



YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM APPLICATION

*"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."
Ephesians 4:1*

WE ARE CATALYST YOUTH MINISTRIES

OUR MISSION:

Changed Lives (2 Corinthians 5:17)

– Transforming ordinary people into passionate followers of Jesus courageously changing the world.

OUR BIG WINS:

- ✓ We **win** when students have an understanding of the Gospel and can articulate their OWN faith in Jesus.
- ✓ We **win** when students feel like Catalyst Youth Ministries is a safe place to talk about anything.
- ✓ We **win** when students understand that there is a world bigger than themselves.
- ✓ We **win** when students take one next step in their walk with Jesus.
- ✓ We **win** when parents and leadership feel equipped to minister to our students.

CONFIDENTIALITY DISCLOSURE:

This application and form giving permission for a background check is to be completed by all applicants for any position (volunteer or paid) with Catalyst Youth Ministries, a ministry of Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene. Its use helps our church provide a safe and secure environment for those who participate in the ministries of MV First Church. The information you provide will remain confidential and your paperwork will be stored in a locked file cabinet in a locked office and a digital copy on a password-protected laptop computer.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Work/Home Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Facebook: _____

Instagram: _____

Twitter: _____

___ **Male** ___ **Female** **Birthdate:** _____ **Marital Status:** _____

Number of Children: _____ **Spouse's Name (if married):** _____

Is your spouse involved in a ministry at our church? ___ **Yes** ___ **No**

Does your spouse support your desire to work as a part of the Youth Ministry Team? _____

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Please type your answers to the following questions and email them to Pastor Brian at pastorbriandaniels@gmail.com

Turn in the physical copy of this application to the Youth Ministries Office.

1. Why do you want to be on the Youth Ministry Team?
2. How do you feel God has gifted you to work with students?
3. Write out your personal testimony. How did you come to faith in Christ?
4. What does your spiritual life look like right now?
5. What is your favorite Bible verse? Why?
6. What is your favorite worship song? Why?
7. What are you struggling with spiritually?
8. What is God teaching you/challenging you with right now?
9. Have you experienced any significant physical or emotional stresses within the past year, such as the loss of a parent, spouse, or child, extreme ill health or any other emotional or physical crisis? If so, please briefly explain.
10. Do you consider yourself to have been physically or sexually abused as a child/teen?
11. If you were physically or sexually abused as a child/teen, have you found healing in those areas of your life?
12. Have you ever physically or sexually abused a child/teen?
13. Has someone ever accused you of abusing a child/teen?
14. Are you willing to submit to a background check?
15. Are you willing to attend the NazSafe Training when offered by our Children and Youth Ministries at Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene?

CATALYST YOUTH MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM COVENANT

In all matters, Youth Ministry Team leaders are called to give glory to God, advance the goals and purposes of His Church, care for youth and their support systems, and nurture a life-long commitment to faith in themselves and the youth they have the opportunity to serve. Therefore, as a member of the Youth Ministry Team, I affirm the following:

1. **PERSONAL HOLINESS:** I will commit to life-long personal spiritual formation through the practice of personal and corporate spiritual disciplines (i.e. faithful devotions, church attendance, etc.). I commit to live transparently before our teens, even vulnerable at times, but living a life of holiness and personal devotion that they can pattern their life after – in my speech, thoughts, actions, practices, and lifestyle.
2. **EXEMPLARY HOME LIFE:** I will maintain a balanced life between ministry and family, giving each the time and energy to which they are entitled. If my family commitments become overshadowed by the demands of youth ministry, I will set up a meeting with the Youth Pastor to discuss my level of commitment. If my family demands cause me to not be able to fulfill my duties as a YMT member, I will step down from my leadership role in the youth ministry and commit to give my family the time they need.
3. **INTEGRITY:** I will commit to a life of truthfulness in all matters, especially by maintaining honest speech, sexual purity and financial integrity, and resisting the temptation to criticize or gossip about others. I will also follow through with my commitments to our teens, our YMT, and our Youth Pastor. I will be punctual and prepared in the assignments given to me.
4. **EXCELLENCE:** I will strive for continued excellence in youth ministry through personal development and corporate opportunities for training. I recognize the importance of developing myself as a Youth Ministry Leader and understand why it is vital that I attend as many training events and other opportunities for growth and development as presented.
5. **EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP:** I will strive to expose youth in a personal and culturally relevant way to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to reproduce a strong faith and devotional life in youth, treating him/her with respect, resisting temptation to manipulate or dominate, appropriately honoring confidentiality, and cooperating with parents, church, and community. There are TWO questions that I must answer at every youth service and event that determines a “win” in youth ministry: 1. Have I connected with a teen? 2. Have I connected that teen to Jesus?
6. **SUPPORT:** I will encourage other Youth Ministry Team members through prayer, encouragement, and cooperation. I will show respect to them, their calling, and the individual gifts and abilities that God has given them to serve our teens. I will strive to show grace and mercy as we ALL grow closer to God, together, as the Body of Christ. I will commit to foster a spirit of unity and harmony and live by the Matthew 18 Principle of conflict resolution.
7. **COMMITMENT:** I will serve as not only a loyal member of the Youth Ministry Team, but a loyal member of this local body of believers, the Church of the Nazarene, and the Kingdom. I understand that it is expected of me to be a faithful attendee of Family Worship on Sunday Mornings and a Sunday School Class/Small Group or Discipleship Group as well as my assigned Youth Events. I commit to be an active attendee and supporter of youth worship services and special events. I will not “sit on the sidelines”, but always seek to serve and find ways to interact with the teens I am serving.

YMT positions are for a term of one academic year (August through May). I understand that I will need to sign a new covenant for each year I serve and that my ministry and service will be reviewed and evaluated from the previous year.

I will uphold this Covenant as a member of the Youth Ministry Team.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

BACKGROUND CHECK - GENERAL RELEASE FORM

Legal Name - First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Maiden or Alias Names Used: _____

Social Security Number*: _____ DOB*: _____

Driver License Number: _____ State: _____

Current Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

[IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING]

NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

Employer may obtain information about you from a consumer reporting agency for employment purposes. Thus, you may be the subject of a “consumer report” and/or an “investigative consumer report” which may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living, and which can involve personal interviews with sources such as your neighbors, friends, or associates. These reports may be obtained at any time after receipt of your authorization and, if you are hired, throughout your employment. You have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable time after receipt of this notice, to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report. Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment is an investigation into your education and/or employment history conducted by **Clear Investigative Advantage LLC, 2801 Network Blvd Suite 101 Frisco, Texas 75034, Tel: 888-242-2503** or another outside organization. The scope of this notice and authorization is all-encompassing, however, allowing Employer to obtain from any outside organization all manner of consumer reports and investigative consumer reports now and, if you are hired, throughout the course of your employment to the extent permitted by law. As a result, you should carefully consider whether to exercise your right to request disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigative consumer report.

New York applicants or employees only: You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report requested by Employer by contacting the consumer reporting agency identified above directly.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of “consumer reports” and/or “investigative consumer reports” at any time after receipt of this authorization and, if I am hired, throughout my employment. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information requested by **Clear Investigative Advantage** or another outside organization acting on behalf of Employer, and/or Employer itself. I agree that a facsimile (“fax”) or photographic copy of this

Authorization shall be as valid as the original. Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants or employees only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company.

California applicants or employees only: By signing below, you also acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report if one is obtained by Employer at no charge whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law.

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Date