

## FPCBR Youth Trip Policy

### “Freedom for Healthy Community”

Trips are a vital part of youth ministry. For spiritual formation or mission action, times away bond students and leaders and create openness to hearing God’s voice. Amidst the pressures of students’ daily lives, our trips create peace-giving freedom in a microcosm of healthy Christian community. To that end, we expect all of our students to experience freedom from particular negatives that normally surround them. A healthy youth community grows when these are absent:

Nicotine, alcohol, cannabis, misused prescription drugs, pornography, weapons, intimate sexual contact, illegal activities, and any conduct deemed seriously detrimental to the group.

Every student on our youth trips should feel free from these destructive pressures.

Therefore, use, possession of, or participation in any of the above will result in immediate calls to the student’s parents/guardians and a return home, at the parents’ expense, at the earliest practicable time. Also, during the trip, the church grants the Director of Youth Ministry the authority and discretion to determine if and when this policy has been violated.

Signed agreement to the above philosophy and ensuing policy is a necessary prerequisite for participation in any youth trip.

Further, in order to continue to create healthy, free, Christ-receiving, love-giving community, we continue to enact a no cell-phone policy on youth trips and expect that youth consent to receive direction from youth leaders during the trip. Along with our values of welcome, kindness, and acceptance, we believe this policy creates peaceful freedom for all youth participants.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_