



**North Beach Baptist Church
Youth Vision, Strategy
and Structure for 2011**

The Foundations for Effective Youth Ministry

Before we get to the vision for NBBC youth into the future we must be clear on the foundations God gives us in his word for effective youth ministry.

1. Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is God and all things were made for Him and by Him. He is the head of the church and in his death he reconciles sinners to God. (Colossians 1:15-23). God warns us in his word to be careful how we build in ministry because only that which is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ will last. As 1 Corinthians 3:10-13 says:

“But each one should be careful how he builds. For no-one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light”

Effective youth ministry therefore must build on the only foundation that lasts with the things that last. Jesus Christ must be the focus and the foundation because only lives that are built on him, trusting in him and his death, will last.

2. Discipleship Focussed

In Matthew 28 Jesus commands his disciples and us to be disciples who make disciples:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Effective youth ministry therefore will be all about disciples making disciples. To make disciples we will teach people everything Jesus has taught, baptize those who come to believe and trust that Jesus is with us doing his work.

3. The Tools of God

God gives us the tools to build solid disciples on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Effective youth ministry will use the tools God gives.

The gospel is God’s power to save people. *“I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe” (Romans 1:16)*

The word of God is the means by which God grows people. *“We thank God continually because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13)*

Prayer is the means by which we depend on God *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6)*

4. Good and Godly Relationships

Colossians 3:12-14 outlines what a life that has Jesus as Lord looks like:

“Therefore as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, Bear with one another and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity”

Effective youth ministry will therefore promote good and godly relationships of love. If young people are going to experience this counter-cultural way of relating anywhere it will be at a Christian youth group.

5. Committed Leadership

Effective youth ministry will be led by people who are FAT: faithful, available and teachable. Youth leaders must be committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and growing in faithfulness to him. They must be available to give the time and energy that this type of ministry requires and they must be humble enough to be taught by others.

Above all, Christian youth leaders must have love: love for Jesus and love for people - and especially love for those Jesus has entrusted to their care.

Our motto verse for the NBBC youth leadership team is 1 Thessalonians 2:8:

“We loved you so much that we delighted to share not only the gospel of God but our very lives as well because you have become so dear to us”

Our Vision:

Our vision for the next 18-24 months is to see 100 students from year 7-12 attending youth group. *These youth will love Jesus and will be praying and seeking to reach their friends for Jesus.*

Our Mission:

We are devoted to enjoying and glorifying God.
Reaching those who don't know Jesus and growing those who do.

Our Strategy: *Build, Reach, Flow*

Build

We will aim to build Christian youth up in the truth of Jesus from the Bible. We also seek to equip them to reach their friends with his gospel. We will do this by praying for our youth and by teaching them through talks, small groups, modeling prayer, encouraging them to have personal quiet times and by providing a godly Christian example.



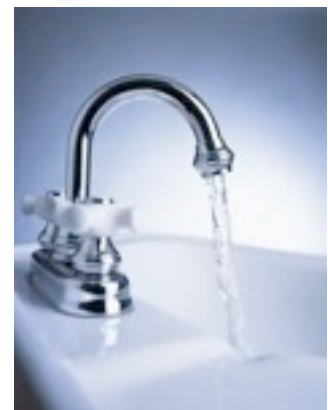
Reach

We will aim to reach out to young people who do not know the gospel of the Lord Jesus. We will do this primarily through equipping our Christian students to reach their friends for Christ. We will encourage them to see how important evangelism is and equip them with the tools they need to reach their friends. We will also help our youth by providing an environment where Jesus is preached from the Scriptures, prayer is modeled and taught and where relationships display an outward focused Christian life of love.



Flow

Our aim is to make sure that all of our programs and structures allow a smooth transition for our youth. This means that we will aim to have a smooth transition for those who come from children's ministry into year 7 and into youth group. We will do this by gradually introducing them into youth group. When our youth become too old for youth group we also hope to transition them out of youth into night church.



Proposed 2011 Structure:

1. IGNITE (Main Gathering and Separate Time) *Friday Nights 7:30pm-9:30pm*

Everything we do at IGNITE should be thoroughly FUN and more importantly thoroughly Christian. Our main aim for IGNITE is to present the gospel of Jesus to students and to challenge them with what it means to trust and follow Him. We will model that being Christian means life to the full, filled with joy and love.

IGNITE should be a place where the Christian feels excited about bringing their friends to hear about Jesus and experience something of what a Christian is and does.

Each week at IGNITE might include some of the following:

- A clear youth group talk from the Scriptures
- A time to discuss ideas in small groups - Juniors and Inters separate
- Creative intros for talks (e.g drama, DVDs etc...)
- Prayer time
- Singing
- Games and activities specifically tailored to Juniors and Inters separately
- Food
- Hang out time

Twice a term we will have a social night. (one combined and one separate)

Juniors - year 7-9

Inters - year 10-12

An example of the run-sheet for IGNITE is found below:

7:00pm - Leaders arrive to pray and set up

7:30pm - Hang Time in the MPR (big Screen Wii, ping pong, fooseball, bean bags, cafe style tables and chairs, background music etc.)

8:00pm - Welcome/prayer/Bible verse (IGNITE formally begins)

Mixer Game

Songs

Intro for talk (DVD, Drama, Item etc.)

Youth talk from the Bible

Prayer time

Juniors and Inters separate

Discussion Groups

Activities/games specific to Juniors and Inters

Supper

9:30pm Finish

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Week 1 - IGNITE LAUNCH	“Don’t waste your year”	1 Thess. 2:8
Week 2 - IGNITE TOGETHER	“Dating”	Eph 5:21-33 & 1 Cor 7
Week 3 - IGNITE SOCIAL		
Week 4 - IGNITE TOGETHER	“Bullying”	1 Peter 2:18-25
Week 5 - IGNITE SOCIAL		
Week 6 - IGNITE TOGETHER	“Alcohol”	Ephesians 5:1-20
Week 7 - IGNITE SOCIAL		
Week 8 - IGNITE TOGETHER	“Money”	2 Cor 8:1-9
Week 9 - IGNITE SOCIAL		
Week 10 - IGNITE TOGETHER	“Home is where the heart is”	Philippians 3:17-21

2. IGNITE Small Groups

IGNITE small groups will be the engine room for NBBC Youth. They will be the primary place for the Christian youth to grow as a disciple of Jesus. It is also the place where they can be equipped to reach their friends for Jesus. These groups will be led by 2-3 youth leaders. The groups will be separated by age and gender.

Juniors Small Groups (Yr7-9) - Sunday mornings during church - 9:30-10:30am
(initially these groups will most likely continue like TBC and have a flexible upper age limit)

Inters Small Groups (Yr 10-12)- Sunday afternoons before evening church 4:30-5:30pm

Each small group will:

- Be lead by 2-3 leaders
- Include a well prepared Youth Bible Study/Youth Evangelism Training
- Have some time for sharing and prayer
- Include social time together

3. IGNITE Youth Leaders Meetings

Each youth leader will be a part of the Youth Leadership Team. We will meet once a month at Matt and Corinne’s place for food and fellowship, bible study, prayer, youth group de-brief and planning.

Each youth leader will be entrusted with *ONE* area of responsibility (i.e. a small group, coordination of music, supper, media, communication, rosters, main meetings, talk primers, etc...)

Some but not all youth leaders will be entrusted with a small group of students to disciple.

4. IGNITE Youth Leaders Retreat

At the beginning of each year IGNITE youth leaders will gather for a weekend to plan and pray for the year ahead, come to God in his word for training and equipping for youth ministry and to enjoy and bond together as a team.

In 2011 youth leaders will be going away on retreat from 28th-30th January to Moore River. Steve McAlpine will speak to the team on "The Heart of Christian Ministry", we'll plan and pray for the year ahead and we'll enjoy some beach fun.

5. IGNITE Weekend Retreat (Combined Youth Group Camp)

Once a year we will have a combined YOUTH Retreat - in a campsite location, with a speaker from outside of NBBC and some well organized activities.

In 2011 we have booked Nanga Campsite (near Dwellingup) for Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd April. Steve McAlpine will speak on "Don't Waste Your Life" and there will be many opportunities to enjoy activities together such as canoeing or abseiling. A detailed flyer will be available at the beginning of term 1 2011.

6. IGNITE Parent Core

This will be a group of strong Christian parents who will encourage their kids to be committed to IGNITE, pray for the ministry and seek to reach non-Christian parents with the truth of Jesus. Once a term there will be an IGNITE Parent Core morning tea for any parents to come and hear about what God is doing at NBBC amongst our youth. IGNITE Parent Core will also meet at other times for prayer. This will need to be lead by a number of key Christian parents.

7. IGNITE Youth Leadership Conference

This will be a one day youth leader training event at the beginning of the year - organized by the YOUTH pastoral team.

Aims:

- To train and equip youth leaders to run Christ centered, God honoring, discipleship focused youth ministries
- To fire up youth leaders to serve Jesus faithfully and joyfully for the year on their youth ministries

8. Other ideas

- IGNITE Banner (for MPR)
- IGNITE Postcards
- IGNITE Sign with arrow pointing to MPR (for foyer)
- IGNITE Website, Blog and Facebook page
- IGNITE Database, SMS reminders and Bible Verses
- A Music Coordinator
- A Retreat Coordinator
- Building a Parent Core
- Equipment and Storage for IGNITE