



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION PARENT ORIENTATION

Welcome to BHBC Student Ministry

Your student might be new to the Student Ministry or already a part of what's going on. Either way, we're excited that they're involved in all that's happening at BHBC. Our ministry team consists of Student Group leaders, special program leaders, other youth workers and you. Our goal is to partner with parents to minister to students and support them as they grow in walking with and worshipping God. I hope the information contained in this newsletter will help begin that process. Whenever I or any other youth worker can be of help to you or your family, please let us. I look forward to working together and to what this year holds.



BHBC Student Ministry Team

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Student Ministry Programs



Sunday Morning Student Groups

Sunday Morning is a big deal to students. Sunday Morning (SUMO) Student Groups meet during the regular Sunday School hour beginning @ 10:00 A.M. This is an important time for students to meet in a more personal, small-group setting matched by age range and gender. SUMO Groups are a great place for students to grow together in their understanding of God's Word and putting it to work in their lives. I'm excited about this time every week for your students to grow, support and encourage each other together.

Wednesday Night Student Worship

Wednesday @ 6:45 P.M. students get together for our large-group, high-energy student youth service. Wednesday is a lot of fun including the youth band and a lot more. This is a neat time in the middle of the week for students to come together, express themselves to God and connect with other Christian students. Adult supervision begins @ 6:00 so students can arrive any time after that to hang out before the service.



Student Choir

Student Choir is an important worship ministry that teaches students what it means to worship God while leading others. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get involved. You don't have to be a professional singer to be in Student Choir. It's easy for anyone to participate. Students get together every other Sunday @ 4:45 P.M. to rehearse. The BHBC Student Choir participates in region-wide performances, seasonal musicals at BHBC and regularly leads Sunday evening worship.

Student Drama Team—"Acting Up"

The BHBC Student Drama Team brings messages to life by using drama, skits and other performances. This group of students meets every Wednesday @ 6:00 P.M. and is open to any student.



Sunday Youth Discipleship

Want to dig deeper . . . Walk closer . . . Understand more of God's Word? That's where we're headed in Youth Discipleship. Every other Sunday @ 4:45 PM, come connect with other students while we figure out together what it means to follow Jesus.

BHBC "Big Give"

This is a chance for our church to reflect the love of God in our community. Every month students bring one (1) of a selected, inexpensive item. The Student Ministry collects these items and gives them away as a gift from our church to a group in the community. It's really neat.



Student Worship Team

The BHBC Student Worship Team is made up of student musicians who lead worship for the Wednesday Student Worship Service. To be a member of this team takes an attitude of worship, musical talent, dedication, teamwork and leadership by example. The SWT selects its members based on these qualities. SWT requires students to give their best, but for those who are willing, this is a great opportunity to worship by serving.



College Ministry

The College group gets together every Thursday afternoon to eat, hang out, and explore Scripture. They meet at the BHBC College House. On Sundays, they meet @ 10:00 A.M. for Bible Study. This a close group that does all kinds of things together throughout the year. This group is college-led and organized and is a great place to belong.

Events

Youth Camp

Youth Camp is maybe the biggest event we do all year. And, there's a place for every student at camp. Camp is a week of encountering God. Students join hundreds of others from around the region, usually on a college campus for an intense week of student worship, Bible study, games and a ton of fun. Camp can go a long way toward making students feel plugged-in as part of the larger group of Christian students at BHBC.

Mission Trip

Each summer, BHBC takes a group of high-school students, college students and adults on a week-long mission to serve others in our region. Past trips have been to the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina and to West Virginia. God values service to others and working together to do that is an enriching and life-changing experience for students.

Fall Retreat

Every November the BHBC Student Ministry takes off for a weekend retreat to re-charge our batteries in the middle of the busy fall semester. It's a great time to breathe, play and enjoy God's creation. This is a favorite event of students.

Middle School VBS

Students who are leaving 6th, 7th, or 8th grade start the Summer off with Middle School VBS. This is a week of high-energy worship and games. It's a great introduction to the Student Ministry and to God's love and plan for our lives. Middle School VBS is a great time for middle school students to have a ministry event designed just for them.

Other Events

The Student Ministry offers a lot of opportunity for your student to belong and be a part of something that matters. Throughout the year, our groups are jumping in together for service projects, hiking trips, SUMO group activities, local outreach or just random trips to Taco Bell. We would love to meet your student and for them to be a part of anything going on here. If we can be of help to you or your family or if you have any questions, please call.



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Parent Resources

It's not easy for parents to keep up with everything that's going on in the Student Ministry. Information passed between us can easily be lost in translation with students as our intermediaries. As we partner in ministering to your student, there are a few resources that might be useful in keeping things straight.

Facebook Page "BHBC Students"



The "BHBC Students" Facebook page is the quickest and most up-to-date source for Student Ministry Information. Details about events, fees, dates & times and forms can all be found here. Also, photos of Student Ministry events are posted there. It's a great place for students to interact with each other and with the Student Ministry. Even if you are not a member of Facebook, *anyone* can access our Facebook page.

Student Ministry Resource Table

The Student Ministry Resource Table is located on the third floor at the top of the main staircase. This is a place where students and parents can pick up information, forms, driving directions, devotion books and other Student Ministry resources.



Church Website (www.brainerdhills.com/students)

The official church website has a lot of information about the Student Ministry. From the Student Ministry page of this site, parents can download permission forms, medical forms and more. Student Ministry contact information as well as a direct link to the "BHBC Students" Facebook page can be found there.

"The Vision" Church Newsletter

Information from the Student Ministry can always be found in the Student Ministry section of the bi-weekly church newsletter, "The Vision". This is a great reference to look over and keep handy to refer back to. If you want to receive "The Vision," just let me know. "The Vision" is available online at www.brainerdhills.com.

