

## Section 1: WHY Do We Exist?

### Chapter 1: “The Well” Basics – Mission, Vision, Values

#### A. Mission (What We’re Trying to Accomplish)

“The Well” Student Ministries exists to assist diverse students in developing a personal relationship with Christ so they are prepared and equipped to impact the world in which they live.

#### B. Vision (What We See)

Our vision is to build a community of Adult and Student Leaders who help connect students to Christ and together grow to full devotion to Him.

#### C. Values (What’s Important to Us)

1. Home (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 4-8)

Parents are to be the primary provider of spiritual growth of each child. We strive to support parents and to give them tools needed for teaching their students how to begin, grown, and thrive in their relationship with Christ.

2. Evangelism (Matthew 28:19-20)

When students have a relationship with Christ and are disciples of Christ they will desire to impact the world in which they live for Christ. We believe in a “go deep to go wide” ministry philosophy. Students with deep relationships with Christ will impact their world.

3. Connection (Philippians 3:10-18; Joel 1:1-3; Judges 2:6-14; 2 Timothy 2:1-2)

We seek to have students connect with God, Church, Community. We emphasize students connect personally with Christ through a personal time with God on a daily basis. As they grow in knowledge, understanding, and maturity in Christ we encourage them to be involved in ministries of the church and in the community. They are not the future of The Church; they are The Church now.

4. Simplicity over Complexity (Hebrews 12:1-3)

We desire to provide a thorough and complete opportunity for students to be The Church during our regularly scheduled programming. Our desire is to come alongside of families and complement their schedules, not to make schedules more complex.

5. Balance over Imbalance

To grow balanced spiritually-minded Students, we include elements of Biblical teaching, service, and fun into our complete programming.

#### **D. Strategy (How We Do It)**

1. Step 1- Building Bridges (Mark 2:13-17)

We teach and train our students to connect their friends with the Gospel and the Body of Christ. Our “Weekend Well”, Youth Nights, Youth Alpha, Park and Plugs, Pool Parties, Dare2Share, and New Year’s Eve Party are all part of this step either through teaching/training or as an easy “on ramp” into our Student Ministries. The transitions from “The Block” to “The Well” and from “The Well” into “Venture” are key connection points in the overall plan of our Student Ministries.

2. Step 2- Weekend Well Services (Acts 1:8; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Pet. 2:12)

Weekend Well Services are all about Connecting with God, friends, leaders, and Youth Night Small Groups. In the process students learn Bible basics, discuss and discover truth, meet new friends and leaders, and are challenged to take their faith to the next level. This is an Introduction to Christianity and the Church.

3. Step 3- Student Ministry Small Groups (Ps. 133:1; Acts 2:42-47; 2 Tim. 2:2; Heb. 3:12-13)

Small Groups are all about students “Going Deep” with God, friends, and leaders. In the process, they dig into God’s Word, become great friends, enjoy yummy food, serve together, practice accountability, and have fun! This is Biblical Community in action! These Small Groups are grade and gender-based. Groups consist of 3-5 students, 1-2 Student Leaders, and 1-2 deeply committed Adult Leaders.

4. Step 4- Service, Experience, and Challenges

Over the course of each year there are different opportunities to “stretch” our core and new students. These opportunities happen inside of Small Groups, Overflow Service Nights, Missions Trips, and in other church wide opportunities to serve others. We place a special emphasis on Students “ministering down” by serving younger students, children, or infants.

5. Step 5- Graduation (Romans 12:2)

Our goal is to present students who have a personal relationship with Christ and who are prepared and equipped to impact our world for Him to the body of our church. We also desire to help them transition well into our Venture Young Adult Ministry which has now become a bridge between Student Ministries and Adult Community Groups and Deeply Rooted Classes.

#### **E. Times (When We’re Together)**

1. Saturday 6pm/Sunday 11am- “Weekend Well”- Middle and High School Students
2. Wednesday 6:30-8pm- High School and Middle School Small Groups

#### **F. Leader Emphasis (Your Role & Focus)**

1. Weekend Well Services (Acts 1:8; Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Pet. 2:12)  
Weekend Well Services are all about Connecting with God, friends, leaders, and Small Groups. In the process students worship God, learn Bible basics, meet new friends and leaders, and are challenged to take their faith to the next level. This is an Introduction to Christianity and the Church. Discussion Groups are grade and gender-based. Groups consist of a Student Leader and 5-6 other students.
  - a. Leader Emphasis: Church Connection
  - b. Focus: Assisting Student Leaders in understanding how to better lead Table Discussions and connect with Unconnected Students (New Students, Natural/Unsaved Students, Spiritual Infants)
  - c. Methods: Fun/Hangout Time, Short Large Group Teaching/Video Presentation, Table Group Discussions led primarily by Student Leaders
  
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  - a. Leader Emphasis: Discipling Deep
  - b. Focus Groups: Connected Students (Regular Attender Students, Spiritual Students, Spiritual Leader Students, Natural/Unsaved Friends of Spiritual/Spiritual Leader Students)
  - c. Methods: Small Groups, Bible Studies, Fun, Food, Service