

# Evangel

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# Note From Pastor

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I trust that this manual will find you well and be helpful for answering questions that you may have about policies and practices of our Group. My goal as your youth's pastor is NOT to parent. My goal is to come alongside and help guide them into positive decisions in their life. I hope to connect with you and learn more of how I can be an aid to you. I never wish to go against the parents wishes and look for a route to help the student live a healthy life with God.

Through teaching, retreats, weekly events we hope to expose your student to a model of healthy living that we believe is a lifestyle designed by our creator.

Blessings,

Pastor Wes

## Contact Information

### **Website**

<http://www.evangelck.com/>

Go to Evangel Youth,  
Click on Program logo

### **Youth Social Media**

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For all Information regarding events at Evangel Community Church, contact the office to receive our weekly newsletter!

## **Evangel's Youth Philosophy**

### **What we believe about students?**

- Every student is created and loved by God. John 3:16.
- Every student has unique gifts and is created with purpose. Ephesians 1.
- Every student makes decisions every day that affect the rest of their life. 1 Peter 1.
- Every student needs a group of friends that care about their future. Acts 2.

### **Why do we have youth groups?**

Life can be a challenge for many youth. It's a big development time for our kids where they are learning who they are, where they belong and what their purpose is.

Our groups are designed to give students strong biblical teaching and a safe environment where they can work through and explore the call on their life.

We strive to fulfill our role in the Great Commission (Mark 16:15) and the Great Commandment (Luke 10:27) by having these 5 purposes in our programs:

- Engaging. (Fellowship) You are called to be a part of this community!
- Empowering. (Discipleship) You are called to grow deeper in relationship with Jesus!
- Experiencing (Worship) You are called to celebrate God's presence!
- Enlightening (Evangelism) You are called to share God's love with all people!
- Equipping (Ministry) You are called to help change the world!

### **Our goals for our students:**

- Have a basic knowledge of the Bible.
- Experience expression in worship.
- Become involved in ministry and discover and use their spiritual gifts.
- Give out of the finances when giving opportunities arise..
- Develop a committed relationship to a church body.
- Are baptized in water and by the Holy Spirit.
- Develop a growing desire to share their faith.
- Strive to grow spiritually.
- Allow their beliefs about the Bible to continually guide their actions.

### **Our programs:**

- For Parents:
  - We strive to connect, encourage and equip parents of adolescents to complete the goals listed above.
  - Parent - Pastor Conferences: we are able to discuss and communicate issues and topics being discussed in our programming.
  - Encourage openness between parents and student leaders to provide insight about their students.
- For Students:
  - Tuesday Night Program 7-9:00pm
    - Sr High Program (Pulse Youth) for Grades 9-12
    - Friday Night Socials or Special Events (When Scheduled)
  - Wednesday Night Program 7-8:15pm
    - Jr High Program (Live Wire) for Grades 6-8
  - Sunday Morning Program 10:40-11:20am
    - Jr High Program (Live Wire) for Grades 6-8
  - Annual Events
    - Retreats, Conventions, Camps, Mission Trips, Leadership Conferences

### **Our Values:**

- Biblically true and culturally interesting talks and discussions.
- Evidence of the Holy Spirit in student's and leader's lives.
- Spiritually accountable relationships.
- Great social student atmosphere.
- Students are able to think and process on their own.
- Fun environment.
- Atmosphere where students feel welcomed and included.

### **Signs of success:**

- Strong committed leadership team of adults: regular meetings for accountability, encouragement, evaluation, proper communication, teaching and support.
- Students who have developed strong relationships with each other and spend time together outside of the program.
- Students reaching out to newcomers and developing relationships that keep them accountable.
- Spiritual growth in students, beginning with a relationship with Jesus Christ and being water and Spirit baptized, discovering and using their spiritual gifts and a desire to share their faith.

**Signs of success Cont.:**

- Students given opportunity to go on a short term mission trip while in High School.
- Students learn to give sacrificially in both time and money.
- Be better known in the community; through acts of service, community events and promotion.

**Evangel Youth Promises:**

- All students will come to:
  - An OPEN PLACE: Come as you are; you are welcome here.
  - A SAFE PLACE: You can trust us; you will be safe here.
  - A FUN PLACE: We like to have fun; enjoy the journey.
  - A REAL PLACE: This is real life and we believe it.

## **Evangel Youth Expectations (Rules)**

### **Program Nights and other Events**

- Unity:
  - Sit together during services.
  - Full participation (be engaged).
  - No wandering around.
  
- Safe Place:
  - Be careful with physical contact with the opposite sex.
  - No talking or teasing with sexual implications.
  - No teasing, swearing, gossiping, or fighting.
  
- Couples stuff:
  - Do not lie down next to each other.
  - Do not be covered by a blanket.
  - Do not sit on each other.
  - Do not straddle each other: Front/Back
  - Do not be outside of eyesight of someone else: rooms/dark hallways/tents.
  
- Dress code:
  - Modesty is key
  - No underwear showing for guys or girls.
  - No midriffs showing for guys or girls.
  - Swimming: Shirts are required for all swimmers (tank tops and t-shirts are acceptable) \*Tell your friends when you bring them to events.
  
- Possessions:
  - No weapons
  - No drugs
  - No alcohol on property
  - No sexual explicit material. (Magazines, Pictures etc.)
  - No smoking on property or at youth sanctioned event.

### **Retreats and Overnight Events**

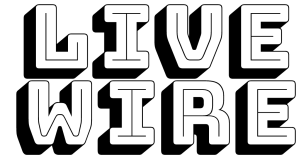
- Required waiver or form for trips (pg. 15).

## **Parent's Role in Evangel Youth**

*“Research continues to show that for better or for worse, a teen’s family represents the most influential network of earthly relationships in his or her life. For this simple reason, we believe that the most effective youth ministry always takes place in the context of the family.”  
(101 ways to be family-Friendly in youth ministry)*

### **What can parents do?**

- Work at having a close relationship with your student and disciple them everyday, through prayer, Bible reading, discipleship, discipline, choose and demonstrating a Godly example. To help with this, I strive to meet with parents at their requests for lunch meet ups or after church. This meeting is set to help you;
  - Stay informed on programming and events.
  - Be a part of the youths’ community.
  - Learn about the life of your students.
- Please Pray. We desperately need your prayers over this ministry and intercessory prayer during our programs each week. We are not fighting against things of the flesh but of the things of the spirit and our greatest victory can be won through prayer. I am expecting each parent to pray during the week for their student and all of the students in the programs they attend.
- Volunteer in the program your student is in. There are many ways to volunteer. Being a leader for the program, bringing in snack, helping chaperon during retreats, financially supporting in fundraisers. **\*\*Any volunteers directly interacting with youth, will need to participate/complete (in) our churches’ Plan To Protect Training.\*\***
- Help encourage and support your students to get involved and be on time for program events, activities and programs and to pick them up on time.
- Become a mentor to some teens that need extra guidance and spiritual direction.
- Learn. Please do not assume that as a parent you know everything about this generation by the conversations over the dinner table.



## **All about Jr High**

### **Jr High (Live Wire) Wednesday Nights:**

- For students who are 11-13 years old and/or in grades 6,7,8.
- Regularly from 7-815pm on Wednesdays from September through May.
- Meeting at the Church in the Portable. Events are made known in advance.
- Summer program consists of bi-weekly events.

### **General elements of the program:**

- Opening/closing activities:
  - Students will have 15 minutes before we start to have free time with various sports activities. Our night starts at 7 and opens typically with 10 minutes of an ice breaker and any announcements regarding future activities or events. We close our night with a moment of prayer.
- Small Groups:
  - From time to time we will split up into groups and discuss a topic in smaller group to encourage interaction and engagement.
- Message:
  - Each week Pastor Wes or one of the Leaders will give a 10-15 minute message about a topic assigned by Pastor Wes. The topic is to encourage the student to embrace the call and challenge Christ gives us to lead a selfless loving sacrificial life that points people to Jesus.
- Snack:
  - Each week we try to provide a small snack that the kids can enjoy between games. We make every effort to make sure they are allergen safe and appropriate for our students while also fun!
- Worship:
  - We have some weeks where we sing songs either with a live band and/or with a video aid. These time are to teach our kids about worship and invite them to communicate to God.
- Games:
  - Each night we plan one to two games to encourage our students to interact and develop skills to positively interact with each other. Some times these are sports or goofy games and other times we will supplement the game for a craft.



### **Typical Jr High (Live Wire) Night:**

- Most nights follow the formula outlined above. Some nights will be adjusted based on topic of message and also themed nights.
- Holiday Parties:
  - Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter are holidays we usually run special events and/or have events outside of our normal program times. These will be advertised through email and our churches' newsletter.

### **Fundraisers:**

- From time to time we like to raise money for large events and trips, primarily for retreats, conventions, mission trips and camps.
- Money will be raised from the church congregation and from the community.
- Some examples of fundraisers we would do are car washes, bake sales, selling coupon books, sport tournaments, banquets.

### **Retreats, Conventions and Camps:**

- These trips have significant value in a student's life. We have seen exponential spiritual growth in students who take a whole weekend or week to focus on God and to be with their Christian friends. We believe these events are essential in their walk with Jesus.
- Our Fall Convention Momentum is an event held in Cambridge. It is organized by our denomination and is designed to give our students the opportunity to have a week filled with God and their peers and many activities. From sessions to games there is so much to do and enjoy!

### **Live Wire Church - Sunday Mornings:**

- On the 2nd and 4th Sunday in a month, we will have a separate teaching time for our Jr high students on Sunday mornings. These Sundays will be identified. The students will take part in our Sunday worship and then be dismissed to the portable for teaching and activity for their age.

### **Summer program:**

- Each summer we try to meet biweekly for a pool party/BBQ. Dates and details are emailed out ahead of time.
- Events happen in the months of July and August.
- This is an opportunity for our leaders to have a rest from weekly programming before fall and allow new grade 6's to join us before the fall.

### **Youth OVERLOAD Service**

- Every Year Our Jr + Sr High put on a church service. This service is set by Pastor Shane and is overseen by Pastor Wes.



## **All About Sr. High**

### **Friday Nights:**

- Meets from 7-900pm on Tuesday nights from September through June.
- Doors open at 630pm. (Gym door at back of building)
- Summer program consists of weekly events, often in different locations and times.

### **General Elements of the Program:**

- Opening Activity:
  - Our nights open with approximately 10 -15 minutes of open games/activities. These are set week to week. This may also be an organized group game.
- Prayer:
  - Opening and closing of the night, including prayer requests and response times.
- Worship:
  - Pulse Youth band consists of our own youth and youth leaders, who sing, play keys, guitars, drums, have a sound person and a lyrics person. Each week practice will happen at 6pm for that night's music.
- Announcements:
  - Instructions and updates on new and upcoming events. Also a time we update students on our sponsor child.
- Testimonies:
  - The Adult Leaders and students - to see what God is doing in their life, to build faith and to get to know the background of our leaders.
- Small Groups:
  - Groups will be set and adjusted as needed. Some nights will have some time set aside to go and discuss the message or a leader guided topic assigned by Pastor Wes. These time are to allow and encourage the kids to share and discuss with one another.
- Teaching:
  - Time of sharing, preaching or teaching, which may include drama, music, video or discussion.
- Atmosphere:
  - Christian music will be played during the games and christian videos may be shown.
- Giving:
  - Collection of money for different projects or our sponsor child throughout the year.
- Response times:
  - May include prayer time, in groups or alone, group discussions, personal reflection time.

### **Typical Nights at Pulse:**

- Normal Night:
  - This night will have a standard flow of beginning game, worship, message, snack and activity/game.
  - Prayer to open and close nights.
- Cup Challenge Nights:
  - These are fun game nights where students will be separated into teams and compete in various challenges to earn points to eventually win the Cup!
  - These are great introductory nights for new friends to come and get to know us in a relaxed setting.
- Service Nights:
  - These nights will be designated for our group to go into our community and serve.
  - Great way for us to give back to our community.

### **Extra Events**

- Some nights may include or be an extra activity.
- May have additional cost.
- Could be trips to bowling, trampoline park, corn maze, concert etc.
- Parents will know by email and social media about upcoming events.

### **Summer Program:**

- Summer events will be listed but addresses will only be given by email.
- Normally these nights are more relaxed from 6-9pm.
- They will have leaders to watch kids during the events.
- Events often include swimming (swimming guidelines apply)

### **Youth Rally**

- Great event to invite friend and connect with other youth groups in city and in our section (Windsor).
- Consist of a typical student service: worship, message, games, fellowship.

### **Retreats, Conventions, Camps, Mission Trips:**

- These trips have significant value in a students life. We have seen exponential spiritual growth in students who take a whole or week to focus on God and to be with their Christian friends. We believe these events are really important in their walk with Jesus.
- The goal would be to have each student go on three trips a year:
  - A retreat in the Summer (Unplugged)
  - A convention in the Spring (Overflow)
- Unplugged is a camping retreat held at Nydam Farms. This Retreat is a two night camping weekend filled with activities and sessions that bring them closer together and with God. This is a phone free weekend where we find fun without tech.

- The convention (Overflow) in the spring is an out of town trip typically after Victoria Day weekend. This is a 2 day one night trip where students from many PAOC churches gather to learn about God and enjoy many fun activities.
- Short term mission trips would be set and announced well in advanced for a small group of student to go and experience a mission.

**Fundraisers:**

- From time to time we would like to raise money for large events and trips, primarily the retreats, conventions, camps and mission trips.
- Money will be raised from the church congregation and from the community.
- Examples of some fundraisers that we might have are: Silent auctions, Pizza fundraiser, bake sales, car washes, banquets, sport tournaments.

**Pulse Youth Band:**

- Pulse youth band is a combination of youth and leaders who desire to lead youth into worship and are excited to serve God with their talents.
- The team practices weekly at 6pm on Friday and is scheduled through Planning Center Online.
- Our goal is to help students increase their musical skill and help them learn how to lead worship.
- The band is overseen by Pastor Wes.

**Youth OVERLOAD Service**

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**Trip Form:**

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### Letter of Informed Consent

To be used for all off-site trips and activities of increased risk.

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

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dear Parent:**

We are planning an activity as part of our programming that requires your permission prior to participation. We have provided you the details of the activity and request that you complete and sign the permission form. The safety of your Child is our primary concern. Precautions will be taken for their wellbeing and protection.

**Permission Form and Consent:**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Health Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will administer the medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' Number \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of an emergency, contact** \_\_\_\_\_

(Non-parent contact)	Name	Number
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I hereby consent to the participation of my/our child(ren) in this supervised activity.

While every precaution is taken for the safety and good health, some sports and activities carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury beyond the risks associated with many of the recreational activities at Evangel Community Church. I/we understand and accept these risks and agree that by allowing my Child to participate in those activities, he/she may be taking part in a recreational activity that presents the potential for personal injury.

I/we, the Parents or guardians named below, are aware that at this event there will be videos and photos taken and used and are ok with them being used in promotional material for the retreat and our church.

I/we, the Parents or guardians named below, are aware that the potential contact of the Covid-19 virus in this large group setting may occur. I/we understand and accept this risk.

I/we, the Parents or guardians named below, authorize the Pastor or one of Evangel Community Church personnel to sign consent for medical treatment and to authorize any physician or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for the participant named above.

I/we, named below, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless Evangel Community Church, its personnel, its leaders and Board from and against any loss, illness, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of Evangel Community Church, as well as of any medical treatment authorized by the supervising individuals representing Evangel Community Church. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in or traveling to events of Evangel Community Church.

I have read, understood, and agree with above.

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is a registration form to participate in our program. Each student will need one filled out so we are able to ensure we have appropriate legal documentation for your student. Please complete & send to Pastor Wes.**