further the gospel at home.

- Parent Conferences
- Resource and Milestone Center for Parents of Students (coming Spring 2015)
- Family based resources and challenges
- One Conversations for Parents (Gospel Project)

VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to volunteer as a sponsor at camp, mission trip or just a day event, we have applications available for you to fill out and return. You must also have a background check in order to volunteer for events. We always have opportunities for sponsors for various events as well as BFG leaders. Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of what God is doing in the Student Ministries.

PARTICIPATING IN EVENTS

*Praising God and having favor with **all the people**. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. - Acts 2:47*

We welcome family members who desire to participate in Student Ministry events. If you want to see what an event is about, please feel free to come and participate as an adult volunteer. You must have a background check in order to volunteer for events.