

ATTENTION YOUTH:

This is an informative letter for all youth that attend the BUMC Youth Program ☺

We all can use a little help with relationships. Social interaction does not come natural to us. We do not come equipped with instructions on how to treat other people. We do, however, have access to the One who does. People probably thought Jesus was crazy for choosing the twelve disciples he did. He hung out with the most mismatched personalities known to mankind! They constantly argued about who Jesus liked best and who was the best. Jesus just wanted them to get along.

Our youth group has the most mismatched personalities known to mankind!
And every person that comes to hang out with us is special.
Special to God. Special to me

Since we need to learn how to treat others with respect we can use youth group as an opportunity to grow. Youth group is a place where we strive to be Christ Centered. It is a place we can practice being kind and forgiving. A place we can find forgiveness. We take risks being ourselves within other social groups, but youth group needs to be safe. I won't have it any other way.

Sometimes our actions and words can be hurtful to others. Negative actions can cause negative reactions. Sometimes our choice of words we use towards others can cause hurt feelings, degrades, and discourages.

A policy we had in effect is going to be revised and used this year. The "put -up" sheet.

This will give you a chance to realize that something you said or did probably wasn't the best choice that could have been made at that moment. As a little reminder and an opportunity to learn how to relate to others in a Christ-like manner, you will be asked to fill out a put-up sheet.

It will give you an opportunity to pause for a moment and try to identify the emotions you may be feeling. If we can control the emotion, the emotion won't control us. We can teach ourselves to use reason and intellect to guide our actions and words.