

The logo for Barefoot Church Students features the text "Barefoot Church Students" in a white, sans-serif font. The words are arranged horizontally, with "Barefoot" on the left, "Church" in the middle, and "Students" on the right. The text is set against a dark, reddish-brown background with a subtle, glowing, abstract shape behind the words.

Barefoot Church Students

Becoming a Student Ministry Volunteer

Thank you for your interest in serving with Student Ministry! In order to help us get better acquainted with you and determine where you will best fit within our ministry, please fill out the attached forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Gastardi, Student Ministry Pastor, at 843-280-1270 or e-mail chris@barefootstudents.org.

Once you have completed the leadership application and background form, please return them to the Connection Section in the lobby before or after one of our weekend services. Once we receive your application, someone from our team will contact you to schedule a meeting to further explain the serving opportunities within student ministry. Below you will find descriptions of the volunteer teams within student ministry.

If you have not attended a partnership class, we would like to invite you to sign-up for the next scheduled partnership class at the connection section in the lobby before or after each weekend service or you can sign-up online at www.barefootchurch.com. Our partnership class will give you the opportunity to become familiar with the history, vision, and values of Barefoot Church.

STUDENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEER INFO

We are so pumped that you want to get involved with the Student Ministry at Barefoot Church. Due to the unique nature of this ministry, we do ask a lot from our volunteer leaders. We have a variety of ways for you to serve within the ministry. The following is a list of responsibilities we have for our volunteers and the two teams you can serve on. Our goal is to find the right fit for every qualified leader. Note: You are certainly able to serve in more than just one area!

Primary Responsibilities:

- Be in love – with Jesus Christ. If Jesus is not your number one passion, then Student Ministry is not for you.
- Be passionate – about seeing students receive and follow Christ.
- Be active and consistent – here on Wednesdays and contacting your students during the week.
- Be prepared – our students deserve your best.
- Be poured out – Wednesdays are an opportunity to overflow what God has done in your life all week, not a time for *you* to be poured into.
- Be communicators – with staff and students, read and respond to emails.
- Be flexible – with change and growth in the ministry.
- Be relevant and fun – know what they like and use that to minister to them.
- Be leaders – leading students to Jesus supersedes friendship.
- Be smart – keep everything same gender.
- Be committed – to this ministry and Barefoot Church.

Basic Personal Responsibilities:

- Uphold Biblical priorities in life, in the order outlined below:
 1. Growing personal relationship with Christ →
 2. Relationship with spouse (if married)
 3. Relationship with children (if applicable)
 4. Purpose in life/ministry
- Develop personal evangelism opportunities within and outside the church.
- Be a member of Barefoot Church.
- Financially support the works of ministries of Barefoot Church by faithfully giving at least 10% of the income that God has blessed you with.

Life Groups Team

This team is for a group of leaders committed to helping students meet Jesus and become His disciples through relational ministry. This happens 3 ways.

1. On Wednesday nights
 2. Time on their turf
 3. Life Groups
- **Wednesday Nights:** On the first Wednesday night of each month, students gather together for our outreach program, AMPD. Prior to the worship service, students gather in our café environment and upstairs area called the loft. As a small group leader these environments present opportunities to interact with students in your life group and to also connect with new students. At the end of the night, students who are not in a life group are given the opportunity to sign-up for a group near their area, so as a leader this is an awesome opportunity for students to put a face with a name and for you to introduce yourself as their leader.
 - **Time on Their Turf:** There are numerous opportunities throughout the week for leaders to connect with students on their turf. Our desire is for leaders to make it a priority to interact with and pour into students outside of the 4 walls of church and to engage with students in their everyday life. We will provide you with a weekly list of opportunities to connect with students on their turf (i.e. school lunches, tailgate parties, school dramas, FCA, athletic events)
 - **Life Groups:** Each week students gather in the homes of adult leaders closest to their own neighborhoods to further the discussion from the message delivered at AMPD and to build relationships with other students and adult leaders, all the while growing in their understanding of God's Word and how it applies to their everyday life. We will provide you with discussion guides at the beginning of each new series and the necessary training and tools to assist you in leading your group. As a life group leader you may choose the night of the week that works best for your schedule to host students in your home.

Expectations:

- Attend AMPD, the first Wednesday night of each month. Arrive by 5:45 p.m. or earlier.
- Pursue relationships with students outside of Wednesday night.
 - Spend time on their turf (visiting school lunches, going to sporting events, dinner, etc)
 - Contact students throughout the week (call, text, email, facebook, etc)
- Prepare for life group prior to meeting with your students by reading the material provided
- Attend Leader Meetings when scheduled

Ops Team:

This team is designed for those who love logistics as well as being the face of the ministry. On this team you can serve on, but are not limited to, lots of different areas. This team includes the following:

- Check-in – The main goal of this team is to check-in every student that attends on Wednesday night. This helps us to have student's contact information, communicate with them, and know who is here.
- Parking-You will be a student's and parent's first impression as you help them find a parking spot and direct cars to the drop off zone in an organized and directed fashion.
- Ushers – Our ushers direct students to the nearest available seat in a quick and orderly fashion and help with crowd control.
- Curbside Pick- Up – You will wait with students until they have been picked up by their parents. As students are being picked up, introduce yourself to parents and place a copy of The Parent Link newsletter in their hands.
- Set up/Tear Down – This team does an assortment of tasks to help us get ready for the night from hanging signs to setting up game stations, unloading and loading equipment truck, moving tables and chairs.
- Follow-up/Office team – This team is responsible for helping with follow-up of 1st timers on Thursdays as well as helping with other tasks throughout the week. If you are free to come into the office throughout the week between 9am and 5pm, we would love the help.
- AMPD Shuttle- We currently have a partnership with Barefoot Taxi company that allows us to offer a shuttle service from North Myrtle Beach High School to Barefoot Church for students wishing to attend AMPD. While this area of service does not require you as a volunteer to drive the shuttle van, our desire is to have a warm, energetic, vibrant personality greeting students as they step aboard the van. The shuttle van will arrive at 6:30PM to pick up students from the high school and will mostly be a service to our high school athletes. Parents will be responsible for picking their student up at the end of the AMPD.

Expectations:

- Attend AMPD the 1st Wednesday night of each month.
- Arrive by 5:30. If assisting with set-up, please arrive Tuesday evening at Barefoot Church at 6:00 PM and be willing to stay until 9:00 PM for tear down on Wednesday night.
- Be willing to do whatever is needed.
- Attend Leader Meetings when scheduled.

The Mix Team:

This is a VIP area for new students to hang out and meet with leaders, other new students and the band after service. We want to make outsiders feel like insiders and go the extra mile to show them hospitality with hope they will return, not alone, but with friends they've invited. This area will require outgoing personalities that are not afraid to meet new people. Prior to service, Mix Volunteers will be out front at the Mix Table welcoming and registering new students. During service, you will be in auditorium seated near students and available to take them to the Mix lounge after service. You will be required to wear a Mix t-shirt to make yourself visible to students.

The purpose of the Mix is to set up an environment that encourages students to return each month. This is done by:

- Serving first time students
- Creating an insider environment for new students who might otherwise feel like an outsider

How Volunteers can help achieve this:

- Constantly serving new students (you are not there for each other, but to show a new student the love of Christ in this ministry through your service – Be Last)
- Creating an environment in the Mix that will let the students see how valuable they are to our ministry.
- Having conversations with new students that make them feel important, comfortable, and that lead them to join us again the following month (remember that in order to serve others you must place yourself under them, you are not too good for anyone—treat all students in there like they are better than you)
- Remember the goal here is to encourage new students to continue to be a part of AMP*D so that they are exposed to gospel continuously. This will lead to students living transformed lives. Because of this, if you are volunteer in the Mix, this needs to be your priority on Wednesday nights.

Café Amp*d Team:

- The café teams sets up snack bar and prepares all food that will be served. They also serve it to the students and then clean up afterwards. On Wednesday night, the café will be open from 6:00 pm, when the doors open, until 7:10, when the counter drops and the service starts.

Expectations:

- Attend AMPD the 1st Wednesday night of each month.
- Arrive by 5:15.
- Be willing to do whatever is needed.
- Attend Leader Meetings when scheduled.

Connections Team

This team is all about connecting with students by serving in the recreation area, café seating area, The 411, and Life Groups Table. The pursuit of relationships and directing students to their next step is the key here as we partner with them to take their next step towards Christ and with Christ. You will also help make everything that happens in the building operate and function with excellence. The areas in which you would be able to serve are...

- Recreation/Game Zone- This area consists of video games, pool tables, air hockey, foosball and free throw basketball. If you are in this area, you will help make sure the area is ready to go, students are taking turns playing, and that students are not misusing or damaging the equipment.
- Café Seating/Lounge Area-This area is designed for students who just want to hang out and relax. If you are in this area, you are helping maintain/manage this space, ensure there is no PDA going on. This is a very conversational area with students.
- The 411- This is a connection point for students to find out more information on upcoming events, baptism sign-ups, serving opportunities, etc. This kiosk is located in the lobby and will be heavily visited before and after service. If you are in this area, you will assist students with sign-ups, answer questions, receive deposits for trips, and occasionally sell t-shirts.
- Life Groups Table-Before and after service students will have an opportunity to find out more information about life groups in their area and to sign up. If you are serving in this area, you will be answering questions about life groups and assisting students with signing up for a life group.

Expectations:

- Attend AMPD the 1st Wednesday night of each month.
- Arrive by 5:45
- Be willing to do whatever is needed.
- Attend Leader Meetings when scheduled.

Production Team

This team does an assortment of jobs on a Wednesday night. They run computers, cameras, tele-prompters, and record the service.

Expectations:

- Attend AMPD the 1st Wednesday night of each month.
- Arrive by 4:45 PM.

Contact Person: Mark Banister, email – mbanister@barefootchurch.com

Student Ministry Volunteer Form & Background Check

Name: _____
Current Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Permanent Address (if different from above): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Are you a Barefoot Church Partner? Yes or No
Home Phone: () _____ - _____ Cell Phone: () _____ - _____
Work Phone: () _____ - _____
Email address: _____
Occupation: _____
Employer: _____

Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Do you currently maintain a personal blog, website, MySpace or Facebook account? If so, please provide each address/URL:

Volunteer Opportunities: Please check the box of the role(s) that you are interested in.

- Middle School Life Group Leader
- High School Life Group Leader
- Production Team
- Operations Team (Greeting, Usher, Café, etc.)
- Connections Team
- Café Amp*d Team
- The Mix Team

Short Answer Questions:

Write a brief summary of how and when you met Jesus Christ.

How would you describe your spiritual journey at this point in your life?

Why do you want to serve in the selected area of ministry?

What is/are your gifts and talents, and how can you use them in the area of ministry you are interested in?

Do you have any fears/weaknesses that might affect where you serve in ministry?

Please list any other ministries that you are or have been involved with at Barefoot Church. If you are no longer involved with a certain team, please list the reason.

Team Dates Served Reason for Leaving

Are there any things in your life right now that would have an impact on your commitment & involvement in the volunteer ministry at Barefoot Church? (such as relationships, other commitments, etc.)

Request for Criminal Records Check and Authorization

Team(s) on which you wish to serve at Barefoot Church: _____

Today's Date: ____/____/____

PRINT Full Name: _____

PRINT All Aliases: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth (City, State): _____

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____ Driver's License Number: _____

Current Address: (STUDENTS - Write your home/permanent address - NOT school address)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Previous Address:

1. Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

2. Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

3. Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I hereby request and release Barefoot Church from any liability associated with acquiring, viewing, or acting upon any information which pertains to any record of convictions contained in law enforcement files or in any criminal file maintained on me whether local, state or national.

I hereby release local, state and national law enforcement agencies from any and all liability resulting from such disclosure.

I hereby authorize Barefoot Church to speak at its discretion with anyone it deems appropriate in making a determination about the applicant's/volunteer's suitability and character.

I hereby state that all the provided information is true. I agree to abide by all instructions from Barefoot Church staff and affirm there are no reasons I am unsuitable to act as a volunteer.

Signature: _____ Date: _____