

## Gwinnett Student Ministry

So your kid is getting older and moving on up in the world. Congratulations! One of the cool things about your kids getting older is that they get to Crossover from the Children's Ministry to the Student Ministry which consists of rising 7th to 12th-grade students. Crossover Sunday will be June 11, 2023. In GSM there is more responsibility and higher expectations laid on the students. The ability for the ministry to work and serve all of the participants hangs on the agreement to follow these expectations for any and all GSM sponsored events.

- **Be Respectful** - Not just to me, but guests, other students, and themselves
- **Pay Attention** - In class, I would like the attention of the students, and if they need to use a fidget, draw, or whatever to give it to me then do that, as long as they are not being disruptive.
- **Treat Others the Way You Want to Be Treated** - This is pretty self-explanatory
- **Be Engaged** - Be on topic and involved in the discussion at the level of the student.
- **Be Prepared for Certain Uncomfortable Topics** - Sex, Drugs, and Rock n Roll. In the Student Ministry, we talk about things that teenagers deal with. We aren't preparing students to be better high schoolers but to be better Christian adults, so we won't shy away from hard conversations.

And in the words of Barney Fife:

- **Obey All Rules**
- **Do not write on the walls, as it takes a lot of work to erase writing off of walls**

Of course, there is no way to enumerate all the possible behaviors that I expect from the students in the ministry. The main goal here is to maintain an atmosphere of maturity and respect so that all grades can be served appropriately. The Student Ministry is a privilege and a lot of the success lands on the ability of the students to connect in beneficial ways. While this is not school, and we try to be a break from school, if a student exhibits certain behaviors that would be unacceptable at school they would also be considered unacceptable here. Everyone is welcome, but we have to all be on the same page. If students can't achieve these expectations they may be asked to leave the student ministry for extended periods.

God Bless!  
Lucas Lawrence

**As a member of the Gwinnett Student Ministry I agree to this Covenant. I will be respectful, responsible, and engaged. I will be prepared to discuss uncomfortable topics with maturity. I will be kind to others and treat them the way I would want to be treated. I will love God, love the Church, and love others as the Gwinnett Student Ministry seeks to be a loving family, living for God, and serving our neighbor.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_