

Mission of First Baptist Church of Dallas

The mission of First Baptist Church of Dallas is to transform the world with God's Word one life at a time.

Mission of First Dallas Students

Our mission in First Dallas Students, in keeping with the mission of First Baptist Dallas, is to help every student know God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We want to equip our students with sound, biblical doctrine to encourage their relationships with Jesus Christ and reach those who do not know Him.

Simply stated, the mission of First Dallas Students is to help teenagers *"Know God and make Him known."*

Vision of First Dallas Students

Under the guidance of the Great Commission in **Matthew 28:19-20**, the vision of First Dallas Students is to make every teenager into a disciple of Jesus Christ and to baptize them in keeping with scripture.

"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 to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The ultimate prayer of First Dallas Students is taken from the instruction of Jesus in **Matthew 9:37-38**. First Dallas Students exists to encourage teenagers to carry out the work of the harvest as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."



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Student Choir and StudentOrchestra Rehearsal Schedule for 2013-14 Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm

Location

Jr. High Choir (Grades 7-8)Music & Worship, WC Level 2, Choir RehearsalHigh School Choir (Grades 9 – 12)Music & Worship, WC Level 2, Choir RehearsalStudent Orchestra (Grades 7-12)Music & Worship, WC Level 2, Orchestra Studio

Schedule

Fall Semester	September 8 – November 17, 2013
Spring Semester	January 12 – April 6, 2014
Dismissed	February 2, 2014

Events

Choir Caroling	December 6 – 7, 2014
Choir Retreat	January 31 – February 1, 2014
Mission Tour Rehearsals	March 1, 2014 (CenterStage)
Mission Tours	March 8 – 14, 2014
Mission Report Service	March 16, 2014

Worship & Mission Tour Parent Meeting Sunday, October 20, 2013

This meeting is for all parents of students and students who are planning to attend or considering attending the Worship & Mission Tours.



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Event Calendar for 2013-14 First Dallas Students

Fall Rush: Saturday, October 5, 2013 6-8:30pm CenterStage

Fall Rush is an outreach event created to give First Dallas Students and your family the opportunity to carry out the Great Commission! Our hope is that you will help us encourage your teenager to gather their friends who need to know Christ or who need a church home and bring them to Fall Rush to hear the gospel. Fall Rush is an incredible evening of high-energy fun, prizes, food, and the gospel!

Student Worship & Mission Tour Meeting: October 20, 2013

This meeting will provide you with every possible detail about these trips. When does the fundraising begin and how much can I expect to earn toward my tour? Learn these and more details about the Student Ministry Worship and Mission Tours.

Drive Weekend: Friday, February 21-Sunday, February 23, 2014 Student Center

Drive Weekend offers students the encouragement, accountability, and fellowship they need to continue passionately pursuing Christ. Several worship services throughout the weekend with messages pointing directly to the spiritual needs of teenagers will certainly inspire your teenager. Students stay in homes for the weekend with a leader who invests in their lives at every turn.

Worship & Mission Tours: March 8-14, 2014

There is no better way to encourage your student to live for Jesus than to send them out to serve those who desperately need the love of Christ. Students will serve others, as well as lead them in worship. (The Worship and Mission Tour is open to all students.)

Beach Camp: June 13-17, 2014

Beach Camp will be in Orange Beach, Alabama at a Student Life Camp in 2014. It will be the highlight of your teenager's year and they will experience Christ like never before!!! Our camp pastor will be Ben Stuart of Breakaway Ministries in College Station, Texas. Our camp worship band will be the Jeff Johnson Band from Dallas, Texas. (More information on the following pages.)



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Sunday Mornings:

Sunday School 9:15am: Sunday morning in First Dallas Students consist of worship and master teaching followed by small groups. Our small groups are separated by grade and gender and are led by the First Dallas Students adult leadership team.

COLLISION 9:15am: One Sunday every month First Dallas Students hosts a Collision. Collision is a monthly opportunity for the growing teenage disciple of Christ to be His hands and feet to the teenage community in the DFW area. Students invite their friends, neighbors, classmates, and teammates to a time of worship and teaching where the gospel is presented.

Sunday Evenings:

Student Orchestra Rehearsal 5:30-7pm: Bradley Brand will lead rehearsals in preparation for performance opportunities.

High School & Junior High Choir Rehearsal 5:30-7pm: Nicholas Costello will lead rehearsals in preparation for tour, concert dates, and any other performance opportunities.

Mid-Week Opportunities:

MOVEMENT Wednesdays 6:30-8pm: First Dallas Students will host MOVEMENT every Wednesday night (excluding VBS and holidays). Open gym starts at 5pm in the Wicker Gym followed by free food and fun times before we have an exciting night of games, skits, worship, and a relevant message from God's Word.

Summer Program in First Dallas Students:

In the summer, First Dallas Students continues our regular Wednesday night movement, but with a slight twist! Instead of our typical nights at the church we host several events such as Six Flags, SpeedZone, Girls Pinterest parties, Guys Paintball trip, Dodgeball Tournaments, and so much more!



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The Eight Checkpoints of First Dallas Students

The eight checkpoints exist as a guide to direct the sermon series each year in First Dallas Students. We believe the checkpoints are the major subjects we as a student ministry should be teaching your student. Therefore, each year your student will be exposed to biblical teaching as it pertains to one of the following eight checkpoints:

- 1. Evangelism: First Dallas Students exists to encourage teenagers to know God and make Him known. This checkpoint includes sermon series like *Lost & Found* or *The Rush* to help teenagers carry out the Great Commission in their spheres of influence. We believe it is important to strategically place each series within the specific season of our student ministry. Therefore, evangelism series are typically the month before an event like *Fall Rush* where First Dallas Students are challenged to bring their un-churched friends to be introduced to Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20).
- **2. Relationships:** Relationships impact every aspect of a teenager's life. We are not just talking about dating relationships, but relationships with friends, siblings, and even parents. It has been said that one the greatest skills one can have is the ability to build healthy relationships with others. This checkpoint exists to help teenagers build and recognize healthy relationships according to scripture (Philippians 2:2-4).
- **3. Spiritual Life:** Spiritual Life ranges from series like *Life Apps*, a series on the fruit of the Spirit, and *Meant to Live*, a series challenging students to find God's plan and purpose for their lives. It is meant to help teenagers discover in God's Word how to develop spiritual disciplines to live a godly life on a daily basis (Matthew 5:48).
- **4. Worldviews:** In a world that has numerous religions and conflicting theories about "how it all began," this checkpoint is meant to tackle many mainstream beliefs with a biblical perspective to help teenagers "own" their faith. For example, a series entitled *Lenses: Religions of the World*, equipped teenagers with the knowledge and tools needed to share their faith with those of the Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, Islam, and Judaist belief systems.
- **5. Bible:** Each year First Dallas Students takes a character of the bible in a series called *On the Record* and goes through a book of the bible, such as *Hebrews*, to provide practical insight for teenagers. We believe that specific figures and books in the bible apply directly to what teenagers encounter on a regular basis. *On the Record with David* encouraged students that even though we make mistakes, God forgives and does not waste those experiences.
- **6. Topical:** Topical exists to provide biblical answers for teenagers struggling with temptation in *The Fight*, understanding theological confusion in Hollywood in *At The Movies*, and simply to provide solutions to tough questions asked by our students in *Frustrated*?. These series provide a fun and practical way to communicate biblical truth to teenagers.
- **7. Jesus:** Series such as *The Good Life* (Sermon on the Mount) and *Behind the Scene* (Christmas) provide insight into the teaching and earthly life of Jesus Christ. As the greatest man and teacher that ever lived, Jesus Christ is the standard by which we should live our lives (Romans 8:29).
- 8. Church: This checkpoint ensures that First Dallas Students understand for what purpose the church exists and what the lives of those in the church should look like. Series such as *Members Only: When Church Goes Bad* and *Why Church?* serve as attention grabbers as teenagers learn the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19, 20), the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:37-39), and the importance of being a part of the church (Hebrews 10:25).

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First Dallas Students Teaching Plan 2013-14

August/September: Know God and Make Him Known (Vision & Mission): First Dallas Students exists to help teenagers "know God and make God known." This series will cast the vision for how God has called First Dallas Students to impact the world. We will focus our energy on 1) Knowing God and his plan for our lives, and 2) Making God known to others.

September: The Rush (Evangelism): Luke 10:2 says, "He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Life is full of opportunities to reach others with the love of Jesus. In preparation for Fall Rush, this timely series will help students answer the question, "What is my part in reaping the plentiful harvest?"

October: Meant to Live (Spiritual Life): 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Oftentimes our trust in Christ gets misplaced and we start to live life out of focus and without purpose. *Meant to Live* is a series that will encourage teenagers practically to live a life on mission with what God is doing around them. **November/December: In Theory** (World Views): Was the earth really created in seven 24 hour days? What does the Bible say about the theory of evolution? What really happened to the dinosaurs? Science is full of theories about the origins of the universe, earth, and humanity. *In Theory* allows us to tackle these questions head on with a biblical perspective.

December: Behind the Scene (Jesus): We all know the Christmas story and why we take nearly a month out of the year to celebrate it. Right? But do we know everything that went on behind the scenes? *Behind the Scene* gives students a glimpse behind the nativity scene and into the surrounding circumstances and events that occurred in the Christmas story.

January: Identity Theft (Topical): Do you ever feel like you're being forced to be someone you're not? The truth is we are all are pressured to conform to the patterns of the world instead of being transformed by Jesus Christ (Romans 12:2). As a Christian our identity is in Christ. *Identity Theft* equips students with the tools needed to resist the enemy and remain confident in their identity as children of God.

February: Date-able (Relationships): What if teenagers only learned about sex and dating from media or friends? They would be extremely confused! The fact is teenagers will hear about these very subjects whether it is from the home, media, friends, or the church. From a biblical standpoint, and specificity to age and gender, we will see what God's Word says about these topics in *Date-able*.

March: On the Record with Joseph (Bible): Among the many Old Testament figures we find Joseph: a resilient, godly, patient, and faithful man. The story of Joseph is one that is full of ups and downs. Going *On the Record with Joseph* provides an example of a believer that, in the midst of less than ideal circumstances, Joseph comes out on the other side a winner because of his obedience and unwavering faith in God.

April: Why Church? (Church): The question may not be verbalized, but it can be seen in our culture, "Why church? Why do I need to go? Why does it exist?" The book of Acts gives us great answers to all of these relevant questions. As a community that supported one another and was committed to the scriptures, the early church provides a good example of the importance of church for teenage Christians in a pagan world.

May/June: At the Movies (Topical): Walt Disney once said, "All of life's greatest lessons can be learned in the movies." Although we may not necessarily accept this statement, hit movies allow us to correct theological misunderstandings as well as provide biblical instruction. Each week in

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At the Movies a new movie will be discussed with themed games, dramas, skits, etc. from movies like Man of Steel, Facing the Giants, Iron Man, and Despicable Me.

June/July: Fan or Follower? (Spiritual Life): Are you a fan or a follower? What's the difference? A fan is someone who identifies with a team or a person because of the benefits it provides. However, as soon as trouble arises he jumps on another wagon. A follower is someone whose identity doesn't depend on the circumstances. Jesus said in Matthew 16:24, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." What are you? Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus Christ?

August: God The... (Bible): God is whoever and whatever we want him to be. Right? Wrong! Who God is and what His attributes are is fundamental to our understanding of the God of the bible. *God The...* provides foundational doctrine for students to increase their spiritually maturity. Therefore, we must understand God as the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and what that means practically for teenagers.





Special points of interest:

- LEAD365 is a 4 year student ministry leadership curriculum of the First Dallas Student Ministry.
- The purpose of this ministry is to train, equip, and prepare future leaders of our church and nation using a biblical model approach.
- Our goal is to enable students to succeed in godly leadership as godly men & women.
- "LEAD IN TRUTH, SHARE THE TRUTH, DEFEND THE TRUTH"

Junior High and High School can be some of the best years of your life. When most people think of JH or HS, the first thing that comes to mind is Friday night football games, fun times hanging out with friends, and just enjoying the activities that have become important to us all. However, JH and HS is also a time where you grow as a person physically, spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally. It is a time where you learn and prepare for the future that God has planned for you. (Jeremiah 29:11)

So how will YOU spend the next few years of your life? Will you accept the nominal things of life? Will you accept the mediocre status that our society places on youth? Will you accept the everyday status-quo approach to life? Or will you decide that you want to make a difference in your church, community, and culture? If you are ready to move beyond the ordinary to making a difference in your world, then LEAD365 is for you.

"Leadership is not an event, it is a process." -Jay Strack, founder of Student Leadership

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Some dates to remember...

COLLISION is an opportunity for teenagers to fulfill the mission of First Dallas Students. Once a month students who *know God* are challenged to *make God known!* All Collisions are in the High School Theater on Sunday mornings in First Dallas Students.

Collision Sunday September 8th Featuring Anthem Lights!



Collision October 6th Black Light! Wear your whites and we'll bust out the black lights for Black Light Collision!!

Collision November 6th Featuring Jimmy Needham!





FALL RUSH Saturday October 5th

Featuring Tim Halperin!



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Beach Camp June 13-17, 2014

Ben Stuart: Ben Stuart will be our Beach Camp Pastor this summer. With his amazing ability to preach and teach God's Word, Ben Stuart serves as lead speaker for *Breakaway*, a campus Bible study at Texas A&M University that draws thousands of students every week. Ben also serves as the executive director for Breakaway Ministries.

Jeff Johnson Band: Jeff is passionate about writing songs for the church and counts it a great honor to get to spend his life engaging and loving people and pointing them to Jesus. In the Fall of 2010, Jeff married Jourdan Burks, also a worship leader. Currently, Jeff and Jourdan have the privilege of leading worship together, traveling the country with their band, to various conferences, retreats and camps. They can be found on the campuses of Baylor University (Vertical) and Texas A&M (Breakaway) every week, leading thousands of students in worship and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

Join First Dallas Students grades 7-12 as we journey to Beach Camp in Orange Beach, Alabama hosted by Student Life Camps! Signup online soon to reserve your spot!!!

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*The costs are approximate costs for the major events of First Dallas Students for the 2013-14 school year at this time.

Junior High Events:

Worship and Mission Tour (Fundraiser available) TBD at the Worship & Mission Tour Parent Meeting Sunday, October 20, 2013

- Beach Camp (Summer Camp) \$500
- Drive Weekend (Disciple Now event) \$75
- (2) Late Nites (\$35 each) \$70

High School Events:

Worship & Mission Tour (Fundraiser available) TBD at the Worship & Mission Tour Parent Meeting Sunday, October 20, 2013

- Beach Camp (Summer Camp) \$500
- Drive Weekend (Disciple Now event) \$75
- (2) Late Nites (\$35 each) \$70

Please make plans to start saving for these events. There will be a fundraising opportunity to help with the cost of Worship and Mission Tours. Take advantage of these efforts to lower the price of your tour.



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