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VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

# SCHOOL HANDBOOK

Be Equipped. Be Empowered. Fulfill Your Purpose.

**“The righteous are as bold as a lion.” Proverbs 28:1**

Welcome to Valley High School of Ministry! We are a Christ-centered and Spirit-filled educational ministry of Valley Church in Caldwell, Idaho. We are honored and excited that you would consider spending this season with us as you prepare for all God has in store for you.

Valley High School of Ministry is a two-year program designed to raise up the next generation of revivalists through Biblical teaching, personal discipleship, revival groups, local and global outreach, and hands-on ministry training! Our heart is to raise up healthy and powerful believers that walk in their God-given identity.

Our hope is that you would be *equipped* and *empowered* to fulfill your purpose in Christ. This handbook is intended to help you get the most out of your time in VHSM. Although not exhaustive, it addresses some of the most common questions and issues that may arise. We pray this handbook will help give clear guidelines and expectations as you begin your journey at VHSM. We hope you are as excited and expectant as we are. It is going to be an incredible year!

## **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

- We are committed to hosting an environment that prioritizes the Presence, Word, and Spirit of God.
- We are committed to a “discipleship teaching model” that prioritizes the personal and spiritual growth of each student.
- We are committed to sustain a safe and fun atmosphere where students are free to fail and be themselves.
- We are committed to cultivate healthy mentorship through Revival Groups where students will be discipled, challenged, and form healthy relationships.
- We are committed to seeing each student of VHSM grow in their giftings and walk in their calling.
- We are committed to cultivating a fun and faith-filled classroom setting where students can ask questions, be heard, and empowered through their learning.

## **YOUR COMMITMENT TO VHSM**

- You are committing to us in your attendance. We ask that you not only “fill a seat” in class but choose to show up spiritually, mentally, and emotionally ready for each class.
- You are committing to us in your participation. We ask that you honor the vision, heartbeat, and culture of the house whether you personally agree with every practice.
- You are committing to us in your lifestyle. We uphold a firm expectation that this season will prepare you for life and ministry. When joining VHSM, you are agreeing to live out the standards of our culture in your personal life.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE:** We believe regular class attendance is essential to your education and formation. We understand that life happens, but ask that you would commit to VHSM by abiding by the following attendance policies:

1. Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible for class content when absent.
2. If a student needs to be excused from class, they must communicate with the instructor.
3. Students may not leave class early without prior permission from the instructor.
4. If tardiness becomes regular, you will be asked to meet with one of our pastors.
5. If tardiness or absences become excessive, students may be unenrolled from VHSM.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE: (Tues-Thurs)**

8:45 — Arrival Time

9:00 — Encounter

9:30 — Revival Groups

11:00 — Spiritual Formation

12:00 — Lunch

1:00 — How to Study the Bible

2:00 — Engaging Faith & Society

3:00 — Class Dismissal

## **VHMS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**ENGAGING FAITH & SOCIETY:** Students will cultivate a Christian worldview and study the purpose of the Church. Students will discover the 7 spheres of influence in culture and begin to explore the vocation they want to pursue to powerfully impact culture. Evangelism is part of everyday life, and His mission is everywhere we go.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:** This course is a series of topical lectures on spiritual disciplines that will help believers mature in Christ. Students will explore Biblical practices and press into times of activation, impartation, and group discussions. Examples of topics include Sustaining a Prayer Life and Hearing God's Voice.

**ENCOUNTER:** This course is a daily time of worship and prayer where we prioritize the presence of God. Students will learn the value of a presence-driven lifestyle and spend time engaging with the Lord through prayer, journaling, and reading the Word.

**HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE:** This course is an in-depth study of the Bible. It is a deep dive into the historical background of events with an emphasis on Jesus throughout the Old and New Testament. Students will receive a NKJV Study Bible and resources to learn, love and live the Word.

**CHAPEL:** This is a monthly hands-on ministry project, where students will work in teams to help lead VCA's monthly chapels. Students will be strengthened in their spiritual gifts and challenged to grow in communication, teamwork, and responsibility. VHSM students will be encouraged to write and preach sermons and help plan chapel.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE:** We want VHSM to be a fun place where students get many opportunities to foster spiritual growth! Here are the vehicles used to accomplish our mission.

1. Sunday Gatherings
2. Revival Groups
3. Wednesday Night Classes and Youth Ministry
4. VHSM Revival Retreat
5. Mission/Ministry Trip(s)
6. Conferences and Events
7. Local Outreach and Service Projects

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

**The Bible** – It is God’s word to man. It is living and active. It is inspired, infallible, and authoritative (Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

**Jesus Christ** – Jesus is the Messiah prophesied, the one and only begotten Son of God, the exact representation of God, fully human and fully God. He was born from a virgin, lived a sinless life, and He died and rose again to reconcile all people to God and to free them from the power of sin and the devil. He will return again to reign over His Kingdom (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13).

**Sin** – Sin was introduced into mankind through Adam, the first man. His sin enslaved the world and mankind to the power of the devil. All of mankind has sinned and the penalty is death, separation from God. Jesus Christ, God’s son, paid the penalty of sin to reconcile mankind to God. Everyone who repents and trusts in Jesus for forgiveness of sin is forgiven and free from the curse of sin and death (Romans 5:12-21, 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-5).

**Salvation** – Salvation is a free gift that comes from God through belief in Jesus; His finished work on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. Salvation is freedom from the power of sin & death for body, soul, & spirit (Romans 1:16; Ephesians 2:8-9).

**God** – The Godhead is Triune in nature manifested as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (John 1:1-2, 14; John 4:24; Acts 5:3-4; Ephesians 4:5-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14).

**The Holy Spirit** – Jesus baptizes the believer with the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and purifies the believer. He draws believers to God and empowers them to be the witnesses of His Kingdom and resurrection (John 1:33; Acts 1:8; John 16:5-15; Titus 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Romans 8:16, 23, 26, 27; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31).

**Miracles/Healings** – Miracles and healings were the works Jesus and His disciples demonstrated to confirm the good news about God’s Kingdom making its advance against the dominion of the devil. All believers today are empowered to demonstrate these works and thereby advance His Kingdom (Matthew 4:17, 23, 12:28, 28:19-20; John 9:4, 10:37; Mark 16:17-20; 1 Corinthians 12:9-10).

**Ordinances** - Jesus and the early church gave us two ordinances: Baptism and Communion. We hold fast to these ordinances and practice them in accordance with the truth.

**Baptism** - We believe water baptism is a physical representation of a spiritual reality

where the believer identifies with the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Being raised into Newness of Life, Dead to Sin and Alive to God through Jesus Christ. We baptize believers in water into the name of Jesus according to Acts 2:38 - "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 6:3-4, 1 Peter 3:21-22).

**Communion** - Every Month as a Body we partake of communion, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ as way of remembering the New Covenant we have been born into through the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Blood of Jesus was offered for mankind for the forgiveness of sins and that the broken Body of Jesus was offered for the salvation and healing of mankind. As we partake in this holy ordinance it is important to judge ourselves rightly in light of the forgiveness and healing that is offered through His meal (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-26).

**Gospel of the Kingdom of God** - As prophesied by Daniel, God's rule, authority, and realm was inaugurated by the incarnation of Jesus, our king. When He came, he preached a message about the coming of His Kingdom and demonstrated its advancement against the Kingdom of the enemy by healing the sick and casting out devils. He left the advancement of His Kingdom in the hands of the disciples with the expectation that this Gospel be taken all throughout the earth until the day He returns to receive His Kingdom (Daniel 2:44; John 18:36; Matthew 4:17, 23, 12:28; Revelation 11:15, 12:10).

**Second Coming** - In the ever-increasing government of God and in the hope, which is the return of Jesus Christ for believers. Heaven and hell are real places. There will be a resurrection of the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting death (Isaiah 9:7; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 20:11-15; John 6:40; Luke 23:43; John 14:3).

### **Honoring the Biblical Family Unit**

God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together, reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Although sexual education is not part of the curriculum at VCA, we believe, in order to preserve the function and integrity of the community, and to provide biblical role models to families and students, it is necessary that all employees, volunteers, parents and students who participate at VCA adhere to the biblical design of marriage, gender, and sexuality (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22).

**CONFLICT MANAGEMENT:** If you have concerns, please follow these guidelines:

1. Address the issue or concern with whomever is directly involved. This is the Biblical process of resolving conflicts, even though it may seem uncomfortable. Going to administration before addressing the conflict directly hinders relationships. It's better to speak directly with those who have first-hand knowledge of the situation, as administration rarely does.

- Matt 18:15-17 says, "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But

if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses’...”

- Prov 18:2 says, “The first to present his case seems right, until another comes forward and questions him.”

2. Once the teacher (or other person) has had sufficient time to respond to a concern, contacting the VHSM Principal would be the next step. The Principal will ask if you have spoken with the other party.
3. Please do not discuss the problem with other parties unless they are directly involved. Although this may be done with the best of intentions, it is important to avoid gossip and to promote unity by honoring others in the same way you would like to be honored.

**WHEN TO COME DIRECTLY TO ADMINISTRATION:**

1. If you observe clearly unethical or illegal acts
2. If your concern is an issue of policy, not the teacher...ex: dress code concerns.
3. If you observe a dangerous situation or a security issue.
4. If the issue is personal and not suited for the teacher or others to know, like an impending divorce.

**ADMISSION PROCESS:** VHSM was established to provide a Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, biblically based, education for families that desire this education for their children. If parents agree with the *Vision, Statement of Faith*, and the *policies of VHSM*, they may follow the steps below to enroll their students.

**ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES:**

1. Read and understand the policies and procedures in the “School Handbook.”
2. Schedule an interview and tour by contacting the Principal at 208-459-9133. Parents and students must attend.
3. Complete Online Admissions Application along with registration fee before deadline.
4. After acceptance, students must attend the Revival Retreat on August 30-31, 2024.
5. If your student is not accepted, you will be notified.

**BASIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMITANCE:** All students must be able to function independently in the classroom environment and read/write at a high school level.

**TUITION AND FEES:** Non-refundable registration fee of \$100 is due with the Online Application. Curriculum fee is due May 23, 2024. Tuition is to be paid by the last Thursday of the month upon receipt of invoice.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$100.00 per family (non-refundable) to be paid with Debit or Credit Card.

**CURRICULUM FEE:** \$250.00

**TUITION:** \$2,000/year or \$222.22/month for 9 months.

**PAYMENTS:** Tuition payments are due in full on the last Thursday of each month. There is a \$25 late fee for payments that are not received by the 10th. If the account becomes delinquent at any time during the school year, please communicate with the Principal about financial issues. If your account becomes 30 days past due, we may require you to take your child out of VHMS until your account is paid in full, unless other arrangements have been made.

**EARLY WITHDRAWAL:** Parents who withdraw their students before the end of the year will be responsible for the next month's tuition.

**CALENDAR:** The annual calendar will be posted online.

**HOLIDAYS:** We do not acknowledge or celebrate Halloween as a school.

**SNOW DAYS/SCHOOL CLOSURES:** VCA attempts to follow the same Snow-Day Policy/Criteria as Caldwell School District. If school is cancelled because of an unusual or emergency event, parents will be notified.

**PARKING LOT GUIDELINES:** VHSM students may park in the East Parking Lot and enter in the Southeast Gym Door. This will decrease traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal.

**MODESTY POLICY:** "Consider others interests above your own." The heart of modesty is humility. Humility sets aside one's freedoms for the sake of another's weakness. Therefore, if your conscience is free to engage in any of the below activities, please limit your activity to outside of school hours.

- No clothing that accidentally or purposely exposes undergarments or portions of undergarments.
- No spaghetti straps or muscle shirts.
- No clothing that accidentally or purposely exposes cleavage or any part of the midriff, small of the back or lower.
- No clothing or any accessories with foul language, coarse words, or wording that is intended to be offensive.
- No clothing or any accessories with pictures/graphics denoting violence.
- No clothing or any accessories with wording, pictures/graphics that denote heresy against our Lord.
- Shorts/skirts/dresses should end at fingertip length or mid-thigh while standing.
- Skirts and dresses should have shorts, leggings, or tights underneath. Leggings are not considered pants and should only be worn under skirts or dresses.
- Any appearance that is considered extreme or offensive (i.e. clothing, piercings, hair coloring) is not acceptable.
- No foul language or coarse talk.
- No electronics or music with content that has foul language, coarse talk, or violence.
- No exclusiveness with peers.
- No public displays of affection between members of opposite sex, (except, of course, affection expressed amongst family members.)
- Yes to whatever is good, whatever is pure, whatever is noble.