

WBCC theBranch: Shepherds' Covenant 2014-2015

Biblical Mandate

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

WBCC Youth Mission Statement

The Branch is a family of disciple-making disciples committed to forming reaching youth students and their families with the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Description

The role of a shepherd is to guide, protect, nurture, and care for the flock. When a shepherd fails in his commitment to his sheep, the sheep are left scattered and vulnerable. (John 10:1-18, John 21)

Shepherds are accountable to the Youth Pastor as well as the WBCC pastoral staff and elder board

Shepherds are responsible for overseeing student community groups

Shepherds are responsible for remaining faithful to their time commitment to the youth group.

Shepherds are responsible for training and equipping students to make disciples

Shepherds are responsible for actively engaging students in the community, as well as their families, partnering with parents, developing relationships, discovering and meeting needs, sharing the gospel, and equipping young leaders to do the same

Spiritual Commitment

Prayer – I commit to praying for the spiritual growth and maturity of my students on a regular basis.

Care – I commit to finding ways to directly encourage, guide, and teach my students.

There – I commit to being available for my students and the youth group.

Time Commitment

I commit to making every effort to using my time to serve the Lord, my fellow shepherds, and my students.

I commit to attending our annual Shepherds' retreat.

I commit to attending The Branch faithfully on Sunday nights from 6:00PM – 8:30PM.

2.5 Hours.

I commit to attending our shepherds' dinners faithfully on Monday nights from 7:00PM – 9:00PM (Second Monday of each Month). *2 Hours.*

I commit to spending at least 1 hour a week intentionally building relationships with my students through one-on-one meetings, phone conversations, or through social media.

1 Hour.

I commit to remaining faithful to The Branch youth ministry from August 1st, 2014 to July 31st 2015 wherein I will be released to either recommit or serve the Lord in a different capacity.

Total weekly time commitment: 3.5—5.5 Hours. Any extra time you spend pouring into your students is encouraged (relational ministry takes time), but know that I will not require any more than these 3.5-5.5 hours on a weekly basis. Other events such as summer mission trips, winter retreats, and youth outings are highly encouraged, but not required.

Servant Covenant

I commit to presenting myself as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ by being faithful, available, and teachable to the work He has, is, and will do in the lives of myself and my students.

Calendar and Schedule

Important events

Shepherds' Retreat
Parents' Meeting
6th Grade Orientation
Halloweiners
Luminaries
Winter Retreat
Shepherds' Christmas Party
Spring Fest

Captain's Camp
Summer Great Adventure

Weekly events

The Branch – Sunday 6:00-8:30
Shepherds' Meeting – Monday 7:00-9:00

Pastor's Commitment

Prayer – I commit to praying for you daily either before I start my day, or before I end it.

Care – I commit to seeking ways to encourage and equip you to grow as a disciple of Christ.

There – I commit to attending our youth gatherings faithfully. I commit to being prepared for our shepherds' meetings, and I commit to making myself available to you as both a pastor a fellow servant of Christ.

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Shepherd's Signature

Pastor's Signature

For more details on theBranch and the Shepherds' Role in youth ministry, consult the WBCC theBranch Field Manual.