

Leader Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Home: _____

Work: _____

Mobile: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Age: ___ Male/Female (circle one)___

FAMILY INFORMATION

Marital Status (circle one):

Single Married Separated Divorced Remarried

EDUCATION

High School: _____ Year: 1 2 3 4 Yr Completed: _____

College: _____ Year: 1 2 3 4 Yr Completed: _____

Grad School: _____ Year: 1 2 3 4 Yr Completed: _____

CHRISTIAN WALK

Are you a believer? Yes No Baptized by immersion? Yes No

Have you had a time of serious spiritual stumbling? How recently? _____

Describe: _____

What do you do to consistently keep yourself fresh and authentic? _____

At what level is your personal witness for Christ?

_____ Level 1: Attitude

I witness through my lifestyle.

_____ Level 2: Behavior

I witness through lifestyle & through acts of kindness & service to others.

_____ Level 3: Conversation

I witness by lifestyle, service, and by sharing my testimony and/or use of a witness method.

Is your personal witness/words in the area of music/movies, premarital sex, same-sex relationships, drugs, exemplary in keeping with the teachings of this church? Yes No

Have you ever been accused or arrested for a crime? Yes No If so, explain: _____

Is there anything in your past that could hinder you from being an effective youth leader? Please explain: _____

CHURCH

1. Are you a member of First West? Yes No How long? _____ Years

2. Where do you attend Worship (church & city)?

3. Do you attend weekly? Yes No

4. Do you attend Bible Study? Yes No If Yes, what is the name of your Bible study leader?

How often have you attended Bible Study in the last two months?

6. Name and phone # of character reference other than Bible study leader?

TEMPERMENT

Please tell us about your preferences and comfort levels below:

Extroverted	1	2	3	4	5	Introverted
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Variety	1	2	3	4	5	Routine
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Feeler	1	2	3	4	5	Thinker
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Up-Front	1	2	3	4	5	Behind the Scenes
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Group-Oriented	1	2	3	4	5	Individualistic
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People-Oriented	1	2	3	4	5	Task-Oriented
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RECREATIONAL INTERESTS

What athletic or recreational interests do you have?

Activity: _____

Level: Novice ___ Experienced ___ Advanced ___.

Activity: _____

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Activity: _____

Level: Novice ___ Experienced ___ Advanced ___.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Are you currently involved in ministry now? Yes ___ No ___.

Describe: _____

Have you ministered with students previously? Yes ___ No ___.

If so, at what church? In what capacity? Who was the Student Minister?

Leader Covenant

I Agree To Adhere To The Following Commitments...

Make thorough preparation for my responsibilities as Group/Team Leader, including extensive study of the Small Group Bible Studies provided by First West for me to teach.

Maintain a daily prayer and devotional time. (Mark 1:35; Col. 4:2 - 4)

Support and pray for the Pastor, Staff, and fellow leaders. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

I will not enter into any cross-gender counseling. If I encounter a student or parent of the opposite sex who is in need of counsel, I will hand this person off to a counselor of that person's gender or to the First West Student Ministry staff.

Apply the teachings of Christ in moral and social issues of my everyday life.

My life should be above reproach in issues concerning sexual purity, personal integrity and social interactions. We are to be holy. Holiness means absolute purity of your walk before God, the words coming from your mouth, and every thought in your mind—placing every detail of your life under the scrutiny of God Himself. (James 1:22; 3:1; 1 Peter 1:16)

I agree that, while I am leading, I will not teach any doctrines which disagree with those stated on the "What We Believe" page in this packet.

I agree to teach the literature provided by the First West Student Team.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

What We Believe

THE BIBLE. We believe and teach that the Bible is the inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God, infallible as originally given by God, and that the Bible's absolute truth and trustworthiness extend equally and fully to all parts of the writings – historical, poetical, doctrinal, and prophetic – thus constituting our only standard of faith and practice.

II Timothy 3:16-17 Hebrews 4:12
II Peter 1:20-21 Matthew 5:18

GOD. We believe and teach that there is one true and living God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is infinite, eternal, unchangeable, and is revealed to us as the Godhead existent in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Spirit – and that these three are all one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections, thus being worthy of the same exact homage, confidence, and obedience.

Genesis 1:1 Ephesians 1:3-6 Matthew 28:19 Philippians 2:5-8
John 1:1,3,14,18 Isaiah 9:6 I Corinthians 15 Ephesians 1:13-14

GOD THE FATHER. The first person of the Trinity who orders and disposes all things according to His own purpose and grace, and who continually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and events for His own glory. Fatherhood denotes spiritual relationship, first within the Trinity, second within mankind, creatively in relation to all men, but spiritually only in relation to those who have been saved by His grace from their sin and come to Him through Jesus Christ.

GOD THE SON. Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity and possesses all of the divine excellencies and is co-equal, co-eternal, and consubstantial with the Father. The Son is the promised Messiah of the Old Testament, Jesus Christ, born of a virgin in the fullness of time, died on the cross to redeem man from sin, rose from the dead to provide justification for every believer, ascended to the right hand of God where He presently intercedes for all believers, and will again, in the fullness of the Father's time, return in visible triumphant personal form to overthrow sin, judge the world, and establish His Kingdom in its millennial manifestation.

GOD THE SPIRIT. The Holy Spirit of God is the third person of the Trinity, possess all of the divine excellencies, thus co-equal, co-eternal, and consubstantial with Father and Son. He is sent from God to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, cleanse, and secure from sin. He is the indwelling guide, teacher, and strengthener of the believer.

SINFUL MAN AND SATAN. We believe and teach that man was created in innocence directly and immediately by God for the purpose of fellowship with God and glory for God. Man was tempted by Satan and sinned, and because of this all men have been born in sin since that time and are by nature children of wrath. We believe that Satan is a personal devil who, with his angels, carries on the work of iniquity in the world. Sin is basically rebellion against God and the end of sin is eternal separation from God.

Genesis 1:26-28, 3:1-19 Romans 5:12
Revelation 20:10 Isaiah 14:12-17

SALVATION. We believe and teach that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin. He provided forgiveness and atonement for our sins on the cross, and rose again to provide life and

justification. Apart from Christ, there is no salvation. All men are under condemnation through personal sin and deliverance from condemnation comes only by the righteousness of Christ and not human merit. This righteousness is bestowed upon or credited to the believer by grace through faith. The Spirit regenerates or gives new life to the one who makes this life commitment to Jesus, and he is kept by God's power forever, never to be lost. This salvation is complete in Heaven when the believer, in a resurrected, glorified body, will spend eternity reigning and rejoicing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12

Ephesians 2:8-9

John 3:16-19

1 John 3:2-3

John 5:24, 6:27, 10:28-30

THE CHURCH. We believe that a New Testament church is a voluntary association of baptized believers in Christ who have covenanted together to follow the teachings of the New Testament in doctrine, worship, and practice. We believe the only two church ordinances are baptism and the Lord's Supper. We likewise believe that only those who are committed to Jesus Christ as Lord are Scriptural subjects for baptism, and that immersion is the only proper mode of baptism. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial to the Lord's death; the bread symbolizes His body which was given for us, and the fruit of the vine symbolizes His blood which was shed for us. We believe that a church is a self-governed organization served by two types of officers – pastors and deacons.

Colossians 1:18

Matthew 28:19-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-38

Hebrews 13:7, 17

Ephesians 4:7-12

1 Corinthians 15

LAST THINGS. We believe and teach the imminent bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ to translate His church from this earth and to reward them according to their works. We also believe that immediately following this event, the righteous judgment of God will be poured out in a time of great tribulation, and that this period will climax with the return of Christ in all splendor and glory for His thousand-year, or millennial reign in the Messianic Kingdom. We believe that this period will end with the final judgment of unbelievers, who will be cast into eternal punishment and outer darkness prepared for the devil and his angels who preceded them, and that the saved will enter into the eternal state of glory with God and will in their resurrected and glorified bodies spend eternity in ceaseless praise, worship, and adoration, magnifying the glories of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – forever and ever.

I Thessalonians 4:13 Daniel 12:1

II Thessalonians 2:7-12 Revelation 20, 21, 22

DEATH AND RESURRECTION. We believe and teach that death involves no loss of consciousness, but that the soul of the redeemed passes immediately into the presence of Christ and that there is separation of soul and body until the first resurrection when the spirit, soul, and resurrected body will be reunited in glorified form in heaven forever. Thus we believe in the bodily resurrection of all men, the saved to everlasting life, but the lost who are not in Christ Jesus unto eternal condemnation.

Revelation 6:9-11

Philippians 1:23

Revelation 20:6, 13-15

I Corinthians 15

II Corinthians 5:8

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES. We are Baptist because we believe that Baptists stand for distinctive truths to which other denominations do not adhere. Because of this, we voluntarily cooperate with Southern Baptists worldwide for the purpose of maximum mobilization and effectiveness in evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent ministries. We also seek to lovingly and supportively cooperate with all others who are committed to Jesus Christ as Lord.

I agree to hold to the beliefs and teachings of First West.

Signature

Please return your completed application to the Student Ministry Office as soon as possible.
Thank you for taking the time and effort to complete this application.

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Background check sub: _____

Background check clear: _____

I am interested in working with:

- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade