

## **Student Ministries at GBC: The Heart of God for the Next Generation**

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INTRODUCTION:

### **I. The Justification for Pursuing the Next Generation:**

- 1. God intends His word to intersect children so that salvation through faith in Jesus might come sooner than later, 2 Timothy 3:15.**
- 2. God Himself is pleased to work through children and youth at critical moments in redemptive history.**
  - *Samuel: The critical need to hear from God again, 1 Samuel 1-3.*
  - *David: The critical need to act on God's promise, 1 Samuel 17.*
  - *Daniel: The critical need to preserve God's people in captivity, Daniel 1.*
  - *Mary: The critical need to give birth to Messiah, Luke 1.*

### **II. The Program for Serving the Parents of the Next Generation:**

- 1. Will strengthen the gospel ministry Christian parents have with their children:**
  - SM will help parents develop a strategy to regularly and effectively expose their children to the gospel in the home. Primarily elder-driven.
  - SM will help parents model and train their children in BUILD disciplines 1-3 (the heart, home, ministry). Primarily elder-driven.
  - SM will participate in the edification of Dad and Mom for the gospel task they have in the home (elder-driven) – BUILD and Wellspring; mentoring relationships. Primarily elder-driven.

**2. Will supplement the gospel ministry that Christian parents have with their children (reinforce, compliment):**

- SM will preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, calling students to repent and believe; encouraging Christian students to preach the gospel to themselves.
- SM will help students develop BUILD disciplines 1-3 (the heart, home, ministry).
- SM will provide a godly, humble, respected, accountable, united, elder-connected leadership team for discipleship relationships (“staff”).
- SM will be led by Josh Miles who will: implement the elders’ vision for the ministry, train staff alongside the elders, preach and teach the students, disciple students, bring peace to the Middle East, etc.
- SM will provide two meetings per month for students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades which will include:
  - Fun with a purpose = relationship building; enjoying their youthfulness in a Christ-centered way; etc.
  - Singing gospel-centered songs.
  - Preaching/teaching on the gospel and BUILD disciplines 1-3.
  - Small group/discipleship.
  - When? Sunday evenings 2 times/month. Beginning in September. Meeting in a home??

**3. Will stand as the Christian “parent” for the student whose parents do not yet believe.**

- SM will connect Christian parents with unbelieving parents of students involved in the ministry (in hopes of bringing the gospel to the entire family).
- SM will disciple the student with unbelieving parents.