

YOUNG LIFE STATEMENT OF MISSION PURPOSE

YOUNG LIFE HOWARD COUNTY

is a community of Christian adults who are called and equipped to share their lives in Christ with teenagers.

We communicate the gospel in relational terms they can understand, in order to draw teens into the Body of Christ.

We work as a supportive team and as individuals to reach adolescents in their world.

We are an evangelical mission and seek to glorify God in all we do.

YOUNG LIFE OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Our relationship with Christ is more important than anything we do. The time we spend letting God mold us and make us is the most important time we spend influencing others for Christ.

Other leaders and their ministry are more important than me or my ministry. We will honor God by being partners not competitors. The time we spend praying for and assisting another in their task helps us see how God is the one who is being glorified.

Teenagers meet Christ through our personal ministry here. We live out Christ daily--drawing teens to Christ. We do not rely on special events, weekends or summer camps to present Christ to those we know. The focus of our ministry is on non-believers.

HOWARD COUNTY YOUNG LIFE LEADER EXPECTATIONS

1. A growing relationship with God.
2. A call by God to work with non-Christian teens.
3. Involved in a local church body.
4. Attend leadership meetings for encouragement, training, evaluation and fellowship. (Twice/month)
5. Attend team meetings. Plan and implement the Young Life work at your school with other leaders.
6. Attend club faithfully. Be there and be prepared. (Once a week)
7. Attend Campaigners--lead the study as needed. Invest your life in a Christian teenager. (Once a week, plus as needed)
8. Be involved in the lives of teenagers. Contact work at least twice a week. Build relationships with them, in their world.
9. Attend Fall outreach weekend camp and the summer week long trip.
10. Be committed for the entire school year. We would prefer two year commitments.

All of this will *minimally* take 10 hours.

WHO WE ARE—OUR LIFESTYLE and CHOICES

1. We maintain distance in our relationship with those of the opposite sex. This prevents us from being in compromising situations—one on one times, intimate or spiritual conversations, romantic entanglements, etc.
2. We are above reproach in our public and private behavior—with or without students.
 - Driving Safely
 - Rated R movies
 - Alcohol
 - How we dress
 - How we treat our significant others—dating, marriage or families
 - How we portray ourselves in social media (facebook, myspace, twitter, etc)
3. We protect those under our care—counseling and handling issues of abuse, sex, alcohol and drugs appropriately.
4. We are faithful employees and good students—honoring God in these areas as He leads.
5. We care for and love those on our team in a way that points our students to Christ.