



**INFINITE**

YOUTH MINISTRIES

STUDENT + PARENT  
HANDBOOK

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## WHO WE ARE

Infinite is the student ministry of the First Pentecostal Church, Lake Charles. We believe in connecting young people to God's calling and purpose, creating opportunities for them to grow through life-changing services and messages, as well as, providing a place to serve within the church and to serve others. Members of Infinite are not only connected with an experience with God, but also a connection with other students.

At Infinite, we hope to provide an environment that is inviting to every young person at any stage of teenage life. Our highest goal is to make Infinite a place for students to grow in their relationships with God, their families, church family, and fellow students.

## WHO WE SERVE

Infinite serves students who are in the 7th grade - 12th grade. High school graduates will be promoted to our Hyphen group (young adult ministry) annually in May. This promotion is the same for students graduating from the 6th grade into 7th as well.

## YOUTH BENCHMARKS

Actively Serving • Becoming Disciples • Making Disciples • Giving Selflessly

## INFINITE TEAM

Infinite is overseen and led by the Student Pastors Michael and Hannah Cena. The Infinite staff consists of volunteers that are approved by the Student Pastors and Leadership Staff of First Church. All staff members are required to be fully active supporting members of First Church. Parents of active students are also presented with opportunities to serve in supporting roles as well. We strive to provide many opportunities for students to be used as Student Leaders within Infinite.

### Contact Info for Student Pastors

Should any questions or concerns arise, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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# YOUTH GROUP EXPECTATIONS

## Youth Culture

1. We will seek to bring honor and glory to God in everything we do. (I Cor. 10:31)
  - Come with an attitude of worship.
2. We will seek to love the Lord. (Matt. 22:36-38)
  - Come with a willingness to obey God.
  - Come with a passion to love others.
  - Come with a heart to welcome guests.
3. We will seek to band together and edify each other! (Hebrews 10:24-25)
  - By sitting, praying, and worshipping together during each service.
  - By addressing problems with an attitude of love and mercy.
  - By disabling and limiting cell phone usage along with minimal talking.
4. Guard our testimony at all times. (I. Thes. 4:4-8; Romans 14:13)
  - No inappropriate PDA, such as kissing, intimate hugging/touching, etc.
  - By dressing acting & modestly not causing others to stumble.
5. We will guard our speech. (Eph. 4:29-32)
  - No gossip/foul language/hateful dialect/name-calling.
  - No cyberbullying or foul social media content.

## FUNDRAISERS

### Expectations:

- All students who plan to attend any youth trips throughout the year must participate in all fundraisers to receive credit. If the student does not attend or participate in the required fundraisers, they will not receive any group discount.
- Guests, new members, and un-avoidable absences will be viewed case by case.

## YOUTH TRIPS

- Lights out and quiet time must be respected.
- Observe the laws of the land.
- Do not leave the camp, condo, hotel, church or group without direct permission from the Student Pastor or person in charge.
- No one is allowed to go anywhere alone, including public restrooms and rest areas.
- During free time on trips, students must be in groups of two or more.
- Students wishing to accompany another group at an event will only be allowed to do so after Student Pastor has physically spoken to the other group's youth pastor and the student's parents have given consent.
- Non-sibling guys and girls are requested not to sit next to each other in vehicles.

## TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS

### The Parents:

- Will discuss all driving and traveling expectations with their child.
- Shall inform the student pastor if someone other than themselves is to drive their child home.
- Shall be on time for departures and pick-ups.

### All Passengers:

- Will keep vehicles clean.
- Will be on time for scheduled departures.
- Will follow group policies during all stops.

### All Youth:

- Shall go directly to church and home when driving unless parents have given permission to do otherwise.
- Shall never take other youth in their car without parental permission-from driver and passenger.
- Shall never leave an event early without parental permission and prior arrangement/notification of student pastor.
- Shall ride the van back to the church, if that is how you got to the event, unless other arrangements have been made to discuss Pastor.

## PERMISSION FORMS & MEDICAL RELEASE

Before any overnight trip, all students under 18 must have a print or digital signed permission form and medical release on file or submitted to the Student Pastor. All students will receive an itinerary outlining specific details, packing list, etc.

## YTH DREAM TEAM

Students are welcome to participate on the youth dream team by meeting all necessary expectations, training, practices, etc. Our commitment to teaching and guiding students with a desire to serve, learn and participate is a key part of developing students with the expectation and kingdom culture.

Students will be chosen to participate in an area based on their individual skill levels and their individual representation of Infinite and First Church in all areas of their lives. We seek to encourage all our youth dream team members to:

- Promote an atmosphere of worship both on and off the platform.
- Develop daily disciplines of reading, praying, and fasting.
- Be faithful and on time to all scheduled practices/meetings.
- Learn lyrics or sheet music to songs and practice songs at home, including any software or program.

## COMMUNICATION, OPEN-DOOR POLICY, PARENT INVOLVEMENT

### Communication

Details regarding any upcoming events and announcements will be communicated through Remind Text Messages, Church Announcements, Wednesday Youth Nights, Sunday Infinite Worship, Handouts, and Social Media.

The best method of keeping up with Infinite Events is through Remind messages and Social Media. Sign up for our Remind messages:

For Parents: Text “@INFINITE-P” TO 81010

For Students: Text “@INFINITE-S” TO 81010

### Social Media

Simply search for us as “**InfiniteStudentsLC**” on both to follow us on:

Instagram • Facebook • YouTube

It is the Parent’s/Guardian’s responsibility to keep the Student Pastors aware of contact information for you and your student. Should you move, get a new email address, change phone numbers or cell providers, please advise so we may keep our church database and Remind as current as possible – and so no one is left out of important details.

## Open Door Policy

Should any issues arise, or if you have questions or concerns- please feel free to approach Pastor Mike and/or Hannah at any time. To parents, we want to work with you and never against you in the spiritual growth and maturity of your children.

## Parent Involvement

There will always be opportunities for parents to become involved in Infinite. If you would like to help with things such as fundraisers, assisting in providing snacks/refreshments, chaperoning, and driving to Infinite sponsored events; please let Pastor Mike or Hannah know so we are aware of those who are willing to help any way possible.