

# Bethany United Methodist Church



## ***Boys Basketball League***

***January 7 – February 20***

Play eight games and single elimination tournament

### ***Team Meeting***

**November 11, 7 pm at Bethany UMC**

All teams must be represented at the team meeting

### ***Deadline to enter***

**December 13th**

The team fee must accompany roster and **all** player paperwork  
Schedule will be published Dec. 15th.

***Fee: \$435.00 per team***

Checks for the entire amount accepted.

Credit or debit cards accepted online at [www.bethanygym.com](http://www.bethanygym.com).



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October 15, 2010

Dear Pastor,

I bring you greetings from Bethany Leisure Ministry. You are receiving this letter because someone in your church has expressed interest in joining our Boy's Basketball League and I would like to share with you our vision and purpose for this league.

It is our vision to use sports as an outreach tool. We suggest that 50% of the team be church members leaving the remaining 50% open for non-members. It is our hope that your church will continue beyond the walls of the gym, to reach the un-churched.

As you can see by the enclosed copy of the rules, the purpose of the Basketball League is to promote Christian fellowship, sportsmanship and recreation among the churches of the Summerville area. The rules also make you aware of how we conduct the games and the consequence of any infractions.

Please note the first bullet under our purpose statement:

- Good sportsmanship will be required of the team leadership, players, and spectators.

Then go down to rules 3 & 4 under Entrance Requirements. New this season, # 3 explains the leadership that must be in place for each team and #4 requires that you endorse them for representing your church.

I urge you to select your leadership team carefully. They will be responsible for the attitude and actions of the entire team which will also reflect upon your church.

I'm looking forward to another exciting season of good fellowship and great competition. I invite you and your congregation to visit the games to cheer for the teams. A complete schedule and team standings will be posted on our website after December 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peace through Christ,  
Lynn A. Mazell  
Director of Leisure Ministry



# *Summerville Church Boys' Basketball League*

**THE PURPOSE OF THE BOYS' BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS TO PROMOTE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND RECREATION AMONG THE CHURCHES OF THE SUMMERVILLE AREA. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE DESIGNED TO MEET AND ENFORCE THIS PURPOSE:**

- Good sportsmanship will be required of the team leadership, players, and spectators.
- The Leisure Ministry Director, assisted by a steering committee representing Bethany U.M. Church's Leisure Ministry Committee, will be responsible for the business affairs of the league including the resolution of any disputes.

## **Entrance Requirements**

1. Each team desiring to enter the league must have someone represent them at the league organizational meeting.
2. The teams **MUST** have completed paperwork with payment of the team fee by the entry deadline in order to be put on the schedule.
3. The team leadership should be selected for their skill and Christian character and will consist of the following three positions:
  - A team coach responsible for the players during the games including their attitude and behavior.
  - A team manager responsible for submitting paperwork and communicating with the players.
  - A prayer partner responsible for the spiritual needs of the players and contributes to the *Praise and Prayer* (see Rules of Play #3 below).
4. **The team leadership must be endorsed by the minister/officiant from the represented church.**

## **Qualifications for Players**

1. The league is open only to church teams:
  - The minimum number of players on a team is ten. The maximum number of players per team is fifteen.
  - We suggest that 50% of the team be church members leaving the remaining 50% open for non-members.
2. Teams will consist of boys who are in senior high school or below:
  - Juniors will consist of boys who **have not** turned 15 years old prior to September 1, 2010.
  - Seniors will consist of boys who **have not** turned 19 years old prior to September 1, 2010.
  - Juniors may play up but seniors may not play down.
3. Youth who are on any sanctioned school teams' roster may not play in the league.
  - This applies even if a player drops from the school team.
  - This applies to B-teams.
  - Dorchester District #2 middle school's program is viewed as recreational at this time and do not fall under this rule.
4. Teams must present a roster signed by the Team Leadership verifying the qualifications of the players:
  - All players on the roster will sign an insurance waiver and code of conduct. For players under 18 years of age this must also be signed by a parent.
  - All players on the roster are required to submit a legible copy of an official ID containing the player's picture and birth date.
  - Any team playing an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which that player participated.
5. A player must play in at least 3 games in order to be eligible for tournament play.

## **Schedules**

1. The league manager will draw an official schedule and establish game times.
  - The season will consist of 8 games and a single elimination tournament.
  - The results for the regular season will determine seeding for a play-off tournament.
  - No games will be rescheduled except for unforeseen circumstances determined by Bethany.
2. The tournament will immediately follow the regular season. It is the team captain's responsibility to keep up with the seeding and progression of the tournament and to notify his players.

## **Rules of Play**

1. The league manager will hire the referees, timer and scorekeeper.
  - The records kept by the scorekeeper will be official with disputes only settled between the referee and the scorekeeper.
  - Technical fouls will be recorded on the official team roster in order to effectively enforce the rules pertaining to technical fouls.
2. **Official high school rules shall govern all play except as follows.**
3. **Starting of the game:**
  - All players will be required to attend a *Praise and Prayer* meeting 15 minutes prior to tip off. Coaches will be responsible for gathering the teams. The home team will be responsible for leading a meaningful devotion. In addition, both teams will gather for prayer at center court prior to tip off.
  - Each team will be given at least five minutes to warm up. If needed, there can be a five-minute grace period for the start of the game. The five minute grace period also counts towards the warm-up.
  - Teams must have at least 5 players to start the game. They may finish the game with less than five players.
  - Only players on the official roster will be allowed to play.
  - Coaches must check in with the scorer and confirm jersey numbers before the start of each game.
4. **The time clock:**
  - The games will consist of four 8 minute quarters with a running clock except for shooting fouls (when the shooter receives the ball) and on every dead ball on the last two minutes of each half. Any team slow to line up for the free throw may receive a violation technical foul.
  - If there is a 20 point lead the clock will not stop the last two minutes of each half.
  - Each team will be allowed 3 full and 2 thirty-second time outs per game.
  - Half time will be 3 minutes.
  - Overtime periods will consist of 3 minutes each with a running clock except for shooting fouls (when the shooter receives the ball) and on every dead ball on the last minute of the period. One full time out will be awarded to each team and fouls will carryover.
5. **Defense:**
  - Any defense will be allowed. No team will full court press if they have a 20 point lead.
6. **Technical Fouls:**
  - **Player controlled technical fouls**, example but not limited to, dunking, hanging on the rim, slapping backboard, will result in a technical foul and the player being dismissed from the game.
  - **Flagrant technical fouls** (on a live or dead ball) for any adverse behavior, verbal or physical, will cause the individual to be suspended from the game. The referees and scorekeeper will file an incident report and it will be the responsibility of the player and coach to make an appeal to the Leisure Ministries committee for continuance of play. The Leisure Ministries' decision on the situation will be final.
  - **The second flagrant technical foul** on an individual player will result in suspension from the league for the remainder of the season.
  - **Anyone on the team bench** is also subject to technical fouls with the same consequence.
  - **Technical fouls during tournament play**, player controlled or flagrant, will result in immediate expulsion from the tournament.

## **Uniforms**

1. All players of the same team must have the same color jerseys with legal numbers on front and back. If a team does not have jerseys with numbers, they must wear numbered pinnies.
2. If teams have the same color uniforms, visitors will wear pennies.
3. For the safety reasons, all players should wear plain athletic style shorts. Non athletic style shorts with pockets and zippers will not be allowed.

## **Gym Rules**

1. The referees have complete control of the game with their call being final. The Leisure Ministries Director or designees will only come onto the court when called by the referee.
2. Everyone will be expected to show respect for the rules of the game, other people, and the facility they are in.
3. Game and practice balls will be furnished. Outside balls are not allowed in the gym.
4. No smoking, eating, drinking, or profanity will be tolerated by anyone inside the building.

# Bethany United Methodist Church

Leisure Ministry

2010-2011 Boys Basketball League

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Team \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Team \_\_\_\_\_

The following names will participate in the Bethany United Methodist Church Men's Basketball League. I understand that Bethany United Methodist Church does not have insurance coverage for the players. I understand that all players must submit a signed insurance waiver. And, players under the age of 18 must submit an insurance waiver signed by their parent or guardian.

Print Player's Name	Age	Date of Birth
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____

I verify, by signing below that I have read the rules for the men's basketball league. I verify that the players listed above meet those guidelines and are approved to represent our church.

_____	_____	_____
Team Coach's name	signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Team Manager's name	signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Team Spiritual Partner's name	signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Minister/Officiant's name	signature	Date

**Team fee, roster, waivers and player ID's due Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Schedule published Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, games begin Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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Youth Insurance Waiver & Code of Conduct

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of player \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church attends \_\_\_\_\_

I verify by signing below, that I have read the rules for league that I am entering into. I also accept the fact that injuries may occur while playing in this league. I understand that Bethany United Methodist Church does not provide insurance coverage for this activity and that I am responsible for any injuries that may occur.

**Code of Conduct**

Any Member, Parent, Player, Coach, or Spectator, participating or attending any games, practice, or other event affiliated with Bethany United Methodist Church shall abide by the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for **ALL** players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports events.
2. All spectators will remain in the designated spectator area during competitions. The team bench is designated for players, one coach and one assistant coach. The team coach is responsible for the conduct of everyone on their team's bench.
3. I will remember that the game is for our youth, not adults.
4. I will require my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability. I will not make insulting comments to players, parents, officials, or coaches.

I understand that by signing this document, I am agreeing to support and promote this Code of Conduct. Further, my failure to comply with this agreement or my participation in any defined conduct subject to discipline will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the league and its games.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**All players under 18 years of age must submit an insurance waiver signed by their parent or guardian.**

Parent or guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) for parent or guardian – \_\_\_\_\_

I agree for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in sports at Bethany United Methodist Church. I accept the fact that injuries may occur while he/she participates in this league. I understand that Bethany United Methodist Church does not provide insurance coverage for this activity. I also understand that I am responsible for any injuries that may occur. I agree that medical attention may be obtained for this person if necessary.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_