

# Pitts Youth F.O.R.C.E.

## Focused on Reaching a Christ-like Example

The Student Ministry of Pitts Baptist Church

### The Purpose Statement

Youth F.O.R.C.E. is Focused on Reaching a Christ-like Example by encouraging

students to love God with all their H.E.A.R.T. In Youth F.O.R.C.E. we purpose to

**H**onor God in all that we do, as we **E**ncourage each other to live Godly lives,

**A**pply ourselves to the work of the ministry, **R**each students with the gospel of

Christ, and **T**each them how to be Christ followers.

This statement of purpose is derived straight from God's Word and it gives the five purposes that will govern everything we will do in this student ministry. The ideas are also a product of Doug Fields book, "The Purpose Driven Youth Ministry." Our students believe that a healthy youth ministry is one that has a distinct purpose.

**The Bible says in Proverbs 19:21, "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."**

*Doug Fields cites in His book a quote from Rick Warren which states, “Unless the driving force behind a church is biblical, the health and growth of the church will never be what God intended. Strong churches are not built on programs, personalities, or gimmicks. They are built on the purposes of God.”*

## **The Five Purposes**

The five purposes of our youth ministry are found in two popular passages, the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

**The Great Commandment:** “Jesus replied, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments” (Matthew 22:37-40).

**The Great Commission:** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28: 19-20)

# Biblical Definitions of the Five Purposes

**Worship:** “Love the Lord your God with all your heart”

**Ministry:** “Love your neighbor as yourself”

**Evangelism:** “Go and make disciples”

**Fellowship:** “Baptizing them”

**Discipleship:** “Teaching them to obey”

## A Closer look

**Worship** is celebrating God’s presence and honoring Him with our lifestyle. Worship includes the elements of:

Singing (Psalm 100: 1-2)

Praying (Psalm 95:6)

Hearing the Word of God (John 17:17)

Giving (1 Corinthians 16: 1-2)

**Ministry** is applying the gifts God has given us in order to meet the needs of others and to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives as outlined in Ephesians 2:10

**Evangelism** is sharing the saving message of Jesus Christ with those who don’t have a personal relationship with Him.

**Fellowship** happens when students are known, cared for, held accountable, and encouraged in their spiritual journey.

**Discipleship** is the building up or strengthening of believers in their quest to become like Christ.

## Making it Personal

<b>H</b> onor God in all that we do	=	Worship
<b>E</b> ncourage each other to live Godly lives	=	Fellowship
<b>A</b> pply ourselves to the work of the ministry	=	Ministry
<b>R</b> each students with the Gospel of Christ	=	Evangelism
<b>T</b> each them to be Christ followers	=	Discipleship

## The Vission

Pitts Youth F.O.R.C.E. believes that if students **Honor** God in all that we do, **Encourage** each other to live Godly lives, **Apply** ourselves to the work of the ministry, **Reach** students with the Gospel of Christ, and **Teach** them to be Christ followers that we are actively seeking to become like Christ.

## Communicating the Purpose

Pitts Youth F.O.R.C.E. believes that there are five different audiences in which to communicate its purpose.

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| 1. Committed to | <b>"No"</b>   | students |
| 2. Committed to | <b>"Show"</b> | students |
| 3. Committed to | <b>"Grow"</b> | students |
| 4. Committed to | <b>"Go"</b>   | students |
| 5. Committed to | <b>"Sow"</b>  | students |

## Definitions of our Target Audience

**"No"** students are teens in our **community** who are committed to nothing spiritually speaking; they are living apart from Christ.

**"Show"** students are faces in the **crowd** who are committed to attending our church on an infrequent basis, but hear the Gospel

**"Grow"** students are in our youth **congregation** who are committed to attending regularly, actively participating in Bible Study, and having a quiet time—they have a relationship with Christ and other believers, but desires to deepen those relationships.

**"Go"** students are those students that are **committed** to using their gifts for the work of the ministry.

**"Sow"** students are our **core** students who are in leadership positions and influence others by actions and words.

## Commitment Goals to Reach Each Student

We are committed to reach the **"No"** Student by introducing them to Pitts Youth F.O.R.C.E. through our entry level opportunities

We are committed to help the **"Show"** Student discover their need for salvation and encourage them to be a part of our basic learning opportunities

We are committed to challenge the **"Grow"** Student to fully participate in our advanced learning opportunities

We are committed to involve the **"Go"** Student in our local, national, and international, mission opportunities

We are committed to give the **"Sow"** Student ministry leadership opportunities

## Entry Level Opportunities

These Entry Level Opportunities strive to invite the **community student** or the student committed to “No”thing to an event with a fun and laid back atmosphere in order to make the community student feel welcome. Examples of these Entry Level Activities are as follows:

- Lock-ins
- Carowinds
- Emerald Pointe
- Baseball Games
- Bowling
- Movie nights
- Superbowl fellowship
- Out of School Splash
- Other off campus activities

These activities are designed to reach the un-churched through social interaction and to provide a fun activity for youth in our group to invite their un-churched friends. There may be little or no Bible study. However, it does allow youth to be a witness to others as we go. There are little to no requirements for these events and its participants.

## Basic Learning Opportunities

- Concerts
- Disciple Now Weekends
- Camping Trip
- Winter Retreat
- Student Life Weekends
- Summer Camp
- Sports Spectacular
- Extreme Worship
- VBS
- Youth Rallies
- Youth Drama Team
- Puppet Team

These activities are designed for the **crowd student** to discover the basics of scriptural truth and to understand their need for salvation. These programs will be formatted with a balance of games, praise and worship, and Bible study. Requirements for these events may include wearing modest clothing, using proper language, displaying proper conduct, etc..

## Advanced Learning Opportunities

Sunday School  
ReaLife Bible Study  
Impact Bible Study  
Church-wide worship services  
Church-wide discipleship training  
Youth Ensemble  
Youth Praise Team

These activities are designed for the **congregation student** to encourage more in-depth Bible study. This step moves students beyond just being served to a commitment to personal Bible study and growth. Requirements for these activities include bringing your Bible, actively participating in the Bible study, striving for personal growth through quiet times.

## Mission and Leadership Opportunities

State side mission trips  
International mission trips  
Student Accountability Groups

These activities are designed to give **committed students** opportunities to use their gifts and abilities for the work of the ministry both here at Pitts Baptist and outside the church. This step moves students from being served and disciplined to actual hands on ministry. The requirements for these activities include the requirements from the advanced learning opportunities plus a greater commitment through specific training nights, extra practices, etc..

## Student Leadership Opportunities

Youth Visitation  
Youth Led Church

# Pitts Youth Sunday School Ministry

<b>T.E.A.M. Time</b>	Sunday Mornings
	9:00am Middle School
	10:30am High School

**T.E.A.M. Time** strives to **T**each students God's Word by **E**ncouraging them to study it, **A**pply it and **M**editate on its message. This time of study stresses Biblical and Doctrinal knowledge as well as practical life application.

**Joshua 1:8** "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you should meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it."

## **Team Ministry Guidelines**

### **Pitts Student Sunday School Ministry**

- Who:**
- Teammates (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades)
  - Captain (Teachers)
  - Coach (Director)
- What:**
- Reaching in and out to students
  - Teaching students God's Word
  - Involving students in worship, accountability, fellowship, and prayer
  - Building relationships with students while ministering to their needs
- When:**
- Sunday Mornings
  - 9:00am and 10:30am
- Where:**
- The P.E.A.K.
- Why:**
- To aid students at Pitts Baptist in fulfilling its purpose statement. Specifically TEAM -Time is designed to reach the "crowd" with the goal of growing the individual TEAM --- member to a better understanding of who God is and who He wants to be in us.
- How:**
- By providing a fun and positive environment while engaging the TEAM member with an understandable and applicable message through worship, teaching, and conversation.

# Team Schedule

9:00am and 10:30am	Fellowship
9:10am and 10:40am	Announcements
9:15am and 10:45am	Master Teacher
9:45am and 11:15am	Table talk
10:15am and 11:45am	Dismiss

## Team Captain Responsibilities

Teachers

### **T = Teaching**

- Be energetic
- Study lesson and generate discussion questions for group interaction
- Start on time
- Get everyone involved
- Lead by example how to love Jesus and others
- Close in prayer

### **E = Encouraging**

- Love all Students
- Welcome all attenders
- Make appropriate physical contact
- Make contact with non attenders via card, phone call, email, etc...
- Make contact with prospects via card, phone call, email, etc.
- Build relationships with students outside of Sunday School
- Attend students' extra curricular activities when possible
- Pray for students on a consistent basis
- Pray for all facets and leaders of TEAM ministries

### **A = Applying**

- Hold students accountable for applying God's Word in their lives
- Hold students accountable for living a life of moral purity

### **M = Modeling and maintaining own spiritual pilgrimage**

- Be on time (which means 15 minutes early)
- Attend all Sunday School leadership meetings
- Attend Christian Education training events
- Make application from lesson to your own spiritual growth
- Personally adhere to all the steps in the letter "A" in TEAM

# ReaLife

- Who:** -6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- What:** -Youth Bible Study  
-Discipleship material or series that may or may not coordinate with church-wide material designed to help students grow in their faith journey
- When:** -Sunday nights  
-6:00pm
- Where:** -The P.E.A.K.
- Why:** -To give students an opportunity to learn more about their walk with Christ while studying such topics as apologetics, world religions, evangelism, etc..
- How:** -By providing a fun and positive environment while engaging the TEAM member with an understandable and applicable message through worship, teaching, and conversation.

# Praise Band

- Who:** -6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- What:** -A Music Ministry Team that leads in youth worship, children's worship, and some church-wide events  
  
-Tryouts are required for this ministry team
- When:** -Sunday evenings  
3:30pm
- Where:** -The P.E.A.K.
- Why:** - To exercise students' ability to lead worship and engage their gift to serve others

## Puppet Team

- Who:** -6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- What:** -A student ministry that teaches puppet skills as well as other areas of ministry
- When:** -Sundays at 5:00PM
- Where:** -In the youth wing of the C.O.R.E.
- Why:** -To give students an entry level opportunity to lead in a worship or mission event setting.

## Drama Team

- Who:** -6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- What:** -A student ministry that teaches acting skills and other forms of ministry
- When:** -Wednesday at 6:00PM
- Where:** -In the youth wing of the C.O.R.E.
- Why:** -To give students an entry level opportunity to lead in youth worship or mission event setting.

## Ensemble

- Who:** -6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- What:** -A Music Ministry Team that teaches singing and other forms of musical training
- When:** -Sunday at 5:00pm
- Where:** -The P.E.A.K.
- Why:** - To exercise students' ability to lead worship and engage their gift to serve others

# Impact

- Who:** -6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades
- What:** -Youth Bible Study  
-Discipleship material or series that may or may not coordinate with church-wide material designed to help students grow in their faith journey
- When:** -Wednesday nights  
-6:45pm
- Where:** -The P.E.A.K.
- Why:** -To give students an opportunity to learn more about their walk with Christ while studying such topics as apologetics, world religions, evangelism, etc..
- How:** -By providing a fun and positive environment while engaging the youth member with an understandable and applicable message through worship, teaching, drama and conversation.

## Youth Leaders

### High School Teachers

Greg and Cindi Fields  
Chris and Kristi Teal

### Middle School Boys

Dean Hardister  
Kirk Myers

### Middle School Girls

Pam Ford  
Debbie Ours

### Youth Ensemble

Andrea Batson  
Holly Burdette

### Youth Praise Team

Gene Mauldin

### Youth Drama Team

Celeste Davis

### Youth Puppet Team

Jenny Church  
Mickey Mauldin



