

First Baptist Church

of Marysville



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## Student Ministry Handbook

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A FBC Teen Impact

Student  
Outreach Effort

"Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."  
- Matthew 9:38

## Ministry Overview

### What is PWAP?

- PWAP is an acronym which stands for People With A Purpose.
- PWAP is a team of teenagers and adult leaders dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- PWAP is a ministry utilizing various tools including puppets, mimes, drama, and music.

### PWAP Mission Statement

To train Christian teens to serve Christ using puppets, mimes, dramas, music and short term missions as ministry tools.

### PWAP Purpose Statement

To glorify Christ by proclaiming the Gospel to our community and beyond.

### A Little History

- PWAP began in the mid-1990s.
- PWAP originally stood for Puppets With A Purpose.
- Over the years mimes, music, drama, and short term mission opportunities were added.
- The acronym PWAP now stands for People With A Purpose.
- The organization is now known as the First Baptist Church PWAP Ministry.
- The PWAP Ministry at FBC has been very blessed to have ministered over the years in a variety of places in Washington State and Canada.

## Joining PWAP

Students interested in being part of the PWAP ministry are required to apply via the student application. PWAP is open to all youth from the 6th through 12th grades. Applications are available in December for the PWAP ministry season running from January to August.

## Ministry Requirements

### Eligibility

Teens in grades 6th thru 12th who meet the expectations and qualifications outlined in this handbook are eligible to participate in PWAP.

### Roles and Responsibilities

- The primary role of a PWAP team member is the developing of personal and team evangelistic skills for the sharing of the Gospel.
- Specific team responsibilities will be assigned by the ministry director(s) and as defined by the PWAP ministry handbook.

### Expectations

Participants shall:

- Be faithful to attend all PWAP training and ministry events.
- Be an example of both Godly attitudes and actions.
- Seek to encourage children in their care and direction.
- Exercise care in how they respond to challenges.
- In the case of a necessary absence, notify the ministry director(s) in advance and as soon as possible.

## Qualifications

Participants shall:

- Have trusted Christ as their personal Savior and be able to provide testimony to that fact.
- Be growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ, displaying that relationship in both word and action.
- Attend and be in good fellowship with a local fundamental church.
- Shall be at least in the sixth grade and not yet graduated.
- Complete the PWAP Student Ministry form and have an active/approved Christian Ministry Service Agreement on file.
- Be teachable and willing to learn.

### Ministry Dress Policy

- A ministry team shirt is to be worn (tucked in) for performances.
- For all other events (when a team shirt is not required):  
**Girls:** A nice button shirt or T-shirt. No low neck lines or tank tops and no midriff showing—even when arms are raised.  
**Guys:** A nice clean T-shirt or button shirt. No tank tops and no midriff showing—even when arms are raised.
- No short-shorts, and no dresses. Shorts shall extend below the finger tips when arms are at rest at side.
- Neat, unaltered jeans are the preferred pants for ministry.

- Hair needs to be neat and combed. No hair spikes or unnatural colors for performances.
- Inappropriate dress is a detractor to effective ministry. Modesty in appearance is key.
- Good personal hygiene is essential for a healthy work environment.
- No body piercing or tattoos other than ear piercing.

### Equipment Care Policy

- All ministry equipment is property of First Baptist Church of Marysville.
- Equipment shall be given proper care and protection from damage.
- Puppets shall be handled with special care; never pick up a puppet by its nose, hair or ears or “bite” objects with puppets.

### Discipline Policy

- Should at anytime a PWAP participant fail to observe and maintain the expectations and qualifications as laid out in the PWAP ministry handbook and application documents, the participant may be subject to immediate suspension at the director(s) discretion. The suspension will remain in effect until appropriate remedies are implemented and compliance is restored.
- Should no appropriate remedy be realized by the participant then dismissal may result. Any expenses incurred as a result of disciplinary action will be the responsibility of the participant.