



## OUR COMMITMENTS TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS

As a team of people who are in ministry with your middle and high school students, we have also made a fourfold commitment to CARE for youth parents. We commit to **Communicate** with you, **Appreciate** you, provide you with **Resources**, and **Expect** your 100% participation.

### Communicate

**Communication is a two-way street.** We'll communicate most regularly in these ways; it's important that you also utilize these forms of communication.

- We will have information at the information table outside our office that is current and helpful.
- We will send weekly **email** updates with news and notes of what's happening in our ministry to parents and students. **If you are not receiving our emails, please send your current email information to Rosanne Schenck at [rschenck@bumc.net](mailto:rschenck@bumc.net).**
- We will send regular Facebook updates from our Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/BUMCStudentMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/BUMCStudentMinistry))
- We will regularly update our website information ([www.bumc.net/student](http://www.bumc.net/student))
- We will send you periodic text messages with announcement highlights and updates as well as time change or cancellation notifications.

### Appreciate

We know that you may not hear thank you from the mouths of your students, so we want to say it on their behalf! THANK YOU! We know that being the parent of a teenager is a challenging and difficult 24/7 job, and we want you to know that we appreciate you!

- We understand that *you* are your student's parents, and we are not. We know that what happens at home is more important than what happens at church. Therefore, we want to be your cheerleader because we understand that parenting teenagers is a difficult task.
- If your youth comes to talk to us about something, you can trust that we will not speak negatively about you as a parent.

### Resource

We will do everything we can to provide you resources to navigate the ever-changing waters of parenting a teenager.

- Our website and email communications will have helpful links to resources ranging from how to transmit faith to your youth to understanding youth culture to warning signs of drug abuse or suicide.
- We will provide parent specific programming at the church covering topics that are specific to parenting a teenager.
- We will provide follow up questions in our email newsletter for you to discuss at home from our small and large group programming.

### Expect 100% Participation

We expect that if your youth is involved in our ministry, you are involved in some way, shape, or form.

- Leading a Small Group or serving as a leader for our Sunday morning programs.
- Serving as a Sunday morning or Sunday night worker in the Youth Café.
- Working in the office, going shopping, or serving on a set-up crew.
- Guiding and equipping one of our student ministry teams.