

# YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Individuals are responsible for their own actions, and will be asked to assume the consequences for any inappropriate behavior.

- I will respect the property of others. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

2. Participants are expected to take direction from those adult leaders who have been placed in positions of authority by First Christian Church.

- I will acknowledge my Youth Pastor and Adult supervisors and follow their directions. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_
- I will silence and put my phone away during games, event activities and lesson times *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_
- I will participate in all group activities. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_
- I will comply with all event schedules. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

3. Purchase, possession and/or use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and drugs by minors is illegal and will not be tolerated. Infraction of this rule will mean immediate dismissal from an event.

- I will not abuse my body with drugs, tobacco and/or alcohol at any time or have these substances in my possession while at Church sponsored youth events and FCC events. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

4. For the protection and safety of all participants, acts of violence or harassment will not be tolerated. Violence and harassment include but are not limited to fighting, physical, sexual or verbal assault or abuse, ethnic insults, profane or obscene language, gestures or actions.

- Use of the Student Incident Report must be used for any of the above situations
- I will respect the rights of others and will not verbally or physically hurt another person. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

5. Possession of any sort of weapon is strictly prohibited. Anyone who brings a weapon to an event or gathering will be asked to surrender the weapon to leaders and appropriate action will be taken at the discretion of the youth leader.

- I will refrain from having possession of any sort of weapon. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

6. Disruptive behavior, language, clothing or items is not acceptable at youth events. This includes any of the above, which is obscene, profane, or inappropriate to the activity of the church or group at the discretion of the youth leader.

- Students must be within visibility of the youth leaders in the defined area of the event.
- Clothing must cover the “strike zone” of the body. (Strike zone as in baseball; from chest bone to mid-thigh. If in doubt, cover it up and check with the youth leader.) If you are uncomfortable with a youth leader touching the skin exposed then cover it up.
- Clothing worn which displays profanity or suggestive inappropriate behaviors will be asked to be covered at the discretion of the youth leader.
- Public displays of affection will not be tolerated. (Sitting on each other’s laps, prolonged hugging, kissing, etc...)
- I will be respectful and caring of others in the group as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- I will refrain from taking God's name in vain/swearing/cursing or using inappropriate language. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

7. In the unlikely event that a behavior problem based on the above requires extreme action, it is likely to result in dismissal from the activity. Parents will be contacted and participants will be sent home at the parents' expense.

**PLEASE NOTE:** First Christian Church does not insure personal property against theft or loss so please exercise caution regarding your own personal property.

- I realize that I am making this covenant for the entire length of my FCC Youth involvement. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

We respectfully ask for your cooperation and hope that you will have no trouble adhering by this simple code of behavior. The main thing to remember is that you represent First Christian Church as well as our Savior and are asked to project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity and respect to others and to the property around you.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE CODE OF CONDUCT AND WILL ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS DICTATED BY THIS CODE.

- Should I break this covenant after reading and understanding it, I agree to accept the consequences as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual for youth programs. *(Initial)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Participant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_