



# Glen Allen Baptist Church

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## **Glen Allen Baptist Church Youth Group Covenant**

*1 Timothy 4:12* – “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

**Effective Dates of Covenant: September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015**

The Glen Allen Baptist Church Youth Group will continuously strive to live together as a family in Christian community. Family life is based on unconditional love, respect, trust, support, and spending time together. Each of us, as a member of the family, is important. To create and maintain this relationship of family and community, all participants – youth and leaders – agree to the following covenant:

1. As a participant in the Glen Allen Baptist Church Youth Group, my actions will display a Christian example at all times. (*Matthew 5:16*)
2. I will welcome every individual as a member of our community, whether or not they are from Glen Allen Baptist Church. I will treat other participants, leaders, and staff with respect at all times. (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*)
3. I will participate fully in all events as I am able and assist when asked. I will also seek to identify ways in which I can assist as a member of this community. (*Colossians 3:17*)
4. The language we use and our attitude need to reflect the Christian nature of our group and the mind of Jesus Christ. Be positive and reflect who we are as a Christian community in all we say and do! Profanity, abusive language, derogatory comments, and put downs have no place in our group or on any activity. (*Ephesians 4:20*)
5. We will respect the physical property of others (personal items, etc.), including the vehicles in which we travel, restaurants where we eat, and facilities where we stay. You mess it up, you clean it up...you break it, you buy it!! (*Luke 21:1-4*)
6. The adult staff and leaders need to know where we are at all times. One cannot leave the designated area without receiving permission from the adults in charge. Designated areas will be spelled out for every activity, event, or retreat we are on.
7. I will not bring or use harmful substances (e.g. Weapons, fireworks, tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, or inappropriate electronic images). (*1 Corinthians 3:16-17*)
8. I will abide by the guidelines set by leaders regarding the use of cell phones and personal electronic devices.

9. We are never to be off by ourselves - always observe the “buddy rule.” Make sure that you always have others with you when you are out.
10. On overnight trips, boys and girls will always remain in their separate rooms. *(1 Corinthians 3:16-17)*
11. All dress (outerwear & swimwear) should be modest and reflect the nature of our activities. *(Romans 13:12-14, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 1 Peter 3:9)*
12. Youth and adults should adhere to all specified timelines for meeting times, curfew, lights out, etc. *(Psalms 4:8, Psalms 78:65)*

As a participant in the Youth Group program, I recognize that I am joining a Christian family and community. I agree to abide by this Covenant while a member of this community. I understand that if I break this Covenant, my parents may be notified and my parents may be asked to pick me up. If such an event occurs, the youth and his/her parent must schedule a meeting with B.J. Crowder before they can attend any future events.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

I have read the Glen Allen Baptist Church Youth Group Covenant and understand the information presented within. My child has my permission to attend all youth activities, which include, but are not limited to: Sunday School, Youth Meetings, TOP, Overnight Trips, Lock-In’s, Mission Trips, and traveling to off-site locations. I understand that if my child breaks the Covenant and a decision is made to send him/her home during an event, it will be at my expense, with the most appropriate and safest means of transportation determined by the discretion of Glen Allen Baptist Youth Group leadership.

I also understand that each time my child travels there is an involved risk, and I agree not to sue Glen Allen Baptist Church, Glen Allen Baptist Church staff, or Glen Allen Baptist Church volunteers. I agree not to hold Glen Allen Baptist Church liable for any injurious actions endured on the part of my son or daughter while he/she is with the group.

I also agree to instruct my child to use appropriate behavior when participating in events with Glen Allen Baptist Church.

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact & Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctor’s Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Company & Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please List any Medical Information (allergies, medication, illnesses, etc )

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I authorize the youth group leader(s) to secure proper medical attention and/or hospitalization of my child in the event of a medical emergency. I expect every effort will be made to contact me prior to such action and, if this is not possible, I will be notified as soon as possible.

In addition, I pledge my support of the Youth Ministry and will help to volunteer, chaperone, and support various activities and events of the Glen Allen Baptist Church Youth Group.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_