



**FIRST DALLAS STUDENTS**

**2014 PARENT MEETING**





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### **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 Christ 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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## NEW!

### 1. **Parent Link:** [www.firstdallas.org/parents](http://www.firstdallas.org/parents)

You will find helpful tools on the parent link to aid you as you bring your child up in the Lord. These tools include:

- An option to sign up for a brief, weekly newsletter informing you of the current week's message along with 2 to 3 follow discussion starters.
- Parent Packet including the calendar of events and liability forms.
- Listings of Sunday School and DU classes that meet your season in life.
- Link to a website that will inform you on the most current teenage culture and local parenting workshops.
- A firewall for desktop and mobile devices for digital accountability.

### 2. **NEXT Class:**

NEXT is a class for new believers or teenagers who are ready to take the next step in their relationship with the Lord. NEXT will take place during small groups on Sunday mornings. Students will learn spiritual disciplines such as bible, prayer, and worship, and service. They will also learn the true meaning of baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the importance and role of the church.

Our prayer is that NEXT will play a vital role in capturing and discipling students who have recently made decisions for Christ.

### 3. **Senior Bible Study**

This year we are beginning a bible for the senior class. This bible study is taught by Julia and Ryan Sadler on Tuesday nights from 7-8pm. The girls will be at Kimberly and Alex Byrum's home and the guys will be at Mary Catherine and Scott Stephenson's home.

Byrum's Address:  
6121 Highgate Ln.  
Dallas, TX 75214

Stephenson's Address:  
3908 Colgate Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75225



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## **Student Choir and Student Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule for 2014-15**

**Grades 7-12**

**Sundays from 5:30-7:00pm**

### **Location**

Student Choir

Director: Nicholas Costello

WC Level 2, Choir Rehearsal

Student Orchestra

Director: Jeremy Godwin

WC Level 2, Orchestra Studio

### **Schedule**

Fall Semester

September 7 – November 16, 2014

Spring Semester

January 11 – March 22, 2015

Orchestra will not meet

October 5 or 19, 2014

### **Events**

Christmas Event

December 3, 2014

Choir Retreat

January 30–31, 2015

Mission Tour Rehearsals

February 28, 2015 (CenterStage)

Worship & Mission Tour

March 7-13, 2015

Mission Report Service

March 15, 2015



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## **Event Calendar for 2014-15 First Dallas Students**

### **Fall Rush: Saturday, October 4, 2014 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!

### **Drive Weekend: Friday, January 16 - Sunday, January 18, 2015 *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 7-13, 2015**

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 12-17, 2015 *Gulf Shores, AL***

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 David Nasser of Nasser Outreach. David is involved in revivals, citywide rallies, camps, and school assemblies, and speaks to over 700,000 people each year. Our camp worship band will be Rush of Fools. (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, evangelistic 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 Choir Rehearsal 5:30-7pm:** Nicholas Costello will lead rehearsals in preparation for tour, concert dates, and other performance opportunities.

**Student Orchestra Rehearsal 5:30-7pm:** Jeremy Godwin will lead rehearsals in preparation for performance opportunities.

### ***Mid-Week Opportunities:***

***The Avenue:*** The Avenue is a discipleship-oriented experience for teenagers every Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm in First Dallas Students (excluding VBS and holidays). Open gym starts at 5pm in the Wicker Gym followed by free food and hangout 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 *The Avenue*, but with a slight twist! Instead of our typical nights at the church we host several events such as Six Flags, SpeedZone, Nights of Worship, a student-led service, 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 our 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](#)).





## First Dallas Students Teaching Plan 2014-15

### AUGUST

**SERIES: In-Focus 8/24 & 8/31 (Topical):** First Dallas Students exists to help teenagers “know God and make God known.” This series is intended to get our focus back on the Great Commission. We are going to focus our energy on 1) Knowing God and his plan for our lives and, 2) Making God known to others.

### SEPTEMBER

**SERIES: The Kingdom (Evangelism):** What is the kingdom of God? Where is it and who belongs in it? *The Kingdom* will answer those questions as well as equip students with the tools needed to share the gospel as we approach First Dallas Students’ biggest evangelistic event of the year: Fall Rush.

### OCTOBER

**SERIES: Generosity (Spiritual Life):** What does it look like to live a life of generosity? Does it mean that I have to give a lot of money or my possessions? Does it mean that I have give of my time and energy for a good cause? In *Generosity* we are going to talk about how we ought to live a life of generosity because we serve a generous God.

### NOVEMBER

**SERIES: Legendary (Jesus):** Jesus Christ walked on water, restored sight, healed lifelong paralysis, and raised someone from the dead to name a few of the miracles He performed. *Legendary* takes a look at the miracles of Jesus found in Scripture and how His teachings and the faith of those being healed apply to students today.

### DECEMBER

**SERIES: Lights (Bible):** We all love seeing the extravagant lighting designs neighbors and businesses have during the Christmas season. Who doesn’t? *Lights* will explore how the hype of decorations and gifts during this busy season of the year can take our eyes off the one true light, Jesus Christ. Students will be challenged to practically be the salt and light in a dark world (**Matt. 5:13-16**).

### JANUARY & FEBRUARY

**SERIES: Real Stuff (Topical):** Teenagers are starving for the truth concerning topics such as homosexuality, dating, abortion, sex, depression, drugs and alcohol, tattoos and piercings, and marriage and divorce. *Real Talk* is designed to take students on a journey to understanding God’s Word concerning each of these *real* issues they are facing.

### MARCH

**SERIES: Family Matters (Relationships):** Relationships can be difficult. Relationships within the family are no exception. Family Matters is intended to take a practical look at the character of our heavenly Father, honoring our father and mother, sibling rivalry, and reconciling family relationships. We pray this series is a blessing to your family as we study the importance God’s Word places on the family unit.

### APRIL & MAY

**SERIES: Doctrine (Bible & Church):** We can all agree that being grounded in the Scriptures is of high importance in every Christian’s life. In this teenage-friendly series we will dive into major doctrines of the bible. We will study biblical doctrines such as Soteriology, Christology, Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, and Revelation.

### JUNE

**SERIES: Lenses: Cults of the World (Worldviews):** There are many belief systems in the world that are more than simply “religions” or “sets of beliefs;” they are cults. In this series of *Lenses* students will see the errors of these false religions. Our intention is that they will be better equipped to engage the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ as a result of this series.

### JULY & AUGUST

**SERIES: I Am (Jesus):** The book of John includes many “I am” statements Jesus made during His earthly ministry. So what does He mean when He says He is the Bread of Life, the Light, Before Abraham I am, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the way the truth and the life, or the True Vine? In *I Am* we will explain these “I Am” statements and how they apply to student’ everyday life.







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LEAD



*"Leading in Truth"*

LEAD365 is a ministry of First Dallas Students that is purposed in growing, equipping and involving students to become leaders inside and outside of the student ministry.

#### **What does LEAD365 involve?**

##### Curriculum

LEAD365 students will be given a leadership curriculum to complete during the school year. The curriculum contains weekly lessons centered around different leadership ideas each month. This is not a devotional for students but rather a learning tool to help them grow. The curriculum guides students through different Bible passages each week and applies the truth of the passages to leadership.

##### Ministry Groups

There are four different ministry teams in LEAD365

1. **Prayer**- the prayer team is tasked with meeting on Sunday mornings to pray for the weekly services, events, students, student leadership and one another.
2. **Publicity**- the publicity team offers creative ideas for student ministry events, helps promote ministry activities, and serves as a backchannel for student input.
3. **First Impressions**- the first impressions team has the responsibility of greeting and guest services.
4. **Worship**- the student worship team is under the leadership of the student worship interns but is also part of LEAD365.

##### Requirements

- Uphold the values, vision, mission and goals of First Dallas Students
- Arrive and check in with your ministry team leader by 8:45 on Sundays
- Serve with your ministry team 3 of every 4 Sundays a month
- Attend 75% of the monthly meetings
- Attend 75% of all First Dallas Student activities (i.e. Fall Rush, Drive Weekend, Beach Camp, etc.)

Values, vision, mission and goals of LEAD365.  
Created and outlined by the students of LEAD365.

##### Values

**The Truth**- we value the Word of God as the ultimate truth  
*John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."*

**Personal Walk with Christ**- we value our individual walks with Christ as the highest priority in our lives.

*2 Corinthians 5:7 "for we walk by faith, not by sight."*

**Unity**- we value being a group that is continually connected, supportive, and striving toward the same goals

*1 Peter 3:8 "Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind."*

**Excellence**- we value serving and participating within the student ministry to the best of our ability.

*Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"*

**Authenticity**- we value having genuine relationships in the student ministry and modeling Christ in the same manner outside and outside of First Dallas Students.

*Ephesians 4:1-2 "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*

##### Vision

To be a group of individuals who model Christ, display leadership qualities, and engage with every student in the ministry.

Success with regard to our vision will be measured by:

- A growing number of students in LEAD365 on an annual basis
- LEAD365 being connected through friendships with 80% of students in the ministry by Spring 2016

##### Mission

To serve and unify First Dallas Students by pursuing Christ, developing authentic relationships, and setting an example for students inside and outside of the church.

##### Goals

- Be friendly and engaging to make guests and returning students feel welcomed
- Strengthen our individual walks with Christ through personal time with the Lord and LEAD curriculum
- Transform First Dallas Students through prayer
- Set an example for the church in our attitudes and actions
- Contribute constructive student input into the student ministry



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### **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.**

**Collision Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Featuring *Leeland!***

**Collision October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Featuring Hip-Hop Artist *Flame!***

**Collision November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Featuring *Bellarive!***

**Collision December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tacky Sweater Collision!**

**Collision February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Featuring Hip-Hop & Spoken-Word Artist *KB!***

**Collision March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Featuring *Rush of Fools!***

**Collision April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Featuring *Rend Collective Experiment!***

**Collision June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Beach Camp Collision!**

**FALL RUSH Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Featuring *Hawk Nelson!***

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### Beach Camp June 12-17, 2015

**David Nasser:** We're excited to have David Nasser back as our Beach Camp speaker this summer! As one of the nation's forefront speakers and visionaries, God has blessed David Nasser with the talent to reach the high tech, attention-lacking culture of Generation Next. Involved in revivals, citywide rallies, camps, and school assemblies, David speaks to over 700,000 people each year. The heart's cry of D. Nasser Outreach is to effectively present the same relevant message, the Gospel of Christ. Alongside his own full time ministry, DNO is also growing rapidly as a mentoring and consulting ministry. David, his wife Jennifer and their children live in Alabama.



**Rush of Fools:** Rush of Fools formed in 2005 when they began traveling as a simple worship band and writing songs together. Something that had started out as a hobby quickly expanded into a long-term mission and calling, which led us to record an album of songs in 2007. Shortly thereafter, we started hearing our song Undo on radio stations everywhere. Quickly, our very part-time career evolved into a full national touring schedule right before our eyes. As a band, we began writing new songs, reflecting the journeys we had recently experienced. We partnered with a new record label (Essential Records) to help us carry these new songs to the world. We now know, more than ever, that God carried us then, and God will carry us now, which is the title of the new album. It's Jesus that carries us, and becomes the Hero of our story. The hands of Jesus that carried the cross to His death are the very hands that carry us now. And that's the story we live to tell.



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!!!

