**Guidelines and Rules For Student Ministries. 2023-2024**

The following is a list of rules and guidelines for Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Youth Ministries. We are called by Christ to have high standards and we want to see these standards active in our ministry and in your life. This list of rules is not exhaustive but should give you an indication of what we expect. We ask you to please adhere to this list during any Youth Group sponsored event either at church or off campus. If you have any questions, please contact our church office. 870-942-2655

**While on Church Property**

**Note:  You are the responsibility of the Church while on church property.  Our volunteers do an excellent job of watching and protecting you during our services and ministry program times.  It is very important that you help make your stay at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church safe by listening and obeying those in authority. Your safety is our number one priority. Your spiritual growth is our purpose. Below is a list of things we expect from each one of our students while on the church property.**

 1. When you arrive to the church property you must immediately enter the appropriate building

 and proceed to designated area as directed by our Youth leaders. No hanging around outside or

 in cars.

 2. All recreational activities are limited to gym area. There should be no running or playing in the

 halls or rooms.

 3. Do not go where an adult is not. (Rule of three.) Students and leaders should always be in an

 open area with at least two other people. Do not disappear into vacant rooms or hallways.

 4. Under no circumstances are you to leave the church property unless Program director is notified

 and gives permission for leaving.

 5. Do not disrespect authority- Obey and Respect instruction from adults. Disrespect to our student

 ministry leaders, workers and teachers will not be tolerated.

 6. No fighting.

 7. No obscene language. Cussing

 8. No bullying - Show respect for everyone you come in contact with. This means that making fun of

 others and cutting each other down is not acceptable.

 9. Treat the church property and equipment with respect. (Do not intentionally damage property.)

 Respect the facilities. (e.g., do not throw or kick balls at the doors or walls, no standing, walking

 or running on church furniture or chairs, clean up after yourself.)

 10. No drugs, alcohol, use of tobacco products, or vaping in buildings or on church property.

 11. No Weapons

 12. Public displays of affection while at church functions are inappropriate. This detracts from our purpose as we meet together. Youth leaders will model appropriate behavior.

**Eating Supper**

**Note:  Volunteers at CMBC work hard to provide you the opportunity to enjoy a meal before class time.  It is very important that you respect the hard work that these men and women do and be thankful for them. Below is a list of things we expect you to do when you eat supper at church.**

1. Upon arrival for Wednesday Evening Student Ministries, you will be directed to a table to sit down and eat. If you are not eating, you must still remain at table until our youth leaders take you to your class.
2. There will be no ball playing, running in gym, etc. upon arrival or during eating time. Each group will have a scheduled activity time that will be directed and organized.

 3. Be neat while eating. Do not leave food on tables or floors.

 4. Throw away your plate and cup.

 5. Do not leave cups or other trash in parking lot.

 6. Be courteous to the workers and other people eating with you.

 7. Our meals are provided only for our students and ministry workers. There will be times when

 we encourage parents and others to eat with or students.

**Class Time**

**Note:  Class time is a time set aside to learn what God has to say from His Word.  The teachers, Bible and volunteers are to always be respected.  We try to make this class time fun and interesting so that you will enjoy learning.  Below is a list of things we expect from all of our students.**

1. Transition to class time quietly and orderly. No running or playing in educational area and classrooms.
2. Respect the teacher and other adult workers.
3. Obey authority.
4. No yelling.
5. No cursing.
6. Bring your Bible.
7. Listen to the teacher.
8. No talking while the teacher is talking.
9. No use of phones while in class or any other part of the building unless given permission by your student leader.

**Dress Code**

**Note:  The main rule for dress at CMBC is that one dress modestly, and respectfully. We will not try to control your appearance or judge you according to it.  However, this is a church program and we are responsible as Christians to provide an environment that will influence everyone that attends in a spiritual manner. The Bible clearly describes how men and women are to present themselves.  We want to encourage you to walk after Christ in the manner of modesty, distinction, and respect.  Below is a short list of what we will not tolerate on regular bases from our youth.**

1. No short shorts. (Must come at least halfway down thigh)
2. No spaghetti strap shirts or tube tops.
3. No clothing with offensive language.
4. No clothing that promotes racism, gangs, drugs, or anything else destructive to society.
5. No low-cut shirts or shirts that show midsection.
6. No sagging.
7. No jeans with tears above mid-thigh.

**Miscellaneous Guidelines**

1. Please do not allow your child to attend activities or youth programs if they are running fever or have

 other symptoms that may prove to be contagious and make others sick.

2. If your child is quarantined, please do not allow them to attend.

3. Parent or guardian specify on your registration who is authorized to pick your child up. We will not

 release children to unauthorized persons. **(Reference Signature Page.)**

4. We encourage all adults who are not serving in some capacity with our student ministries on

 Wednesday night, to attend our Wednesday Bible Study at 7 in our sanctuary.

**Discipline for Breaking Rules**

* It is the desire of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church – Sheridan that all students who wish to be involved in our student ministries will have an opportunity to do so. The student will find that we provide, love, care, and will strive to introduce and lead the student to a relationship with Jesus Christ. If a suspension should occur, it will be the result of the student choosing bad behavior over their desire to participate.
* Infraction of these rules may result in suspension from CMBC Student Programs.
* 1st Offense – A verbal warning will be given, and the student informed of what was done wrong and what is expected of them.
* 2nd Offence – A second warning will be given, and the parent or guardian will be contacted to make sure they know the student is not being compliant to rules and guidelines after being warned by student leadership.
* 3rd Offence – In this case the student may not return unless parent or guardian counsels with pastor and there is a satisfactory resolution to problem. These counsel sessions can be set up by calling the church office.
* 4th Offence – The student will be suspended for the rest of the year from student programs.
* All disciplinary action will be taken on a case-by-case basis. (Immediate suspension may occur for violent actions or other actions that may be ruled harmful to our youth, leaders, and volunteers.)

**These rules are strictly for the safety of the student and to create an atmosphere conducive to learning about Jesus Christ and how He can transform a life.  CMBC leadership is thankful for your understanding and participation in this area. Contact our office at 870-942-2655 for any questions or concerns.**

Parent or guardian must sign to acknowledge they have read and agree with the rules and guidelines above and will review these rules and guidelines with their child before they participate in our student ministries.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

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Student’s Name

 Persons authorize to pick up your child that is not the Parent or Guardian

**Persons NOT allowed to pick child up**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(All forms must be signed and returned within three weeks from receiving or your child will not be allowed to participate in the games and activities until they have been turned in.)**