



**Destination: Manhood
(A Mentoring Ministry for Fatherless Boys)**

Purpose

Thank you for your interest in the fatherless boys' mentoring program at The Woodlands United Methodist Church.

Our vision for this program is expressed in our Mission Statement:

Filling a Gap in Young Men's Lives by Offering
An Ear to Listen
A Shoulder to Lean On
And a Christ-Like Heart to Encourage

Research consistently demonstrates the positive impact of mentoring on the lives of young people. Statistics indicate that students who participate in mentoring programs are:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 53% less likely to skip school
- 37% less likely to skip a class

Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

James 1:27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Our target audience consists of 5th and 6th grade boys that are growing up without a significant male influence in their lives. Our initial efforts will be directed toward boys in The Woodlands area.

Expectations

As you may suspect, many of these boys have been let down by adults in their lives. Therefore, we hope that our mentors will be able to spend at least a year with the same boy. Of course, the demands of life can pull us in different directions and some changes cannot be avoided.

A minimum of one hour per week is recommended for one-on-one contact with your mentee. It may not seem like a lot of time, but it will make a difference in a boy's life. Your meetings should be scheduled in advance and advance notice should be given if you will not be able to attend a session.

Requirements

All mentors must be of good moral character so as to be a positive male role model. Also, candidates must have been members of TWUMC for at least a year prior to approval for a match with a mentee.

All volunteer candidates are required to complete an application. The information provided in this application will be used to conduct certain background searches. Applicants are required to submit a check in the amount of \$100 to cover the cost of these searches. Church scholarships are available to cover this cost. A copy of the application is included in the information package you received.

Once the background checks are complete each applicant will be interviewed to ascertain their motivations for volunteering and their expectations. These meetings are individually scheduled and last about an hour.

All mentors are required to attend a training session. Sessions are held on Saturday and typically last between four and six hours.



Boys Mentoring Program Volunteer Application

Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN - -	DOB / /	Driver's License #
Street Address		City		Zip	email Address
Home Phone - -	May We Call You at Work? Yes No		Work Phone - -	Fax - -	Occupation
Employer		Street Address		City	
Date You Became a Member of TWUMC (you must be a member for at least one year before you are matched with a mentee) / /					Mobile Phone - -

References (please include phone number and email address when possible)

Last Name	First Name	MI	Relationship	Length of Relationship	Phone - -
Street Address		City		Zip	email Address

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Additional personal information may be required as part of our screening and matching processes.

Signature	Name (Please Print)	Date
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The information provided in this application will be used to conduct a series of background checks. These checks include a national criminal search, an address history search, a driving record check and a sexual offender database search. All information submitted in this document will be treated as confidential. The results of the background checks will be treated as confidential, too. You will be furnished with a copy of these results

In order to cover the costs of these searches, please include a check in the amount of \$100 with your application. Make checks payable to TWUMC.

Please submit your completed Application, Application for Copy of Driver Record, check and Mentoring Guidelines to the Information Desk or Church office in a sealed envelope addressed to "Mentoring Ministry c/o Rev. Rob Renfroe". You can also mail your completed documentation to the Church office at the following address: TWUMC, 2200 Lake Woodlands Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380

Please check the box to the left to request information about a Church Scholarship to help with the \$100 cost

APPLICATION FOR COPY OF DRIVER RECORD

Mail to: Driver Records Bureau, Texas Department of Public Safety, Box 149246, Austin, Texas 78714-9246

MAKE CHECK or MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Any questions regarding the information on this form should be directed to Customer Service at 512/424-2600. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery

CHECK TYPE OF RECORD DESIRED

FEE

1. Name - DOB - License Status - Latest Address. \$ 4.00
2. Name - DOB - License Status - List of Accidents/Moving Violations in Record within Immediate Past 3 Year Period. \$ 6.00
- 2A. CERTIFIED version of #2. This Record Is Not Acceptable for DDC Course. \$ 10.00
3. Name - DOB - License Status - List of ALL Accidents and Violations in Record. **Furnished to Licensee ONLY.** \$ 7.00
- 3A. CERTIFIED version of #3. **Furnished to Licensee ONLY and is Acceptable for DDC Course.** \$ 10.00
- Other: (Original Application, DWLS, etc.) _____ (If Required) \$ _____

MAIL DRIVER RECORD TO: Requestor's Name _____ DL Number _____
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____ Telephone # _____

If requesting on behalf of a business, organization, or other entity, please include the following:

Name of business, organization, entity, etc. _____

Your Title or Affiliation with above _____

Type of business, organization, etc. _____
(i.e. Insurance provider, towing company, private investigation firm, etc.)

INFORMATION REQUESTED ON:

Texas Driver License # _____ Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle/Maiden _____

INDIVIDUAL'S WRITTEN CONSENT FOR ONE TIME RELEASE TO ABOVE REQUESTOR

(Requestor, if you do not meet one of the exceptions listed on the back of this form, please be advised that without the written consent of the driver license/ID card holder, the record you receive will not include personal information.)

I, _____, hereby certify that I grant access on this one occasion to my Driver License/ID Card record, inclusive of the personal information (name, address, driver identification number, etc.), to _____

Signature of License/ID Card Holder or Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Date _____

State and federal law requires requestors to agree to the following:

In requesting and using this information, I acknowledge that this disclosure is subject to the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act (18 U.S.C. Sect. 2721 et seq.) and Texas Transportation Code Chapter 730. False statements or representations to obtain personal information pertaining to any individual from the DPS could result in the denial to release any driver record information to myself and the entity for which I made the request. Further, I understand that if I receive personal information as a result of this request, it may only be used for the stated purpose and I may only resell or redisclose the information pursuant to Texas Transportation Code §730.013. Violations of that section may result in a criminal charge with the possibility of a \$25,000 fine.

I certify that I have read and agree with the above conditions and that the information provided by me in this request is true and correct. If I am requesting this driver record on behalf of an entity, I also certify that I am authorized by that entity to make this request on their behalf. I also acknowledge that failure to abide by the provisions of this agreement and any state and federal privacy law can subject me to both criminal and civil penalties.

Signature of Requestor _____

Date _____

If you are not requesting a copy of your own record or do not have the written consent of DL/ID holder, you must provide the information requested on the reverse.

The Texas Department of Public Safety may disclose personal information to a requestor without written consent of the DL/ID holder, on proof of their identity and a certification by the requestor that the use of the personal information is authorized under state and federal law and that the information will be used only for the purpose stated and in complete compliance with state and federal law.

You must meet one or more of the following exceptions if you do not have written consent of the DL/ID holder to be entitled to receive personal information on the above named individual. Please initial each category that applies to the requested driver record.

- _____ 1. For use in connection with any matter of (a) motor vehicle or motor vehicle operator safety; (b) motor vehicle theft; (c) motor vehicle emissions; (d) motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; (e) performance monitoring of motor vehicles or motor vehicle dealers by a motor vehicle manufacturer; or (f) removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of a motor vehicle manufacturer to carry out the purposes of the Automobile Information Disclosure Act, the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992, the Clean Air Act, and any other statute or regulation enacted or adopted under or in relation to a law included in the above.

- _____ 2. For use by a government agency in carrying out its functions or a private entity acting on behalf of a government agency in carrying out its functions.

- _____ 3. For use in connection with a matter of (a) motor vehicle or motor vehicle operator safety; (b) motor vehicle theft; (c) motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; (d) performance monitoring of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, or motor vehicle dealers; (e) motor vehicle market research activities, including survey research; or (f) removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers.

- _____ 4. For use in the normal course of business by a legitimate business or an authorized agent of the business, but only to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual to the business or the authorized agent of the business and to obtain correct information if the submitted information is incorrect to prevent fraud by pursuing a legal remedy against, or recovering on a debt or security interest against the individual.

- _____ 5. For use in conjunction with a civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any court or government agency or before any self regulatory body, including service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, execution or enforcement of a judgment or order, or under an order of any court.

- _____ 6. For use in research or in producing statistical reports, but only if the personal information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact any individual.

- _____ 7. For use by an insurer or insurance support organization, or by a self insured entity, or an authorized agent of the entity, in connection with claims investigation activities, antifraud activities, rating or underwriting.

- _____ 8. For use in providing notice to an owner of a towed or impounded vehicle.

- _____ 9. For use by a licensed private investigator agency or licensed security service for a purpose permitted as stated on this page.

- _____ 10. For use by an employer or an authorized agent or insurer of the employer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a commercial driver license that is required under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 313.

- _____ 11. For use in connection with the operation of a private toll transportation facility.

- _____ 12. For use by a consumer-reporting agency as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.) for a purpose permitted under the Act.

- _____ 13. For any other purpose specifically authorized by law that relates to the operation of a motor vehicle or to public safety.

Please state specific statutory authority _____

- _____ 14. For use in the preventing, detecting, or protecting against identity theft or other acts of fraud. The Department prior to release of personal information may require additional information.



**Destination: Manhood
Mentoring Checklist**

Item	Date Completed
1 Complete and submit Application *	
Complete and submit matching questionnaire *	
Complete and submit Application for Copy of Driver Record *	
Submit check for background search (\$100) (Church scholarships available) *	
Sign and submit "Mentoring Guidelines - Ministry Copy" *	
Sign and retain "Mentoring Guidelines - Mentor Copy"	
* Please submit to the Church office or the Information Center in a sealed envelope addressed to "Mentoring Ministry c/o Rev. Rob Renfroe" or mail to: TWUMC, 2200 Lake Woodlands Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380	
2 Complete personal interview (by appointment)	
3 Attend mentoring training session	
4 Receive information about your mentee	
5 Contact mentee and mentee's mother	



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Destination: Manhood Characteristics of a Good Mentor

It only takes a small amount of your time to make a big difference in the life of a young man without an active male role model. According to Rick Perry's Governor's Mentoring Initiative, a mentor is "a trusted and faithful friend, who listens, supports, and guides young people on a consistent basis over a specified period of time. . ." Mentors impart the value of their life experience to their mentees. They can reinforce the importance of education, manners, and a relationship with our Savior to their mentees.

As a mentor it is important to remember who you are not, as well. A mentor is not a therapist, a cool friend to hang out with, a parole officer, or a parent. These issues will be discussed further in your training class.

The following list of characteristics is paraphrased from the website for The Governor's Mentoring Initiative (<http://txserve.org/txcvcs/mentoring>):

- Provides a vision, broad view
- Willingness to listen
- Leadership experience
- Shows a genuine interest in others
- Holds a belief in others' capabilities
- Exhibits patience and kindness
- Sensitive to the needs and circumstances of others
- Willingness to motivate youth to learn and grow
- Sense of humor
- Strong personal commitment to the relationship
- Ability to accept different points of view

To this list, we have added: **Show a growing relationship with Christ.**

Mentoring a young boy is a rewarding and worthwhile endeavor. By lending just an hour a week to a boy in your community will make a huge difference in his life.

To learn more about mentoring, investigate the following websites:

- National Mentoring Partnership (www.mentoring.org)
- Mentor Texas (www.mentortexas.org)
- The Governor's Mentoring Initiative (www.txserve.org/txcvcs/mentoring/index.html)



**Destination: Manhood
Mentoring Guidelines**

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- Mentors will, at all times, refrain from inappropriate and or offensive touching. This includes but is not limited to: noxious, objectionable, displeasing, illegal or distasteful touching and touching that causes annoyance, discomfort, pain or any other disagreeable sensations.
- Mentors will never be alone with their Mentees in a private place including the home of either the Mentor or the Mentee.
- Mentors will never allow their Mentees to sleep over.
- Mentors will, at all times, refrain from the use of profanity or other inappropriate or offensive language.
- Mentors will act with due care at all times while the Mentee is in his charge.
- Mentors will provide the Mentee’s mother with their whereabouts and phone numbers when they are out with their Mentees.
- Mentors are forbidden from entering into a significant relationship with the Mentee’s mother.
- Mentors will refrain from making inappropriate or disparaging remarks about the Mentee’s family.
- Mentors will make regular progress reports to their Mentoring supervisors.
- Mentors will maintain legally required automobile insurance.
- Mentors will disclose moving violations or arrests that occur subsequent to their acceptance as a Mentor.
- No communications from the Mentor and the Mentee or from the Mentor and the Mentoring program will be considered confidential in any way.
- Mentor is not to ask his Mentee to keep a secret of any kind.
- Mentors will consistently act in ways that are ethical and be a positive role model in both word and deed.
- Mentors are encouraged to pray to God on behalf of their Mentees.

Mentor

Date

Witness

Date



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Date

Witness

Date

Mentor Copy



Mentoring Agreement

This agreement sets fourth the ground rules of how our relationship will work. By agreeing to the terms and signing our names, we commit to do our best to honor these ground rules. We can change these rules to meet our individual needs.

We will both try to:

- Meet at least once per week for at least an hour
- Pick meeting places that allow us to really talk
- Call ahead (at least 24 hours, if possible) if we have to cancel or reschedule
- Come to our meetings prepared. If we have agreed to do something between meetings, we will have it completed.
- Not bring friends or family members to our meetings without talking about it first.
- Talk about problems in our relationship, even if it isn't easy. We will face the problem and we will deal with it together.
- Mentor will keep conversations confidential except when information is revealed that indicates activity that is believed by the mentor to be illegal or dangerous to the mentee or others. Mentor will contact his Mentoring Supervisor. The Mentoring Supervisor will then contact the mentee's mother or guardian.
- Mentee is free to share his experiences and conversations with others.
- Anytime the mentee feels uncomfortable or unsafe in the mentoring relationship he should discuss this with his mother or another adult.
- Really listen to each other. Try to understand the other person's viewpoint.
- Make sure we get things done and have fun doing it.
- We will pray for the success of our relationship and for each other.
- Other: _____
- Other: _____
- Other: _____

Mentee

Date

Mentor

Date



**Destination: Manhood
Matching Questionnaire**

Please circle your responses below. Your responses to these questions will be used to match you to a mentor or mentee.

1. Which of the following indoor activities would be your top three choices? (Please indicated first (1), second (2) and third (3) choices)
 - a. Watch a video/DVD
 - b. Watch TV
 - c. Listen to music
 - d. Organize my room
 - e. Read a book
 - f. Play a video game
 - g. Surf the internet
 - h. Computer programming
 - i. Go to a movie
 - j. Play card games
 - k. Play board games
 - l. Build a model (car, airplane, etc.)
 - m. Draw or paint a picture
 - n. Go shopping
 - o. Watch people at the mall
 - p. Other: _____
 - q. Other: _____
 - r. Other: _____

2. Which of the following outdoor activities would be your top three choices? (Please indicated first (1), second (2) and third (3) choices)
 - a. Go for a walk or hike
 - b. Go fishing
 - c. Go hunting
 - d. Go swimming
 - e. Go camping
 - f. Play a team sport (baseball, soccer, basketball)
 - g. Play an individual sport (tennis, golf)
 - h. Attend a group activity
 - i. Read at the park
 - j. Photography
 - k. Watch people at the park
 - l. Explore
 - m. Go for a bike ride
 - n. Other: _____
 - o. Other: _____
 - p. Other: _____

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3. What are your favorite kinds of music? (select all that apply)
 - a. Country
 - b. Rap
 - c. Hip Hop
 - d. Classical
 - e. Rock and Roll
 - f. Classic Rock
 - g. Oldies
 - h. Other: _____
 - i. Who is your favorite musical performer / composer? _____
4. What are your favorite kinds of food? (select all that apply)
 - a. Chinese
 - b. Mexican
 - c. Hamburgers and hot dogs
 - d. Italian
 - e. Home style (pot roast, meat loaf, mashed potatoes)
 - f. Steak
 - g. Seafood
 - h. Peanut butter and jelly
 - i. Other: _____
5. If you were going to a movie, what would be your first choice? Second choice? Third choice?
 - a. Action
 - b. Comedy
 - c. Drama
 - d. Family
 - e. Musical
 - f. Science Fiction
6. What is your favorite soft drink? _____
7. Name something you have never done but always wanted to do _____
8. What is your favorite sport to participate in? _____ Who is your favorite player? _____
9. What is your favorite sport to watch? _____ Who is your favorite player? _____
10. Do you have a favorite hobby? If so, what is it? _____
11. Would you rather be indoors or outdoors? _____
12. What is your favorite school subject? _____
13. What is your least favorite school subject? _____
14. Name something you are good at _____
15. Name something you wish you were better at _____



**Mentoring Ministry for Fatherless Boys
Suggested Activities**

Play Catch	Go fishing	Attend local school events (sports, music, drama, etc.)
Swimming	Attend mentee's extra-curricular activities	Swimming
Lunch at school	Cookout	Share your hobbies
Homework	Discuss college	Discuss the business world
Make dinner together	Tour your job with your mentee	Talk about different careers
Talk about God / Jesus	Discuss college / education	Go to a church function
Talk about computers	Work out together	Play video games
Go for a bike ride	Play tennis	Go to a museum
Go bowling	Discuss personal finances and responsibility	Plan a week's worth of meals
Do a week's worth of grocery shopping	Discuss values	Discuss what it takes to "get ahead" financially
Study the stars	Miniature golf	Go for a walk
Select a book to read, read it and discuss it	Shoot hoops	Play chess
Play music together	Build something	Discuss sports