



Student Ministries

The Core

Ministries to students take many different forms. It is the goal of our ministry to create a structure that will outlast everyone involved. This includes methods of teaching as well as administrative structure to involve parents, students, and the director to lead and guide the future direction of the program. Through teaching, study, and play, the ministry should continue to provide an environment that will be conducive to students and parents discipleship and fostering leadership opportunities for both of them. The object is to transform us into the likeness of Christ through careful planning, organization, and education.

Prayer

There is nothing more central to a Christian organization than prayer. Contact with the heavenly Father is absolutely necessary to cultivate community within the body as well as understanding the will of Him whom we serve. Prayer provides guidance, peace, and power to the organization and all those involved. Every meeting will begin and end with prayer whether it be organizational or ministerial. It must be the core of who we are and what we do as a Church.

Biblical Principles

We are not our own, but rather, God's.

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

(Romans 12:1 ESV)

We are to live in such a way that Godly love might be shown.

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

(Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV)

We believe that the Scripture is the ultimate source of truth and guidance.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

(2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV)

Core Values

Holy Living (Rom 12:1)

We are not given the right to live any way we wish, but instead, we are given this life to share with others in love the God that saves us.

Worthy Living (Eph 4:1)

We are to show God by our walk with Him. He is the light and the path.

True Living (2 Tim 3:16-17)

We are to hold the truth in the highest esteem. It is the source of life, knowledge, and understanding through which God guides His people.

Mission Statement

You have to live, love, and walk in a Godly way. Has God changed you?

It is the goal and good pleasure of Asbury Student Ministries to teach, lead, and guide the students involved in our programs to live and love in such a way that God might be shown to the world through each of their lives. We have the hope that our God can change lives through ours.

Environmental Scan

External Scan:

The Census data in 2005-2009 showed that Greeneville Tennessee had a total population of 15,342. The racial breakdown of Greeneville: White 89.9%, Black 6.4%, Hispanic 4.9%, and the rest are minimal values of difference cultures.

Median Household income for Greeneville is 33,421

Generational breakdown is as follows: Median age 40.4, 6.3% under 5 years of age, 78.4 are 18 years or older, 22.8% are 65 years or older.

Marital Status: 49.6 Male, 41.3 Female (currently married, 15 years or older)
Average Household size: 2.16 Average Family size: 2.64
Families below poverty level: 18.5%

Internal Scan:

Average attendance: 600

Average Giving:

Yearly: 480,000

Monthly: 40,000

Weekly: 10,000

Membership Role: 1000

Children (5 grade and younger): 75

Students (6-12 grade) 60

College Students: 30

Adults (30-64) 300

Older Adults (65 and older) 300

Vision

It is the desire of Asbury Student Ministries to nurture the faith and community of the young adults in Asbury so that there will be strong leadership both now and in the future. God wants His people to know Him and to tell others about Him through how they live their lives as well as what they say. This is the sign of true life change, and that is what life is all about.

Through relationships, we can show the community of Greeneville who we believe in and why, using our lives and friendships as a conduit for ministry. Then when the opportunity arises, we can use our words to explain ourselves. Paul urges us to live a life that is worthy of the calling that you have received (Ephesians 4:1). This means that our actions as well as our words should be those of the sons and daughters of the Most High God. We ought to live in a way that glorifies the Father in heaven.

Life is an amazing opportunity to show the love of God to those who are dying to hear it. This generation must step up and carry their cross so that others might see and know that Christ died, Christ rose, and Christ will come again.

Our desire is to show the love of Christ to the World. If you are changed, driven, and sold out for God in every aspect of your life, you can change the world. God changes lives. Has He changed yours?

Intention

Asbury United Methodist Church is a very healthy and vibrant church that does a lot of good in the community. We want to effectively use our gifts and talents to the Glory of God. That end is our ultimate intention and goal.

Goals and Objectives

How can you best serve through Asbury Student Ministries? Maybe, paint, organize, and redo the student area? Would like to envision a Student Center that is better equipped for the needs of Asbury students due to its size and ministry? Creating a safe place that is open for students to learn and hangout. This requires tearing down the walls underneath the chapel to create a space large enough to house the group. This would allow for a projector, stage, ping pong table, etc to be available for use. Maybe you can reach out to college and young adults. Get them back in church by offering them Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and events specific to them. Maybe you think mission trips should not be for the students only. It would be fantastic to see the rest of the congregation get involved with Missions apart from merely writing checks.

Here is what we feel are most important to accomplish in the coming year.

- Goal 1: Create an Advisory council that will help assist the director.
 - Objective 1: Get the interested parents and student counselors to volunteer
 - Objective 2: Give the volunteers positions on the council.
- Goal 2: Equip volunteers to minister to the students and students to minister to each other
 - Objective 1: choose curricula that will grow the students
 - Objective 2: create different levels of teaching with our programming to help everyone to grow and get the food they need.
 - Objective 3: Meet regularly with student counselors and teachers to make sure that are properly prepared for the students
 - Objective 4: Create a name for the Student Ministries that will reflect who we are and why we exist such as: doulos, the group, refueled, etc.
- Goal 3: Create an internship for 1 or 2 students to participate in ministry with the director.
 - Objective. 1: Give leadership opportunities to interns ex: teaching, planning, and praying
 - Objective 2: Meet regularly with director to assess progress and growth
 - Objective 3: Weekly bible study and methods study with director
- Goal 4: Create a student/youth worker council in Greeneville, Tennessee
 - Objective 1: Contact all full and part time student/youth workers
 - Objective 2: Meet to discuss trends and faith within community

- Objective 3: Learn more about programming at the different churches to find holes that are not filled with current programming.
 - Goal 5: Create a place to worship and fellowship together.
 - Objective 1: Begin renovation project to create a student ministries space at the church.
 - Objective 2: Get the okay from city inspector and fire marshal.
 - Objective 3: Collect the materials from local businesses
 - Objective 4: Volunteers will begin the completion of room
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Training and Fellowship

Asbury Student Ministries seeks to teach the truth of Christ to all involved. All that we do must be doctrinally and Biblically sound. We use our core principles to guide us in how to live Christianly in this world. Through our curricula and programming, we aim to grow and disciple the students in our church so that they might reflect their faith in Christ. We will use both written and purchased tools to educate our students. We are willing to aid anyone that wishes to lead with training as well. We want everyone that comes to Asbury to be well equipped to do the ministry for which God is calling them.

Programs and Curricula

Asbury Student Ministries will have three different main meeting times. Sunday morning will be Sunday school. Sunday Night Worship will be the normal meeting time for students. Wednesday night will be our Bible study.

The programming is setup so that the more you grow; the more there is for you to do at our church. The main meeting time will not be as in-depth as the Wednesday night study, and that will be less in-depth than the Sunday morning study. If the student wants to go even deeper, there is an advanced Bible study that is offered. This study will only be available as needed for any Senior High that desires this in-depth study time. Each of these steps are leading to the internship which will be the leadership training and will require the most out of those students that are involved. As you travel from step to step, you will be pushed harder and deeper. This helps promote growth and prevents stagnation.

Student Ministries Normal Activities

- Youth Sunday School 9:00 am
- Youth Sunday School 10:00 am
- Young Adult Sunday School 10:00 am (During College Breaks)
- Wednesday Night Studies
- Sunday Night Student Ministry

- Young Adult Activities(During College Breaks)
- Mission Trips (Summer and other local)
- Retreats, trips and outings (Resurrection, Pledge2Purity, Spring & Fall Retreat, etc)

Sunday School

Each of our Sunday school classes will do book studies. We will choose a book from the Bible to read and study. Each teacher is responsible for preparing the lesson and pre-reading the chapter, paragraph, or section before class. There are many great resources that are available to the teacher such as: The interpreters bible commentary, Tom Constables notes on the Bible, and many other resources located in our church's library. We have the hope of studying all of the books of the New Testament, Jonah, Deuteronomy, and 1 & 2 Samuel in our four year scope. This falls in line with the scope and sequence of the children's ministry so that we know that they have had a majority of the scripture before they graduate high school.

The teaching method consists of question and answer, reading, and lecture. Each student is expected to have read the material before class. When they enter class, they will be required to read a section of the scripture. The teacher will stop periodically and ask questions and point out important verses within the reading. They will talk about the overarching theological implication of the text within the framework of the church and it's doctrine.

On occasion, we will find a movie or video that will help the students further their understanding of a scriptural topic so that they might have the truth explained through a different medium. We have used feature length movies to talk about their spiritual and moral implications on the culture and religion. These movies will be previewed or chosen by the director before the teachers show them in class.

Sunday Night Worship

This is to be our main meeting time. This is a two hour program that will begin with a meal catered by the parents of the students and a time of fellowship. This is the time for the youth counselors to hangout with the students and get to know them and what is happening in their lives. After that will be an icebreaker/funny game that is usually an object lesson for the following discussion. This game time is followed by praise and worship music. Then we will all gather and have a lesson. The lesson will follow the United Methodist Lectionary or the message of the pastor from earlier that day.

Occasionally the message will be created by the director dealing with holidays or situations dealing with something happening in the students lives or the world. It will consist of a short introduction of the lesson followed by small group breakouts for about 20 minutes. Each table will be issued a youth counselors and handout with questions pertaining to the lesson. After the breakout groups finish, we well then get together and discuss what the groups talked about and the director will give a short lecture filling in the gaps and knitting all of the points together.

This time of teaching is followed by a fun game such as: volleyball, kickball, noodle hockey, etc. This is a time for the students to unwind and have a good time in fellowship and competition. Sunday Nights are the time that all students are instructed to invite friends and is the least school like time that we have at Asbury. It should be the most inviting to those who would feel uncomfortable in a traditional church setting.

Sunday Night Meal

Example Letter:

Dear Youth Parents,

The Sunday night youth meal is an important part of the Asbury Youth Ministry. Each week the kids spend the mealtime in fellowship – visiting and catching up. Parents of youth are asked to help out with providing a simple meal and dessert on Sunday nights. Our focus is the fellowship – not the meal – so keep it simple and economical. I have made a schedule – for the next few months – with 2 parents serving each Sunday. If you cannot serve the Sunday that you are assigned, please work it out with your partner or call someone else on the schedule and trade Sundays. I will call and remind you prior to the week that you are scheduled to serve.

Simple meals that are easy to serve work best. The following are some suggestions but feel free to serve whatever you are willing to prepare. Please try to let me know what you will be having when I make your reminder call – this will eliminate many “duplicate” Sundays back to back. Store cookies, etc. will be fine for dessert.

- Deli sandwiches
- Spaghetti
- Taco Salad
- Soup and sandwiches
- Frito Pie (Fritos, chili and cheese)
- Hotdogs or Hamburgers (church has a grill if needed)
- Pizza – approx. 12 - most places will give you special price if for a church function
- Frozen lasagna – Family Size

On your Sunday:

- Plan to serve dinner at 5 p.m.
- Someone is usually there by 4 p.m. to open fellowship hall and kitchen. You may prepare food at home or use the kitchen. Please clean up when you are finished.
- Take out trash and put it in dumpster
- Plates, bowls, silverware, napkins, etc. are provided
- There is an ice machine in kitchen
- Plan on serving approx. 40 youth
- 2 liter drinks are provided by youth

- Parents serving dinner are welcome to stay and observe or join in the youth activities for that evening. It's a great opportunity to see what our Youth Ministry is all about!

Each youth should plan to bring two (2) liter drinks to the first youth meeting in January to stock our supply! Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you for all of your help!

Wednesday Night Study

This meeting is a one hour study that has to do with Biblical solutions to everyday problems. The majority of the curriculum used in this study is purchased from BlueFishTV which can be found at www.bluefishtv.com. They are a company that produces video lessons with handouts. These studies take on subjects like sex, friendship, making a difference, and many more. The lessons usually involve all five senses. There are skits, games, fill in the blank, lecture, and videos to keep the lesson interesting and ever changing. These studies get to the heart of our core values teaching us how to live lovingly, biblically, and Christianly in a culture that does not. These lessons are on a deeper level than the Sunday night lessons. This is a time of growth and discipleship on a much deeper plane.

Other studies that we have done have to do with basic Christian doctrine, evangelism, mission, church life, etc. This is the second level of depth, which requires a little more from the students. They will be asked tough questions and will be allowed to talk through them with the class and the guidance of the director. After the students have been attending Sunday nights, they will be asked to attend Wednesday nights as well.

Missions

We participate in a yearly summer mission trip. On our mission trips, we focus mainly on service to those in need. In years past, we have partnered with mission organizations in Charleston South Carolina, Mississippi, Bahamas, North Carolina, as well as locally here within Greene County.

Each trip affords the students involved a wonderful opportunity to gain valuable construction, demolition, and cleanup experience. They get to see how much help can be given in a short period of time. Experiences like these help magnify the abilities of each of the students and gives them an opportunity to work with and for those that they might not get to know otherwise. God uses our hands and the sweat of our brows to do great things in His name. The blessings received are much more than words can explain. To be used of God in this way is an amazing experience that will change peoples lives.

Internship

As students move through our ministry and grow in Christ, we want to be able to offer them more opportunities to serve within the Church. The internship is designed to do just that. They will work closely with the director of student ministries and the SMAC in order to gain a proper understanding of the functions of ministry. They will have a front-row seat to the actual

work that goes in to events, planning for conferences, organizing volunteers, and much more. They will server for one summer, and will be required to have weekly meetings with the director to assess the progress of their position and abilities. They will be required to read and discuss a book of the Bible to be determined by the director, Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis, and How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie.

Other requirements may include, but are not limited to: Lead Bible Studies, regular attendance in worship services, help lead Sunday School, participate in the summer mission trip, and help with college programming during the summer months.

Discipleship is an essential component within the life of every believer. The intern should be involved in personal growth as well as the growth of those within the ministry. This will be accomplished by regular meetings and discussions with the director as well as personal study time and prayer.

Example of Curricula

Weekly Activities

Sunday School

Mike is looking for anyone that would be willing to serve as a Sunday school teacher during the 9 o'clock hour. This is an awesome way to get involved with our Student Ministries here at Asbury. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the body of Christ.

9:00am - 10:00am

We are watching and discussing the Narnia movies for the next few weeks. It should be an awesome experience. Make sure that you attend these lessons. If you miss part of the movie, please contact the director and find out what you missed. The 9:00am class is on the first movie "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe" while the second class is on the second movie "Prince Caspian." Each class will watch all of the movies, but the later class is farther ahead.

Advanced Study

4:00pm-5:00pm (Senior High Only)

We are going through the book Mere Christianity in great detail and applying it to the scripture and our lives.

Sunday Night

Youth from 5:00pm-7:00pm

We will meet in the fellowship hall and have a meal at 5 followed by a game. After the game, we will gather to continue studying the Psalms. Please make sure to invite your friends and remind everyone to come fellowship with us. It will be a lot of fun:) Adults, we are always in need of volunteers to assist on Sunday nights. If you are interested, please come:) If you have not had Safe Sanctuary, please see the director of student ministries Mike Mould.

Wednesday Night

Dinner is at 5:30pm-6:20pm

Bible Study 6:25pm-7:30pm

We just finished our study on the life and times of C.S. Lewis. We have started a series on the basic doctrines of Christianity. We are looking at the questions: What do you need to believe to be a Christian? How do I explain that to my friends? This study will take about 4 more weeks and should be very beneficial for our group.

Upcoming Events

Oct 5

You are cooking the Wednesday night meal. Parents and students are encouraged to bring a desert and help cook, serve, and clean up afterward. We are having pinto beans and cornbread, with slaw. It is a very easy and tasty meal. We use this meal to help raise funds for our mission projects. Please make sure to attend this event. We will have Bible study following the meal if there are enough parents willing to cleanup.

Oct 12

There is no Wednesday programming due to fall break. Instead, we are planning to go to Camp Creek and do mission work. We will meet in the morning at 8:00am in the fellowship hall. The van will be provided for transportation. Any parent that can help is much appreciated. Please let the director know if you are interested in helping with this event.

Oct 30

Party at the Johnson's Farm. We will meet at the Johnson's farm at 5:30 to celebrate with one another. There will be games, hayride, fire, singing, worship, lesson, and food. What more could you need. Bring your friends because it is going to be epic. Adults we really need your help to make this event all that it can be. Please let me know if you can help out. You do not want to miss this event.

Facility and Materials

Sunday Night

- Use of fellowship hall until student ministries room is created
- Tables for food on Sunday night
- 50 folding chairs
- Projector
- Screen
- Speakers
- Wireless Internet
- Laptop

Sunday Morning

- 2 rooms under the chapel to separate junior and senior high classes (folding wall)

- Couches and 20 chairs
- Bibles
- pens and paper
- snacks

Wednesday Night

- 1 room under the chapel
- Couches and 20 chairs
- Bibles
- Projector
- Screen
- Speakers
- Pens and paper
- Snacks
- Print handouts
- DVD player
- DVD for lesson
- Laptop

Projects and Ideas

Supplementary Materials

Student Ministry Ideas

Astros game	6 th grade orientation	Jr High retreat	Sr High Retreat	Pumpkins
Super Bowl	UFC	Gifts and Talents	Super Bowl Subs	Ropes Course
Tournament	Concerts	Dollywood	Splash Country	Bowling
Safe Sanctuary (wed)	Youth Room Creation	Youth Council	30 Hr Mission	Nothing But Nets
Camping	Movie Night	Harden Picnic	College BS	Mission Recap Sunday
College Hangout Time	Big Bro/Sis	Bike Trip	Hiking	Lockin
Swimming	Ultimate	Icthuse	Golf	Rafting

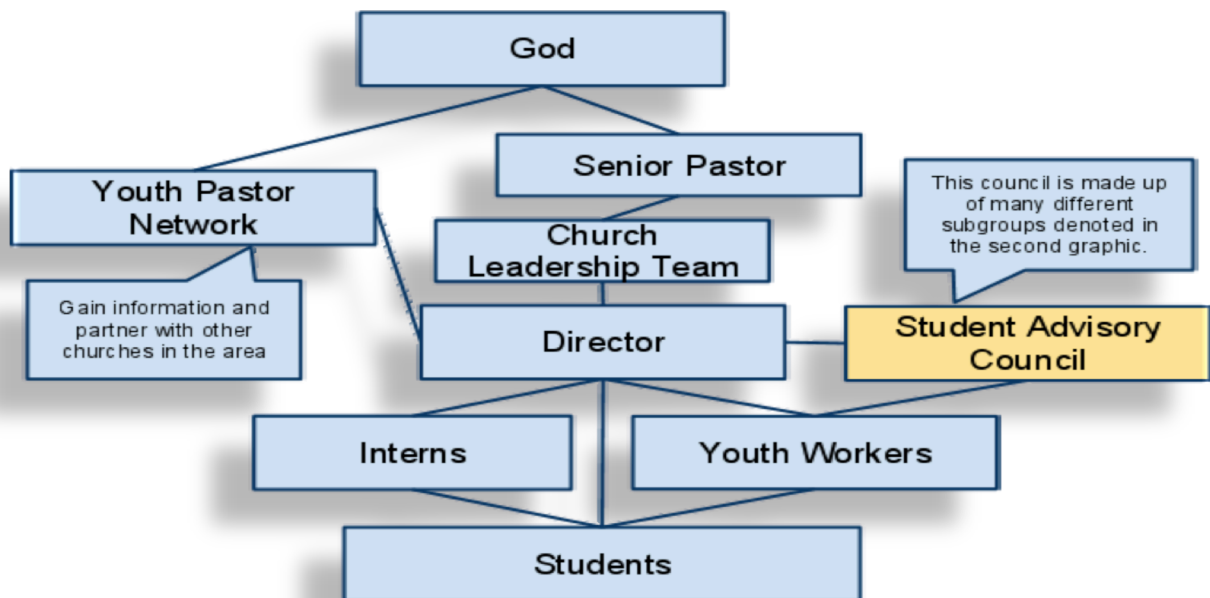
Project Jericho

For the past two years, God has blessed us with wonderful growth in our student ministries here at Asbury. This has created the need for a larger facility to house all of our students. Under the Chapel, there are a few rooms that have been traditionally the student Sunday school rooms. These walls that divide the rooms are not load bearing and can be removed to provide a large meeting space that can be used as the new Student Ministries Facility.

Organization

The organization of a Church allows the ministry to be more than one person could do by him/herself. With that in mind, the Student Ministries of Asbury UMC has organized itself to provide the students with the very best programming and discipleship that we can. We are constantly reevaluating our situation as a ministry and the situations of the students involved so that we can prayerfully make decisions that will have great impact on all involved.

Student Ministries Structure



Student Ministry Advisory Council

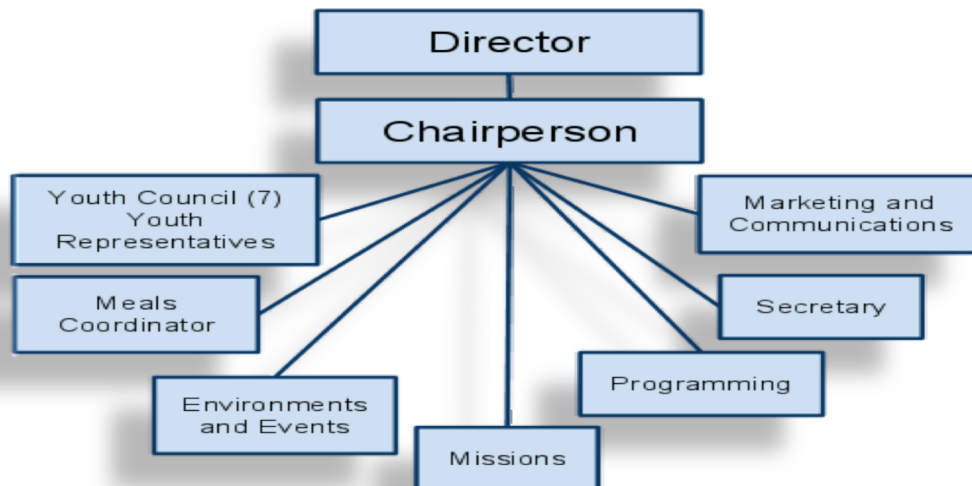
The function of the Student Ministry Advisory Council (SMAC) is to see that the best possible student ministry is offered to the students of our church. This council oversees all student ministries of the congregation and advocates for ministry with students in the total life of

the church. The SMAC will set the overall vision and mission and develop goals and strategies for this ministry and ensure that it is carried out effectively with the staff assigned and members involved.

Responsibilities that are usually included are:

- Evaluating the student ministry and making recommendations so that present and future needs of students are addressed (such as addition of new ministry settings)
- Serving as a clearinghouse for coordinating and scheduling all student events. No event should be scheduled without council approval.
- Keeping the various groups for students informed.
- Reporting to the church leadership team.
- Planning special events or projects to include all students related to the congregation's ministry (a student-led worship service, for instance)
- Supervising designated ongoing activities
- Working with the committee on lay leadership selection, designating student members to other official groups to fulfill disciplinary requirements (remember that students who are minors may serve on all boards and committees except for trustees—the law requires trustees to be of majority age).

Structure of SMAC



Explanation of SMAC Positions

- **Director**– The Director of Student Ministries is the paid staff for the Student Ministry of Asbury United Methodist Church. It is critical that the council recognize the gifts and talents of this person and utilize this person in the most effective manner understanding where these gifts and talents lie. It is also the council's responsibility to assist the director with any gaps that might present themselves.

- **Chairperson-** The Chairperson is the leader that coordinates the activities of the SMAC and makes sure that it is meeting the goals and objective it has set to be an effective ministry. To ensure measurements are in place in every component of the ministry to be able to measure our effectiveness and to coordinate meetings and facilitate planning workshops. Therefore, this would be the SMAC Chairperson who would serve on the Church Leadership Team.
- **Student Council-** The executive council must have at least seven representatives, one from each grade level of six through twelve. This is critical to ensure that the student's voice is heard and to give the chairs of each are the student's perspective. Students may hold any one of the chairpersons' roles except for the SMAC Chair.
- **Meals** – As you know, food is a very important part of gathering people together. Especially on Sunday nights we have a meal, fundraising meals, snacks, and etc. This is an essential role for planning and executing meals during the year. Since this is a weekly occurrence, it must be an ongoing process.
- **Environment and Events** – Each activity has to have the proper environment to be successful. This could be the room, the place, the media equipment required, seating, tables and etc. This is a very critical component. Since this area is attuned to the environment, then this would also cover trips and activities as well. Thus the Trips, Outings and Environment Chairperson. This chair will work most closely with the director so that the feel and message might have a medium that will transmit the it most effectively.
- **Missions** – Mission focus needs to be a part of this ministries focus. This would include studies to look at missionary needs that face us locally, countrywide, and internationally. Our ministry needs to look at local missions that we can do on an ongoing basis, a trip outside our local area and other areas nationally or internationally that we can make an impact on either by going to, praying about, or funding. Therefore, the Missions Chairperson to keep us mission minded. Their heart should be one of service to the kingdom and outreach to the lost.
- **Programming** – each event, trip, and activity of this ministry have a programming component. This is a critical piece of every event and what materials would be appropriate to meet the spiritual needs of the participants. Thus the need for the Programming chair person which would work in conjunction with the Director of Student ministries to ensure this component is effective in this ministry.
- **Secretary** – Adequate record keeping of the SMAC meetings is of great import. These records must include but are not exclusive to planning sessions and communications so that it can be easily communicated to the Church leadership team, be viewed by students and adults for information, and to be a document we can refer to for future planning and programming. This would include reports from each event including attendance and other key information that SMAC deems important for each activity. Thus the need for a Recording Secretary.

- **Marketing and Communications** – Getting the word out to students and their parents in a timely manner, in the appropriate media, and with all the information required for those affecting the attendance of every activity is another critical component of a successful ministry. They will also make use of the Student Ministries bulletin board, Student Ministries AUMC facebook page, the church bulletin, church newsletter, the church website www.asburyumconline.com, email, phone, text, and any other communications not fore mentioned. This chair must work closely with the director so that information that goes to the students and parents will reach them effectively.

Evaluations

Yearly Parent Meeting

Every year we will have a meeting with everyone involved in the Student Ministries of Asbury United Methodist Church. We will go over the year in detail and have dialogue to discern any possible changes or additions that we need to make to the programming as a whole.

Constant Contact with Students

The floor is always open for suggestions from the students themselves. It is a program that the Church provides for them. We want to make sure that we are providing all that they need to become well equipped for life and faith. There is a box outside of the director's office to place any ideas or concerns that students might have. They know that the director's door is always open for them as well.

Sr. Pastor and Director Review

The two heads of the leadership team will evaluate the productivity of the leadership as a whole. After this evaluation, there will be a meeting called of the entire SMAC to review the data. There will be time for discussion to voice concerns. This should be a meeting bathed in prayer. God is the ultimate guide of His Church. We must never forget or loose sight of Him in any of our proceedings.

Revisions

In the past year, the ministry has grown and we have seen an increase in zeal of our students and parents alike. As we strive to be more Christ-like, we need to keep our eyes towards the future. Here are a few ways that we might improve our service of love to our students.

Training for Teachers

We need to begin a class that better equips the teachers to do what they have been gifted to do on a higher level. The faith of the students is growing, and it will become more difficult to feed them what they need without further educational opportunities for the teachers.

Increased Communication

There is always a need to increase the communication between all of the levels of an organization. One of the greatest problems that we face is getting the information from the top to the bottom. There are always people that have been left out due to a poor communication. Though many steps have been taken this year to remedy this issue, we are still working on the best solution and method.

Leadership Meetings

The Student Advisory Council has only met a few times this year. In the coming year, more frequent meetings might also help us to plan more effectively and assist in solving the communication issue mentioned above. We will be better able to assess the major issues.