

WELCOME TO THE UPROAR FAMILY

DEAR PARENT,

Welcome to Uproar Youth—we're so glad your student is here.

We believe your student isn't here by accident. God is raising up a generation of young people who will live boldly, love deeply, and make a lasting impact for the Kingdom of God—and we believe your student is one of them.

As a parent, you are the number one influence in your child's life. What happens at home has the greatest spiritual impact. That's why we don't just lead your student—we partner with you. Our role is to reinforce the values you're instilling, help point your student to Jesus, and create a community that encourages bold faith, real transformation, and strong character.

At Uproar Youth, we focus on three things: **Following Jesus. Becoming like Jesus. Doing what Jesus would do.**

Every service, small group, event, and leadership opportunity is designed to help students grow in those areas. And we don't want you in the dark—we want you informed, involved, and encouraged every step of the way.

We're here to serve your family—not just your child.

Let's raise a generation that turns the world upside down.

With love,

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Youth Pastors – Uproar Youth

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A PARENT AT UPROAR YOUTH

A. OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Your student matters deeply to us. Everything we do is intentional—from how we build relationships to how we run services. This isn’t just youth ministry—it’s discipleship, and it’s built on purpose, safety, and transformation.

We take the spiritual and emotional well-being of your student seriously, and we want you to always feel confident and included.

B. HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM UPROAR

Expectations	Why It Matters
Weekly age-specific services & groups	Middle & high school students are led in spaces designed for their growth.
“U- Group” leaders reaching out to you	Your student’s group leader will personally contact you early on to introduce themselves and stay in touch.
Ongoing communication	We’ll keep you updated with series outlines, events, and any important changes.
Safety-first mindset	Every leader is trained, background-checked, and accountable to strict safety guidelines.
Clear discipleship strategy	Our goal is not just attendance—it’s transformation. Your student will be led toward Jesus week by week.

C. U-GROUP LEADERS ARE YOUR #1 ASSET

Your student will be assigned a **U-Group Leader** who will:

- Get to know them personally

- Walk through real-life moments with them
- Serve as a **big brother or big sister** figure who models a healthy, Christ-centered life
- Keep you informed about group nights, locations, and transportation (if they're involved)

You'll hear from this leader personally. They are here to support your family and help your student grow.

OUR VISION

At Uproar Youth, we're not just running a youth group—we are building a movement. We exist to witness a generation transformed by the power of the gospel.

Inspired by Acts 17:6, where early believers were described as those who “*turned the world upside down*,” we believe that same calling belongs to this generation of students. We don't just want students to attend—we want them to become **disciples of Jesus**.

A. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE

A disciple is someone who is:

1. **following Jesus** – surrendering daily and aligning their life with His Word
2. **becoming like Jesus** – letting the Holy Spirit shape their thoughts, words, and actions
3. **doing what Jesus would do** – living on mission, making a difference, and pointing others to Christ

This is the heartbeat of Uproar Youth.

B. WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE

- Following Jesus
 - Students learn to surrender their lives, obey His voice, and live by His truth. (*Luke 9:23, Mark 12:30, John 14:15*)
- Becoming like Jesus
 - Through discipleship, their character begins to reflect the love, humility, and holiness of Jesus (*John 8:31-32, John 15:1-11, John 13:35*)
- Doing what Jesus would do
 - Students step out in boldness, serving others, sharing the gospel, and living with eternal purpose. (*1 John 2:6, Matthew 20:26-28, Matthew 28:19-20*)

C. HOW WE MEASURE GROWTH

We don't define discipleship by how often students show up—we define it by how much they're growing.

We ask:

- Are they changing the way they speak about God, others, and themselves?
- Are they changing the way they live, even when no one is watching?

As students walk out their faith, we help them move through three clear stages:

Stage	What It Sounds Like
Ignorance	“I don’t know what God’s Word says.” <i>(Hosea 4:6)</i>
Self-Focused	“Faith is about me and my needs.” <i>(Philippians 2:3)</i>
God, Others & Service	“My life exists to love God, love people, and make an impact.” <i>(Ephesians 4:29)</i>

Our goal is to move students from knowing about Jesus to living like Him every day.

Everything we do—whether it’s a Thursday night service, a group discussion, an event, or an outreach—is designed with one mission in mind: following Jesus. becoming like Jesus. doing what Jesus would do.

HOW WE MAKE IT HAPPEN

At Uproar Youth, our vision isn’t just a concept—it’s something we live out every single week. We intentionally structure our ministry to disciple students in both large gatherings and small groups, while giving them real relationships with leaders who walk alongside them in life and faith.

A. WEEKLY BREAKDOWN: When and Where Discipleship Happens

DAY	WHO	WHAT'S HAPPENING	PURPOSE
THURSDAY NIGHTS	<u>High School</u>	Main Service – Worship, Word, and spiritual moments	To engage students, challenge them, and lead them into transformation
	<u>Middle School</u>	U-Groups – Small group discipleship	To build personal relationships and grow in the Word
Sunday Mornings	<u>Middle School</u>	Main Event Service	A full, age-specific experience just for middle school students
Monday Nights	<u>High School</u>	U-Groups	Small group accountability, relationship, and deeper discipleship
1x a Month	<u>All Students</u>	Combined Service	A night of unity, vision, and momentum across middle and high school

B. MORE ABOUT YOUR STUDENT'S GROUP LEADER: YOUR #1 ASSET

Your student will be assigned a **U-Group Leader** who knows them personally, connects with them regularly, and walks life out with them. These leaders serve as a **bridge between your student and you**—and they are your **primary point of contact**.

Group leaders are:

- Trained mentors who model a Christ-centered lifestyle
- The first to notice spiritual growth—or a shift that needs attention
- Actively reaching out to parents to build trust and communicate plans
- Your student's go-to person on group nights, trips, and during follow-up moments

We want you to know upfront: your student's group leader will reach out to you. They will help with communication, transportation, meeting times, and support.

C. THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH PASTOR

The Youth Pastor is the **vision-setter, teacher, and team builder** of the ministry. While we love and care for every student, it's not realistic or healthy for the Youth Pastor to personally walk with hundreds of students day-to-day. That's why **our leaders are empowered, trained, and supported—to do just that.**

The Youth Pastor:

- Oversees all leaders and ensures healthy culture, doctrine, and communication
- Preaches at services and builds the discipleship strategy
- Trains and checks in with leaders regularly
- Remains available to parents during key moments of the year or for serious matters

If a concern ever arises *about a leader*, the Youth Pastor should be contacted directly through the **Parent Concern Form**. This ensures quick and appropriate follow-up.

However, for most day-to-day communication and questions, we encourage parents to reach out to their student's **U-Group Leader first**.

D. WE TAKE YOUR STUDENT'S SAFETY SERIOUS

You're trusting us with your child—and we don't take that lightly. Our safety standards are high and non-negotiable:

-  **All leaders are background checked annually**
-  **All leaders go through mandatory training** on spiritual accountability, leadership integrity, communication boundaries, and student safety
-  **Strict texting rules** are in place:
 - No leader can message your student without parental permission
 - Messages must be appropriate, time-restricted, and only cover discipleship, transportation, or event info
 - One-on-one texts only allowed with students of the **same gender**, and with parent permission
- **Strict driving and transportation policies:**
 - No leader transports students without a signed Uproar transportation waiver
 - All rides are tracked using **Life360** for transparency and safety
 - Parents are always notified before their student is driven anywhere

HOW WE KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP

We never want you to feel out of the loop. Here's how we'll stay connected with you:

- **Monthly Discipleship Outlines:** We send home the topics your student is learning so you can engage with them spiritually.
- **Group Leader Communication:** Expect direct messages and check-ins from your student's leader.
- **Mass Text Reminders:** You'll receive alerts about events, group nights, and key changes.
- **Semi-Annual Parent Meetings:** These are intentional touchpoints where we share vision, calendar updates, and open time for parent questions and feedback.

You are the #1 influence in your student's life. Our leaders are your support system—and your greatest asset in helping your student grow. Our Youth Pastor and leadership team are here to serve and support, but in most cases, we ask that you start with your student's group leader, who is walking with them directly.