



BVille Student Ministry Parent Information Packet

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THE WHY

BVille Students is the student ministry of Bradfordville First Baptist Church (BFBC) serving 6th through 12th-grade students. At Bradfordville First, our mission is simple: **We are a family on mission together for Jesus in Tallahassee, and to the world.** Within BVille Students, our goal is to live out that mission by helping students **find life in Jesus and bring that life to everything and everyone around them.**

We believe student ministry is more than programming or events; it is a meaningful expression of BFBC's mission to be a family on mission together, as reflected in our weekly engagement with students in our community. Our desire is to create environments where students can belong, grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and discover their purpose in the Kingdom of God.

As a ministry of BFBC, we desire to help students understand that they are not simply attending church but becoming a part of a spiritual family on mission together.

No matter a student's background, personality, church experience, or current relationship with Jesus, BVille Students exists to be a place where they can belong, grow, and be challenged toward a lifelong faith in Jesus.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a family on mission, helping students become lifelong disciples of Jesus who actively live out their faith in their homes, schools, friendships, churches, and future callings. We believe students are not the future of the church; they are a vital part of the church right now.

Because of that, our ministry is intentionally designed to help students:

- Find life in Jesus personally
- Build an authentic biblical community
- Grow spiritually through discipleship
- Discover leadership opportunities
- Use their influence to bring life to the people and places around them.

OUR VALUES

Our core values are the guiding principles we use to accomplish our mission.

Jesus is our Focus - We put Jesus first in *everything* we do.

The Church is Our Family - We are going to love like family and look like heaven.

Service is Our Calling - We are going to serve.

Our Neighbors & The Nations are Our Responsibility - We will be missional.

The Kingdom is Our Cause - We will remember why we are here.

WHAT WE CELEBRATE

At BVille Students, we celebrate life change.

Our greatest wins include:

- A student trusting Jesus for salvation.
- A student taking the step of baptism.
- A student joining a family group.
- A student finds a healthy biblical community.
- A student stepping into a leadership role.
- A student serving others.
- A student using their influence to bring life to their environment.
- A family becomes more connected to the local church.

We believe every student matters deeply, and every step toward transformation is worth celebrating.

WHY STUDENT MINISTRY MATTERS

The middle and high school years are among the most formative years in a person's life. During this season, students are asking big questions about:

- identity
- belonging
- faith
- purpose
- influence
- relationships
- truth

Because of that, intentional student ministry matters.

At BVille Students, we believe students need:

- Trusted adult leaders
- A healthy biblical community
- Opportunities to ask hard questions
- Consistent discipleship
- Environments where they can encounter Jesus
- A church family that partners with parents
- A clear understanding that their faith is meant to impact the world around them

Our commitment is to help students not only find life in Jesus, but to become young men and women who bring that life into their homes, schools, friendships, and future.

THE HOW

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At BVille Students, we believe healthy ministry happens through intentional discipleship, meaningful relationships, and consistent environments where students can encounter Jesus.

Our goal is not to create endless programming. Our goal is to create clear pathways where students can:

- Find Life in Jesus
- Build meaningful relationships
- Grow spiritually
- Discover purpose
- Learn to live on mission

Rather than trying to do everything, we prioritize a few key ministry environments that allow us to disciple students well and create long-term spiritual impact.

These ministry environments include:

- Weekly Wednesday night worship experiences
- Family groups
- Campus ministry
- Leadership development
- Strategic events

We believe it is better to do a few things with intentional excellence than many things without clarity.

HOW STUDENTS GROW HERE

At BVille Students, we recognize that every student is on a journey. Some are exploring faith for the first time, some are beginning to grow spiritually, and others are stepping into leadership and ownership.

Because of that, we intentionally think about student growth both relationally and spiritually.

RELATIONAL GROWTH

We often see students in four relational categories:

1. **THE COMMUNITY** - Students who are connected through school, sports, friendships, events, or local relationships but are not yet actively engaged in the ministry. These students are within reach, and our goal is to intentionally connect with them.
2. **THE CROWD** - Students who attend worship services or events but have not become deeply connected through family groups, serving, or discipleship environments yet. Our goal is to help these students move from attending to belonging.
3. **THE COMMITTED** - Students who are consistently engaged in ministry environments such as Wednesday nights, family groups, or serving opportunities in the church and in the community. Our goal is to help these students continue growing spiritually and relationally.
4. **THE CORE** - Students who are actively serving, leading, growing spiritually, and helping shape the culture of BVille Students. These students are developing into leaders and influencers within the ministry.

This framework helps us think intentionally about how students continue taking next steps.

OUR LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Healthy ministry requires healthy leadership.

As BVille Students continues to grow, the leadership structure helps ensure students are known, cared for, and consistently supported.

Our ministry is built around intentional leadership lanes designed to holistically care for students.

DISCIPLESHIP LANE

This lane is focused on helping students grow spiritually through relationships, discipleship, care, and leadership development.

The roles in this lane include:

- Family group coaches

- Family group leaders
- Next steps team
- Dream team coordinator

This lane helps ensure that students are known, disciplined, and spiritually challenged.

EXPERIENCE LANE

This lane is focused on creating welcoming, safe, organized, and intentional ministry environments.

The roles in this lane include:

- Student experience director
- Check-In + First-time guest lead
- Student experience team members
- Parking team lead
- Snack team
- Worship team

This lane helps create environments where students feel welcomed, safe, connected, and excited to participate.

DEVELOPMENT LANE

This lane is focused on identifying and developing future leaders.

The roles in this lane include:

- Interns
- Residents
- Student leadership development

This lane helps create a culture of multiplication and leadership ownership.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The safety, care, and well-being of students are a priority at BVille Students. We believe trust is built through clear systems, intentional leadership, and healthy ministry practices. Because of

that, our ministry is committed to creating safe and responsible environments for every student.

TRUSTED LEADERSHIP

All adult leaders serving directly with students are appropriately screened and required to complete the church's background check and Ministry Safe training process. We take the responsibility of placing trusted adults in positions of leadership and care seriously.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Our ministry is committed to maintaining healthy boundaries, responsible supervision, and environments where students are consistently cared for. We work intentionally to ensure students are:

- Supervised appropriately
- Connected to leaders
- Cared for relationally
- Supported in safe ministry environments

RESPONSE + CARE

When students have spiritual questions, need prayer, are processing difficult situations, or need pastoral care, our leaders are trained to engage intentionally and appropriately.

Students are never simply treated like attendees. They are treated like people deeply loved by God.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

We believe healthy ministry requires healthy communication. Parents can expect communication through:

- Parent newsletters
- GroupMe updates
- Event communication
- Email alerts
- Parent meetings and workshops

We want parents to feel informed, supported, and connected to what is happening in the ministry's life.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We believe parents are the primary spiritual influence in a student's life. Student ministry exists to partner with families, not replace them. We desire to support, encourage, equip, and communicate with parents as we work together to help students grow in their faith.

**HERE'S WHAT YOUR STUDENT
CAN EXPECT**

OUR RHYTHMS

As we've stated before, we would rather do fewer events with excellence than more with less attention and direction. Below are some of the rhythms your student can be involved in to take the next steps and grow within BVille Students.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Wednesday night worship experience is one of the primary environments of BVille Students. Every Wednesday, we create an engaging, intentional, and welcoming environment where students can encounter Jesus, build relationships, and invite friends.

Our Wednesday nights are designed to be:

- Gospel-centered
- Relational
- High-energy
- Spiritually meaningful
- Safe and welcoming for first-time guests

A typical Wednesday night includes:

- Intentional arrival experience
- Relational connection with leaders and peers
- Worship
- Biblical teaching
- Response opportunities
- Conversations and next steps

FAMILY GROUPS

Family groups are some of the most important environments for BVille Students. While Wednesday nights create moments for worship and teaching, Family groups create space for deeper discipleship and relationships.

Family Groups exist to help students:

- Be personally known
- Build authentic friendships
- Ask honest questions
- Process biblical teaching
- Receive encouragement and accountability
- Grow spiritually in community

Each Family group is led by trusted adult leaders who intentionally invest in students relationally and spiritually. As our ministry continues to grow, Family groups remain central to helping students build lasting faith and meaningful connections.

If a student consistently attends only one environment, we believe Family groups should be that environment.

DREAM TEAM

The Dream Team is the student leadership and service team for BVille Students. We believe students are not simply meant to attend ministry; they are meant to help build it.

The Dream Team gives students opportunities to:

- Serve regularly
- Develop leadership skills
- Take ownership of the ministry
- Build a stronger community
- Grow spiritually through responsibility and service

Students may serve in environments such as:

- Student Experience
- Worship
- Parking
- Hospitality
- Next Steps
- Event support

Dream Team is one of the most practical ways students begin learning what it means to live as leaders for Jesus.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

We believe ministry should not be limited to church property. One of the best ways to reach students is by consistently showing up where they already spend their time.

Campus ministry allows our leaders to connect with students through:

- School lunches
- Athletic events
- Performances
- Student activities
- Intentional presence in the community

Campus ministry helps us:

- Build trust
- Strengthen relationships
- Connect with new students
- Support students in their everyday world
- Create natural opportunities for invitation and discipleship

We believe students are more likely to engage spiritually when leaders are willing to show up where they already are.

EVENTS + STRATEGIC EXPERIENCES

Throughout the year, BVille Students hosts strategic events designed to create unforgettable opportunities for students to grow spiritually, build relationships, and invite friends.

These may include:

- Beach Week
- DNOW
- BIG Nights

- Student Serve Days
- Special gatherings and retreats

These events are intentionally built to:

- Create a relational connection
- Remove barriers for first-time guests
- Help students make spiritual decisions
- Strengthen friendships
- Build momentum in the life of the ministry

While events are exciting, they are never the goal.

They are tools that help support our larger mission of helping students find life in Jesus and bring that Life to others.

NEXT STEPS + SPIRITUAL CARE

Spiritual growth often happens when students are given intentional opportunities to respond. Because of that, BVille Students prioritizes helping students process spiritual questions, prayer needs, decisions, and next steps.

These opportunities may include conversations around:

- Salvation
- Baptism
- Prayer
- Spiritual questions
- Discipleship
- Leadership opportunities

We believe students should always know what their next step is and have trusted leaders available to help them take it.

WHAT YOUR STUDENT WILL GAIN

At BVille Students, our prayer is that students leave this ministry with far more than memories. We desire that students would gain:

- A real relationship with Jesus
- Meaningful biblical community
- Trusted adult leaders
- Spiritual confidence
- Leadership opportunities
- A stronger sense of identity and purpose
- Practical faith that impacts everyday life
- A lifelong understanding of what it means to follow Jesus on mission

Because ultimately, our goal is not simply to create a great student ministry experience. Our goal is to help students find life in Jesus and bring that life to everything around them.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about BVille Students.

We believe one of the greatest spiritual influences in a student's life is the home.

Because of that, we are committed to partnering with parents—not replacing them—as we help students grow in their faith and discover their purpose.

Whether your student is attending for the very first time, looking for community, asking spiritual questions, or ready to step into leadership, our prayer is that BVille Students would be a place where they feel known, challenged, supported, and invited into all that God has for them.

YOUR STUDENT'S NEXT STEPS

If your student is ready to get connected, here are some great next steps:

- **Attend a Wednesday Night Worship Experience** - Wednesday nights are one of the best first steps for students to experience the culture, energy, and community of BVille Students.

- **Join a Family Group** - Family Groups are where students are known, disciplined, and connected in meaningful biblical community.
- **Connect with a Leader** - Our leaders would love to meet your student, answer questions, and help them find the right place to get connected.
- **Join the Dream Team** - For students ready to serve and grow in leadership, the Dream Team provides opportunities to take ownership and make an impact.
- **Stay Connected as a Parent** - Parents can stay informed and engaged through our Parent GroupMe, newsletters, ministry communications, and parent events throughout the year.

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with your family and look forward to all God has ahead.

WANT TO STAY CONNECTED?

With everything going on, we know how easy it can be for information and planning to seemingly get lost in translation. To help manage that tension, we have developed the Bradfordville Students calendar. Follow the links below to directly add the calendars to your phone!

For iPhone:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/c_e3644059e9273299814967326cea3ca7182f3d5b5b248de4a5fde11a40b963b6%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

For Android:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=c_e3644059e9273299814967326cea3ca7182f3d5b5b248de4a5fde11a40b963b6%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew York](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=c_e3644059e9273299814967326cea3ca7182f3d5b5b248de4a5fde11a40b963b6%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York)