



2011 Youth and Adult Orientation Packet

Occoquan Bible Church
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HARDROCK

Welcome to HARDROCK!

We are glad that you have chosen to visit us, and it is our prayer that you will find OBC's Youth Ministry a place where you will be brought closer to Christ.

We hope you will grow in your faith as you listen to our youth leaders teach God's Word.

We hope the friendships you build will challenge you to love God and others more.

And we pray that you will develop a heart for the lost and the needy, as we reach out together to love and serve those around us!

The Youth Ministry at Occoquan Bible Church exists to glorify God by making disciples and partnering with parents in the discipleship of their children.

Join us as we seek to build our lives on the Rock!

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

What's Happening...

Sunday Mornings

11:00 am-12:15 pm

Junior High and High School classes meet downstairs during the second worship service.

SUNDAY CLASSES	
Junior High	Room L-014
High School	Room L-021

Tuesday Nights (Youth Group Night)

7-9pm

On Tuesday nights we meet upstairs in the sanctuary for youth group. The youth praise team starts off the night, and we listen as one of our leaders brings us God's Word. We then go downstairs for small group discussion and prayer. Afterwards we come back together for fellowship, refreshments, and games. Come spend the evening with our community of youth and youth leaders!

SMALL GROUPS	
Junior High Girls	Room L-021
Junior High Guys	Room L-013
High School Girls	Room L-004
High School Guys	Room L-014

More Stuff!!!

There's a lot more to OBC's youth ministry than Sunday mornings and Tuesday nights. From annual events like our winter retreat and summer missions trip, to our guys' and girls' nights, small groups, or service and outreach days – there's usually something happening. Come plug in!

Stay Connected!

There are lots of ways to stay posted with what's happening. Get on our e-mail list, friend us on facebook, visit our blog, and you can even find us on twitter!

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"HARDROCK – OBC YOUTH"

Rules and Expectations

To make sure that our Youth Group at Occoquan Bible Church is enjoyable, safe, and pleasing to God, the following rules will be enforced during all youth meetings and activities, and while travelling to and from activities.

1. **SHOW LOVE FOR OTHERS AT ALL TIMES.** This means that we do not put others down, intentionally hurt their feelings, make fun of people (including new people or strangers not with our group), pick on others, or talk about others behind their back. Instead, we want to build others up, and put their rights and needs ahead of our own (Matt 22:39; Phil 2:1-5).
2. **LET OTHERS SEE JESUS THROUGH YOU.** As a member of this youth group you are representing the Lord to the rest of the world. To be a positive witness for Jesus, we must not do things that will make God or us look bad, such as swearing, yelling out the window of the van, making faces at others, wearing offensive or suggestive clothing, and so on. In other words, keep it as clean as if the Lord were right beside you (Matt: 5:14-16; Rom 12:1-2).
3. **RESPECT AND TAKE CARE OF OUR CHURCH AND THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS.** We need to take care of our church equipment, furnishings, and rented facilities. They are all a part of God's blessing on our church and must be treated with respect. Likewise, when we are guests in others' houses or cars, we should show the same respect. If you make or see a mess, please clean it up. If something breaks, tell a leader. Give as much or more attention to other people's things as you would your own (Phil 2:3-4).
4. **KNOW WHEN TO BE GOOFY AND WHEN TO BE SERIOUS.** It is very important that we all enjoy ourselves in this group. It is equally important, however, that we all listen and participate during Bible studies or other "serious" times. Not only will we grow more, but we won't rob others of that opportunity (Eccl 3:4,7).
5. **PLAY SAFELY.** You are very important to God, to our church, to our youth group, and to your family. We do not want anything bad to happen to you or to others, so please follow all safety rules and use common sense. Seat belts need to be worn correctly when travelling. When on a group outing, please be where you are supposed to be at all times. Your actions affect others as well as yourself (1 Cor 3:16-17; 6:19-20).
6. **FOCUS ON THE THINGS OF GOD.** When we do things like listen to music, read, have conversations, or watch television and movies, we need to expose ourselves to those things that glorify God. We can do without the rest. We want to apply the "Philippians 4:8" test to everything this group does (Eph 5:3-5; Phil 4:8).
7. **LOVE ONE ANOTHER, BUT BE CAREFUL HOW YOU SHOW IT.** As fellow members of God's family, there may be times when you share a hug with your Christian brothers and sisters. If you have a boyfriend or girlfriend, you are encouraged to invite him or her to youth group. However, romantic displays of affection can make others uncomfortable, so please refrain from it during youth group activities.
8. **KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.** To have fun, you must willingly participate in what we do and make the most out of everything. The fastest way to destroy a youth meeting and discourage others is to complain or refuse to take part in activities (Prov 17:22, Phil 4:4).

Dress Code

To make sure that our Youth Group at Occoquan Bible Church is glorifying to God and that we do not distract others from their worship experience and their opportunity for spiritual growth, the following dress code will be enforced during all youth meetings and activities, and while travelling to and from activities.

- ◆ Shorts should reach to the bottom of your fingertips or at least be long enough so that when you bend over or play games nothing is exposed.
- ◆ Skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee and slits may not be higher than fingertip length.
- ◆ Pants must be worn snugly around the waist.
- ◆ Halter-tops, tube tops, and tops with straps that reveal bra straps are not allowed.
- ◆ Offensive t-shirts are not allowed.
- ◆ Shirts must be long enough that if you raise your hands (eg., during praise or games) your midriff is not exposed. Shirts cannot be "see through."
- ◆ Swimsuits should be modest one-piece or tankini swimsuits.
- ◆ Clothing should not be overly tight or suggestive.

The real issue is for us to examine our hearts and motives for the way that we choose to dress. This is a subject that gets whispered or giggled about a lot, but rarely is someone directly confronted about his or her lack of modesty. It is a very delicate subject... but that's all the more reason to address it openly and honestly. We have created these guidelines so that we will not be a stumbling block to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

1 Peter 3:3-4

"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."

Psalms 115:1

"Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness."

Discipline

Our Response to Inappropriate Behavior

In general, we will handle inappropriate behavior during youth meetings and activities in the following manner: Individuals involved will be confronted by the youth or activity leader about the action. If the inappropriate action(s) ceases, no further steps are necessary. However, certain issues may automatically require parental involvement.

If the inappropriate action continues, students will be given one week to discuss the offence with their parents. If the individual desires, the leader will accompany them. At the end of the week, the youth leader will follow up with the individual and the individual's parents.

In some cases, individuals may not be allowed to continue to participate in the activity. They will also be required to apologize to and ask forgiveness from any individuals that they may have offended.

If an individual comes "inappropriately" dressed, he or she will be given appropriate clothing to wear the rest of the night. If they do it a second time, they will be asked to sit out of the activities.

Biblical Conflict Resolution

Our youth leaders are more than happy to provide counsel for issues that arise outside of youth group activities, but we believe that the biblical model for conflict resolution must be followed, and issues should be dealt with directly between the parties involved (see Matthew 18:15-17).

If there is an issue that you believe the youth leaders need to be aware of, please bring it to my attention and I will decide if other members of the youth council need to be aware of it. We want to be careful not to spread gossip or rumors.

Our Youth Leaders



**Pastor Ben Purves
and Ricki Purves**



Jean Conn



Deacon Louis Mingo



David Getz



Alicia Cooper



Jody Lee



Rick Brock



Steve and Dana Crow



David Brown



Jeff Heim

Interested in Joining the Youth Ministry Team?

If you are interested in joining us and serving in one of the below areas, let us know!

Teaching

We have a number of teaching opportunities available in our ministry. Teachers are needed for Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings, and we also have other opportunities available throughout the year.

Worship

We have a Youth Praise Team that leads the youth group in worship on Tuesday evenings and other occasions. We are always looking for people to help be a part of this team either by singing, playing an instrument, setting up, or running the sound equipment.

Service

Throughout the year, we participate in service projects with the youth ministry and alongside other Occoquan Bible Church ministries. We always need workers and coordinators for these projects.

Outreach

In following the great commission, we offer several different events where the youth are encouraged to invite unbelievers to attend. Our goal is to have youth connect with the youth ministry and develop a passion for the Lord through discipleship.

Activities/Special Events

In connection with the other areas of Youth Ministry, we plan special events such as concerts, camping, and trips to build relationships between leaders and youth, and youth and youth.



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