

FUSE Student Ministries is a ministry of Bearden United Methodist Church and reaches out to students from middle school, high school, and college-aged. The focus of FUSE is to share the Gospel and disciple young people. Our ministry is built around 5 core values; connecting, growing, fellowship, serving, and applying. Through these five values, we aim to help our students grow and have a healthy walk of faith with Jesus Christ.

FUSE Student Ministries wants to disciple young people to have a strong foundation for their Christian walk. We will achieve this through connecting students with peers and mentors, growing their faith through study of Scripture and discussing current World and personal issues, having fellowship with their Church and community of Christ, serving those who are in need in our city or across the world, and applying Scripture to understand, relate, and build their faith.

STAFF

Our staff can be reached at (865) 588-6562 and through email. If it is an emergency, please contact the church and they will provide you with a form of communication.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Throughout the year, FUSE meets twice a week. We meet every week for Sunday school at 10:30 am and divide between high school and middle school. FUSE also meets every Wednesday for a group lesson.

ANNUAL EVENTS

During the year, FUSE has events that are specifically for the youth and events that plug them into the Church. The events are usually change dates every year and will be put on the calendar as soon as possible.

Some of the annual events include; Resurrection, Winter Jam, Operation Backyard, Easter Sunrise Service, Spring Rummage Sale, Field Day, Summer Kick-off, Pool Party, Summer Camp, Vacation Bible School, Bonfires, Family Bowling Nights, KARM service dates, Fall Rummage Sale, Care-nival, District Festival of Gifts and Talents, and a Christmas Party.

STUDENT CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

FUSE Student Ministries holds all participants, both students and volunteers, to Christian morals and standards. FUSE aims to create a safe environment for all young people. The following rules and expectations must be followed at all Bearden UMC events, FUSE events, and FUSE trips.

1. Show respect those around you, by your actions and your words. This means that making fun of, bullying, and pranking others is not acceptable. No vulgar language.
2. Respect staff, volunteers, leaders, drivers, and other adults of the church and of other facilities.
3. Paying attention and participating in conversation within teaching times and using appropriate body language at all times.
4. Honor the facilities of the church and of the places we go. If something is damaged, be honest and let a leader know. Also, clean up after yourselves.
5. Be on time for events and stay within the physical boundaries of every event set out by the leaders. (Staying on FUSE floor on Wednesdays and Sundays during scheduled times).
6. No drugs, alcohol, weapons, fireworks, tobacco use, or dangerous items.
7. No inappropriate displays of affection.
8. Cell phones may be used as long as a leader allows. If a leader requests that cellphones be put up all students must comply.
 - a. The only exception is upon a parent's request. Parents must let the leader know ahead of or during event.
9. Clothing must be appropriate at all times. Bathing suits for girls must be one piece, and guys must wear a shirt when not swimming. Also, appropriate shoes must be worn at all times.

There are other rules, written and spoken, that apply to individual events and trips. The purpose of having rules is not to limit fun or punish students. The purpose is to live in accordance with Christian standards and to be an example of Christ to everyone, in our Church and in our community.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

Regular FUSE events

1st Offense: Student will receive a verbal warning and be asked to correct their actions from the teacher or other volunteer.

2nd Offense: Student will be asked to leave the class with a volunteer and be asked a second time to correct their actions.

3rd Offense: Student will be removed from class with a volunteer. Following the event or class, the parents will be notified of the unacceptable behavior that took place. The consequences for the student will be decided through conversation with the parents and the leader.

FUSE Trips or Major Events

1st Offense – Student will receive a verbal warning and be asked to correct their actions from the leaders or volunteers.

2nd Offense – Student will be removed from the situation with a leader and discuss their unacceptable behavior and are expected to correct their actions.

3rd Offense – Student will be removed from the situation with a leader and parents will be notified of the situation.

4th Offense – If the student has not corrected their behavior, then the parents must arrange for the student to be picked up at their own cost.

Depending on the severity of the unacceptable behavior or issue, the leaders may use their discernment to contact the parents at any point.