

Thrive

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2020 VOLUME 1

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Our Mission

Our mission is to thrive and grow continuously towards loving God through prayer and his Word, loving our neighbors through service and Christian character, and accomplishing the great commission in our schools and neighborhoods.

Loving • Growing • Going

Who am I?



Hey, my name is Dustin, and I'm the Student & Education Pastor at FBC Bay St. Louis. I enjoy working with the parents and students here at FBC.

Ultimately, my passion is seeing the mission of God accomplished by discipling believers towards a deeper love for God, his word, evangelism, fellowship and a love for all people.

Welcome

Letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome your students to our student ministry, but I would also like to welcome you. As a youth pastor I have learned that parental involvement in the Student Ministry is imperative. Sometimes you may feel like your students are reaching an age where they are rebellious and disrespectful, but they are still watching your every move. Teenagers need their parents to be involved as an example of the Christian lifestyle, but they also need other adults. You may have heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." This saying is true in more ways than you can imagine. Through the years, I have watched teenage students begin to reach out for new mentors besides their parents, and the community of the church is the perfect place for them to find positive role-models. I implore you to be as involved in the student ministry as you can possibly be for the sake of your student and others, especially those who have not been blessed with a wholesome family. Our church family may be the best family some students get to experience.

I also encourage you to bring your student as often as possible. Every time your student comes to Thrive, they will be learning how to strengthen their walk with our creator and building Christian relationships for the future. In today's world students need to know God and his guidance more than ever, and they need Christian relationships to find people who will walk alongside them throughout the difficulties of life in this world. More involvement means stronger habits for the future, and more students creates more opportunities and greater influence. Not only do we believe your student need a community of believers, but we believe our community needs your student. Please encourage your student to attend faithfully and get involved.

In Christ,

Dustin Pierce

Letter for Students

Dear Students,

You may be wondering where you belong in the new direction of our student ministry, and I hope this letter answers your questions. Our church hopes to create a student ministry which is growing and thriving in two ways. First, we want every student to encounter God, love him, and learn to live according to his plans for your life. We hope you grow in your relationship with God and form strong relationship with fellow Christians. We also hope you can help us grow the number of students who come to our student ministry. We want to be growing God's family and reaching new people, and we want to increase the involvement of some students who already go to our church. Also, if we have more students, we can do more events and activities, but we will also create more small groups so that you don't get lost in the crowd. Our church wants to invest in you personally, and we want to invest in as many students as possible.

You may be thinking this does not sound like much fun, but we will have fun hanging out before and after every lesson, we will have fun activities that help us learn, and we will have some events where we have lots of fun activities and games. I encourage you to come faithfully, bring your friends, and help us grow our ministry. You are the most important part of our ministry. Without you there would be no ministry.

Sometimes teenagers your age feel like they don't belong, and they don't understand their role in the church. Our student ministry will teach you that you are not a future church member, but you can be involved now. Those who want to know more and grow deeper will have the opportunity to seek further discipleship and grow to be a leader in our ministry and in our church. I hope you will seek to Thrive and help our student ministry Thrive as well.

*In Christ,
Dustin Pierce*

Calendar

First Wednesday's

Feb. 5: Agape Fellowship
March 4: Spring into Action
April 1: ALL Fools Day
May 6: Let's taco-bout Jesus
June 3: Summer Celebration

April 18: Youth Room Overhaul

May 3: Graduate Sunday

June 15-20: MFuge

June 22-26: VBS

Fundraisers

March 1-31: Envelope Fundraiser
May 17: Dessert Auction
September 4: Date Night



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

GROW GROUPS

Sunday: 9:15 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday: 10:30 AM

THRIVE TIME

Sunday: 5:00-6:00 PM STARTING FEB. 2

THRIVE WORSHIP

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00 PM



DESCRIPTION OF WEEKLY EVENTS

GROW GROUPS

Every Sunday, students will have the opportunity to gather for an opening assembly where they can debrief about their week, pray together, and have a brief devotion before dismissing to the grow group for their age range. Currently, our groups consist of classes for 6th-7th grade, 8th-9th grade, 10th-12th grade girls, and 10th-12th grade boys. Each group will gather for a lesson, prayer, and discussion.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Following grow groups, students are invited to come worship with their family and the entire church. Worship will usually be led by Pastor Matthew Dunkin and Pastor Brett Frazier will preach from God's word. The service will be an opportunity for the whole church family to encounter God together.

THRIVE TIME

Thrive time is a great opportunity for students to gather for Bible study in a more intimate setting. Each Thrive time will begin with an activity which reinforces or introduces the topic of discussion. Then students will gather together for Bible study. After Bible Study, students will be divided into small groups based on their age for further discussion.

THRIVE WORSHIP

Thrive worship is a midweek worship experience for students. Each night students are invited to come early to hang out and prayer walk the prayer wall in the youth room. Each worship time begins with musical worship or an activity. The service continues with worship through an exposition of Biblical texts. Students are invited to respond with prayer, further discussion, or simply spend more time fellowshiping with one another.

BIG EVENTS

First Wednesday's

The first Wednesday of every month will be a special event. These events will sometimes include special activities and food, and the students are encouraged to invite their friends.

Youth Room Overhaul

This day will consist of face two of the youth room revamp for the thrive student center. The day will consist of throwing out old furniture, decorating the walls, and adding desperately needed curtains.

VBS

The students are encouraged to volunteer to work VBS. After VBS ends each day, students are invited to each lunch together (lunch will be provided on Friday). After lunch, students will engage in a fun-filled evening ending at 3pm.

M'Fuge

M'Fuge is a discipleship camp organized by LifeWay throughout the summer. Camps are held across the country at different Christian campuses and conference centers. This year we will be attending the camp at Mississippi College in Clinton, MS. The date is set for June 15-20. The camp will cost \$330 dollars. The final day to sign up has already passed, and a \$60 deposit will be due by January 26th. Another \$60 deposit will be due by April 26th, and the final deposit* of \$210 will be due May 27th.*

**The amount of the final deposit will be determined by fundraiser participation. Anyone who cannot afford to pay for any of the events can apply for a scholarship by filling out a scholarship application.*

ANNOUNCEMENT STRATEGY

Monday Announcement Blast

- I. Social Media
 - a. Facebook
 - b. Instagram
- II. Planning Center
 - a. Thrive
 - b. Thrive Parents
- III. Remind Message
 - a. Students
 - b. Parents

Wednesday Announcement Blast

- I. Remind Message
 - a. Students
 - b. Parents
- II. Announce before Worship
- III. Have Handouts available

Sunday Announcement Blast

- I. Announce in Opening Assembly
- II. Make a Handout to Send Home
- III. Sunday Announcements Slide

Every Six Months: Thrive Magazine

ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDE

How to view social media announcements:

- Facebook: Join the “Thrive Students BSL” group
- Instagram: Follow the “thrivestudentsbsl” page

How to receive Planning Center emails:

- 1) Download Church Center from the app store
- 2) Type in the church’s zip code, and find our church
- 3) Create your profile with your contact information
- 4) Go to groups and join “Thrive” if you are a student and “Thrive Parents” if you are a parent/guardian

How to receive Remind Messages:

- Students: Text @thrivebsl to 81010
- Parents: Text @thriveprnt to 81010

Note:

Do not be afraid to ask your student, “Did Dustin announce any upcoming events in class tonight?” or “Do you have any handouts from Thrive tonight?” Effective communication with your student is just as important as our announcement blasts.

Keep your Thrive magazine, and frequently check Facebook for any updates to the electronic version.



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