

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1028 Belt Line
Mesquite, Texas 75149
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Youth Covenant of Conduct and Commitment Within our Community of Faith

- I covenant to support the rules set by the Sponsors, listen when they are giving instructions, and do what they ask with a respectful attitude. I will expect my peers to do the same.
- I covenant to respect the property of the church and other places we go. I understand that I am representing the church at any and all gatherings off premise.
- I understand that *community* is a part of spiritual growth and I covenant to participate in as many scheduled activities as possible to support the group as a whole.
- I covenant with others in the group that I will show respect for them and their property. I will not insult them or put them down or use inappropriate language. I expect to be treated in the same manner.
- I covenant to be responsible and respectful to the adult leadership of FPC.
- I covenant to respect those around me by not engaging in reckless behavior that could cause harm to myself or others.
- I covenant to respect the privacy of others by not entering into areas assigned to females if I am a male, or areas assigned to males if I am female.
- I covenant to abstain from inappropriate sexual behavior.
- I covenant not to bring fireworks, firearms, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products to any activity on or off church property.
- I covenant to be a good steward of the resources, facilities, and time.
- I recognize that I have been created in the image of God and will behave and dress in a manner that reflects that belief.
- I promise to adhere to the transportation policies as stipulated on the back of this covenant.
- I covenant not to post pictures, videos or comments on social media of any kind that are hurtful to others. I will be careful how I choose my words when posting, texting or emailing, so that they reflect the love of God - and the Great End of the Church “to be an exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven in the world”.
- The above agreement has been developed to enhance the quality of the FPC Youth Program. Participants accept the responsibilities in this Covenant in order to build a community characterized by respect, trust, concern, and dignity. This covenant applies to *all* youth events and activities sponsored by FPC. I understand that breaking this covenant *will* result in disciplinary action ranging from a warning to being sent home at my parents expense from any activity or function. I understand that such an offence may require a meeting with my parents and a Disciplinary Panel consisting of two adult sponsors present during the incident, the DCE and one Youth Advisor.

It is assumed that all participants and their parents/guardians will sign, accept and abide by this Covenant as a pre-requisite for attendance to any event or function sponsored or attended by First Presbyterian Church.

Applicants Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Transportation Policies

ONLY approved adult licensed drivers, who are 25 years old or older, may operate a vehicle in which youth are transported to and from an official event which originates from the church.

Parents and teen drivers understand that they (teen drivers) are to drive ONLY themselves and their siblings to and from the church. Teens who are to ride to or from the church with someone other than their family members must have BOTH sets of parents inform the Director, or persons designated by the Director, of the parents' consent. This will apply on a one-time basis only. If permanent arrangements need to be made the Director must receive a specific notice in writing from all involved parents.

Once a teen leaves the church grounds during an event, or leaves a sponsored, approved activity that is located elsewhere, it is understood that the teen cannot return to said event. If a decision is made to leave early, parents must contact the Director or their designee as to the decision.

Teen drivers and their parents will have knowledge of and adhere to the driving laws of the State of Texas.

NOTE: Teens who do not have transportation to and from the church for special events should contact the Director. Arrangements for transportation can usually be made.

(Youth Signature)

(Date)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

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