

We are so glad that you want to spend time with our Student Ministry. We want everyone who walks through our doors to feel welcome, loved, and accepted — because that's how Jesus loves us! Even though everyone is welcome in our Student Ministry, it's still a privilege to be here. In order to enjoy this privilege and all that it comes with, everyone needs to accept and respect the authority of the people who are in charge. On this page are a few guidelines:

1. We want to honor God with how we act, speak, and treat others. He is the reason why we are here both on Earth and at Rehoboth.

Colossians 3:17, Micah 6:8, Hebrews 13:16, Colossians 1:16-17, Acts 17:28

2. We want to respect each other and have a good time. Without this respect, it will not be a good time. If someone is not showing you respect, talk with them and try to resolve it. If they don't want to listen or resolve it, come to one of the adults and they will help you handle it.

Philippians 2:4, Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 18:15-18, Proverbs 15:1

3. We all need to respect the authority of the people God has placed in charge of us. We can show them respect by listening to them, paying attention, and following instructions.

Hebrews 13:17, Romans 13:1-3, 1 Peter 2:13, Titus 3:1-2, 1 Timothy 5:17, 1 Peter 5:5

4. We will treat our neighbors with kindness, respect, and speak to them in the way we would want to be spoken to. Fighting, bullying, name-calling, trying to harm others (i.e. throwing a basketball at them), and stealing are unacceptable behaviors that dishonor God, your neighbors, and even yourself.

Proverbs 21:21, Matthew 7:12, Zechariah 7:9-10, Romans 12:10, Titus 3:2, Exodus 20:15

5. We will find ways to speak without profanity, especially towards other people. If you are angry, you must find a way to express and control your anger without taking it out on someone else.

James 1:19-20, Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 14:29 & 16:24, Psalm 37:8, Ecclesiastes 7:9, Ephesians 4:26

6. We all share this space that doesn't belong to us, so we want to take care of it. We can do this by cleaning up after ourselves in the Student Center, gym, concession area, and any other rooms we use. Let's leave things better than we found them!

Philippians 2:3, Romans 12:10, Galatians 5:13, Proverbs 3:9

7. Our large and small group time in the Student Center is very important. During this time, no phones/tablets, headphones/earbuds, or distracting others will be allowed. Respecting this time is what will say the most about your character every week.

Deuteronomy 10:12, Revelation 4:11, Philippians 2:9-11, Micah 4:5, Exodus 20:1, John 17:3

Discipline is simple: If behavior is a problem, an adult leader will talk with the student and resolve it. If there is any disrespect/the poor behavior continues, parents/guardians will be called and the student will be sent home, not allowed to return for two weeks.

Guidelines with full Scripture References
(taken from ESV, CSB, NLT, & NIV translations of the Bible)

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- Colossians 3:17 — “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
- Micah 6:8 — “He has told you, O man [mankind/humankind], what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
- Hebrews 13:16 — “Don’t neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.”
- Colossians 1:16-17 — “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”
- Acts 17:28 — “For in him we live and move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also his offspring.’”

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- Philippians 2:4 — “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”
- Ephesians 4:32 — “And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.”
- Matthew 18:15-18 (just read 15-17) — “If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he won’t listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established. If he doesn’t pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn’t pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile [an unwelcome outcast] and a tax collector to you.”
- Proverbs 15:1 — “A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.”

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- Hebrews 13:17 — “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”
- Romans 13:1-3 — “Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God. So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God’s command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will have its approval.”
- 1 Peter 2:13 — “Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, ...”
- Titus 3:1-2 — “Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.”
- 1 Timothy 5:17 — “The elders who are good leaders are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.”
- 1 Peter 5:5 — “Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.””

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- Proverbs 21:21 — “Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.”
- Matthew 7:12 — “Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.”
- Zechariah 7:9-10 — “The Lord of Armies says this: ‘Make fair decisions. Show faithful love and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the resident alien or the poor, and do not plot evil in your hearts against one another.’”
- Romans 12:10 — “Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another.”
- Titus 3:2 — “...to slander no one, to avoid fighting, and to be kind, always showing gentleness to all people.”
- Exodus 20:15 — “You shall not steal.”

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- James 1:19-20 — “My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for human anger does not accomplish God’s righteousness.”
- Ephesians 4:29 — “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”
- Proverbs 14:29 — “People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness.”
- Proverbs 16:24 — “Kind words are like honey— sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.”
- Psalm 37:8 — “Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper— it only leads to harm.”
- Ecclesiastes 7:9 — “Don’t let your spirit rush to be angry, for anger abides in the heart of fools.”
- Ephesians 4:26 — “And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry,”

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- Philippians 2:3 — “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.”
- Romans 12:10 — “Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”
- Galatians 5:13 — “For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.”
- Proverbs 3:9 — “Honor the Lord with your possessions”

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- Deuteronomy 10:12 — “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul.”
- Revelation 4:11 — “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”
- Philippians 2:9-11 — “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- Micah 4:5 — “Though the nations around us follow their idols, we will follow the Lord our God forever and ever.”
- Exodus 20:1 — “Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. Do not have other gods besides me.”
- John 17:3 — “This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent — Jesus Christ.”

If you have read through these Scriptures, thank you! As Jesus cared and actively cares for us, we care deeply for our Savior and seek to honor Him. We're thankful to be able to point others, especially young people, to Him. As we move forward in ministry at Rehoboth, our hope is that each student would walk away with a saving faith in Jesus Christ, and that they would know Him more deeply and personally.