

A
BOLD NEW VISION TO
SEE OUR STUDENTS
BECOME

LIFE-LONG DISCIPLES



A message from
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As a parent myself, there is no greater desire than to see my son and daughter have a healthy relationship with God and know the importance of serving His Church. I have approached this new vision--not just as a pastor--but as a father.

Keeping student ministry the "way we've always done it" seems safer, more comfortable, and easier. But, I don't believe it sufficiently prepares them to be an active part of the Body of Christ--beyond their current season.

While everything around these young people is changing, this new vision will help us create stability, mentorships, and friendships, while connecting them to their true purpose within the Body of Christ. The extra work and time I will be spending to make this happen is worth it to me and my wife, to see our students become life-long disciples of Christ!

Todd



NEW STUDENT MINISTRY VISION



WHY CHANGE?

At first glance, there is no doubt the Coastline Student Ministry is thriving. We are attracting and engaging students very well; however, our vision for the students goes beyond just those factors. We want to see them actively engaging in the body when they graduate high school.

Many of our high school students face the demands of new-found independence, college, jobs, and many other distractions. We are striving to find a better way to transition & connect students into the church and adult worship environments.

These are some national statistics facing the church regarding student ministry:

66%

66% OF STUDENTS COMPLETELY DISCONNECT FROM CHURCH AFTER GRADUATION



BY AGE 20, ONLY 1 IN 3 STUDENTS EVEN ATTEND CHURCH

TOP 5

REASONS STUDENTS STOPPED ATTENDING CHURCH

34% MOVED TO COLLEGE

32% CHURCH SEEMED JUDGMENTAL

29% NOT CONNECTED TO PEOPLE

25% SOCIAL ISSUES

24% WORK SCHEDULE

*Students asked to mark *all that applied. Lifewayresearch.com.



WHAT WORKS?

Those who stayed saw the church as an important part of their entire life. When asked why they stayed in church, these were their answers:

- 56% Church is vital to their relationship with God.
- 54% Church guides their decisions in life.
- 43% Followed the example of an adult.
- 39% Church activities were part of their life.
- 39% Church helps them be a better person.
- 37% Committed to the work of the church.



BEN TRUEBLOOD
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRY AT LIFEWAY

“On some level, we can be encouraged that some return, while at the same time, we should recognize that when someone drops out in these years there is a 69 percent chance they will stay gone.”

He advised churches to begin by working to lower the number who leave in the first place. “There are steps we can begin taking with those currently in student ministry that will keep them connected from the beginning of these years.”

Trueblood also asserted churches should have a strategic focus on individuals during those traditional college years. “In many places this is a forgotten, under-resourced ministry area,” he said. “Focus is placed on children, students, and then not again until someone enters the ‘young family’ stage. This needs to change.”

THE TIME IS NOW!

Through much prayer, research, and connecting with other successful student ministry leaders, Coastline is adopting a new vision and plan to incorporate what works and change what doesn't!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS JR & SR HIGH STUDENT SERVICES

Wednesdays will continue to be a time for students to connect and worship together—all year long!

- STUDENT-LED WORSHIP
- STUDENT PASTOR TEACHING
- STUDENT & LEADER DISCUSSIONS
- STUDENT ACTIVITIES

STUDENT EVENTS JR & SR HIGH GATHERINGS

We will continue to facilitate student-oriented events to provide opportunities for students to connect, grow and live on mission, such as:

- RETREATS
- MISSION TRIPS
- SERVE WEEKS
- CONCERTS
- WORSHIP NIGHTS
- HOLIDAY GATHERINGS, ETC.
- NEW TUESDAY MORNING and THURSDAY AFTERNOON CONNECT GROUPS meeting at THE GULF BREEZE SHOP

SUNDAY SHIFT!

We are restructuring our services to give opportunities for senior high students to become part of the overall mission at Coastline. *By making this change, we are taking action to strengthen all the reasons that students stay in church after graduation!*

JR HIGH SUNDAYS

JR High will continue to meet together in the Student Building during the 9AM & 11AM services. This gathering continues to be an important transition from kidz ministry to more mature approach to worship.

SR HIGH SUNDAYS

Sundays will now be a time to integrate these students into the actual body and service of the church at Coastline. Students will be encouraged to serve alongside adult mentors as:

- Greeters
- Service Facilitators
- Worship Team
- Production Team
- Student Worship
- Kidz Ministry
- Coffee Ministries
- Building/Grounds
- Prayer Teams

In addition to serving, they will be building connection with adults as they worship and serve together!