



**PORTLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER**  

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES**

# Dear Potential Volunteer Leader:

I'M GLAD YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH OUR STUDENT MINISTRY!

Our church is always on the lookout for volunteer leaders to serve on our team in the student ministry. We believe that solid ministry is built on relationships between adult staff and students. Relationships are key to students feeling loved and understanding God's love in practical ways. This is when real spiritual growth takes place in a student's life.

The quality of our staff is very important. We are looking for men and women who have a commitment to Christ and a desire to care for students. With the aid of prayer and consideration, read the enclosed material. I encourage you to observe one of our regularly scheduled services before you make your decision. Then fill out the application. Because we place a great value on this ministry, we place great value on our staff.

Once I have received your application, I will call you to schedule an appointment. All information will be kept strictly confidential. In the meantime, please feel free to sit in on one of our scheduled services.

Youth ministry is a great way to invest your time and serve the Lord! I'm looking forward to meeting with you and spending some time talking about your hopes and desires for ministry. If you have any need to reach me, please feel free to call.

Blessings,



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# WHAT STUDENTS NEED FROM CARING ADULTS

Changing the world happens one student at a time. Students do not connect to programs, they connect to people. The most effective way to influence students is through significant relationships with key people in their lives. Our goal is to develop leaders who minister to students.

## STUDENTS NEED ADULTS WHO WILL

Love God and live for him.  
Be interested in their lives  
Take initiative to spend time with them  
Pray for them  
Be real  
Say encouraging words  
Believe in them  
Laugh  
Go to their world  
Remember their names and care for them  
Share God's love through personal experience  
Be consistent to the programs  
Be patient  
Enjoy life

## HOW TO BE INVOLVED IN STUDENTS LIVES

We will later explain the application process, but first it is important for you to understand what commitment we ask for from our staff. For effective ministry with students, you need to:

1. Understand the purpose and Planned values of our ministry. Take a look at the values and goals that make our youth ministry effective in reaching and caring for students.
2. Commit to a Program. Consider the role in which God has shaped you in order to build relationships with students.
3. Grow as a minister. Develop your personal ministry, which will ultimately influence students.
4. Understand the Purpose and planned values of our ministry.

# Why You?

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

Our youth ministry exists to reach non-believing students, to connect them with other Christians, to help them grow in their faith and discover their ministry and honor God with their life.

## PLANNED VALUES

Planned values are descriptive words that reflect our values, attitudes, styles, and beliefs that “Influence” our purpose. We try to incorporate these key elements into our programs and our lives. It is all built on RELATIONSHIPS.

## R.E.L.A.T.I.O.N.S.H.I.P.S.

Relational approach  
Encouragement  
Laughter and celebration  
Acceptance  
Transparency  
Involvement of students  
Outreach oriented  
Numerical growth  
Spiritual growth  
Home-like  
Intimacy  
Professionalism  
Strategic follow-up

# COMMIT TO A PROGRAM

**Commitment Option #1:** Weekly Middle School Service, Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM. This is our large group meeting that is designed to have a friendly, fun, challenging, and exciting atmosphere. This program shatters the “church is boring” stereotype and helps students celebrate life. It is filled with laughter, antics, videos, singing, and a message that moves students towards spiritual maturity.

**Volunteer Role:** We need adults to greet, learn names, talk to students, encourage students to attend other programs, and help create an exciting atmosphere.

**Commitment Option #2:** Bible Study Small Groups, Sundays 9:00 - 10:30 AM. This program is key in making our big group small. We meet as a larger group and introduce the topic involving multimedia and some teaching then we break up into small groups for interaction where the adult leaders facilitate discussion and asks a lot of questions to guide the group. This is a powerful time for students who are being cared for, prayed for, and held accountable by their small group.

**Volunteer Role:** This is a great place to start with students. This is your opportunity to go deeper with a group of students you can care for, encourage, pray with, and follow up on during the week.

**Program Option #3:** Ministry Teams/Special Events (Meeting times vary) Ministry teams are filled with students who are involved in an area of ministry based on their desires and gifts. We’d love to have all of our students committed to having a ministry where they serve God. Examples of these teams include drama, music, greeting, creative team, special events, media, snack shack, the options are really limitless and the ministry experience is invaluable.

**Volunteer Role:** Ministry Team Coordinator/Overseer Oversee the organizing and implementation of one of the several ministries. Most teams need to function with an adult leader walking along side for coaching, strategy, and encouragement. Students will need training in specific areas and scheduled on a rotation.

There are many other opportunities to get involved in our ministry and entrepreneurial or original ideas are considered according to our resources and the five purposes of the church.

Background check: All volunteers must undergo a mandatory criminal background check when working with minors. This information will be kept private.

# Commit

(your copy)

## YOUTH MINISTRY STAFF COMMITMENTS

I acknowledge the lordship of Jesus Christ in my life and have a personal relationship with him.

I am committed toward a growing and maturity in relationship with God through quiet times, activities, attendance through church and involvement in accountable relationships.

I am committed towards growing and maturing my relationships with God through quiet times, active attendance at church and involvement in accountable relationships.

I am committed to choices and a lifestyle that are both godly and “above reproach,” knowing that my lifestyle is a model for students.

I am making a commitment to youth ministry for at least one full school year.

I will attend the monthly staff meetings.

I will make a committed attempt to help find at least one other adult volunteer for our growing need in the youth ministry.

I understand the 5 purposes of the church (Evangelism, Fellowship, Discipleship, Worship, and Ministry) as well as the strategy of the youth ministry and commit to help fulfill the purposes and care for the students God brings into my ministry.

Because I am making a significant commitment and my presence is important, I agree to be consistent and on time to the program(s) I commit myself to.

I am making a pledge to at least one of the following level of commitment: (Circle One)

1. Committed: I will participate weekly in the all areas of this ministry; MS Sunday School, Wednesday night services, and Events.
2. Involved: I will dedicate one time a week to be in either MS Sunday School or MS Wednesday Night Service. (Please circle your choice)
3. Available: I will be available for monthly events or special times of ministry; Camps, Choir Tour, Fine Arts Festival, etc. (Please circle your choice)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION**

It is the desire of Portland Christian Center to provide a safe and secure environment for all our attendees and visitors. In order to accomplish this we must exercise appropriate diligence. Part of this diligence requires that we perform a Background Check on all employees and select volunteers. All information obtained through this process will be kept strictly confidential and secured in a locked file cabinet with extremely limited access. Any item of question discovered during this process will be reviewed without revealing names, and discussed with the person directly if required

I hereby authorize Portland Christian Center to perform a background check from court record repositories, a social security number verification, and a driving record check from departments of motor vehicles (if needed). I authorize Portland Christian Center to procure these reports as the staff deems necessary during my involvement in ministry at Portland Christian Center. I understand that I may request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the background verification if adverse action is taken because of the information provided.

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Name (Printed)

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Date of Birth\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip\*

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Driver License # and State Issued\*

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent or Guardian  
(if the above signed is under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\* For Identification Purposes Only

***TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING DEPARTMENT***

Report back to: Aaron McKee – Middle School Ministries

***FOR OFFICE USE ONLY***

Background check performed      Date: \_\_\_\_\_       Cleared       Concerned

Notified Department      Date: \_\_\_\_\_