

Driving Policy

Requirements:

- Be at least 25 years old and/or married and/or a parent
- Bring your license and insurance card for St. Matt's to copy and keep on file
- Sign the following document stating your intention to be safe and obey all traffic laws while driving for St. Matt's

The most precious thing to a parent is the lives, safety and well-being of their children. Parents have entrusted us with the very thing that is most dear to them. Because of this, it is our highest responsibility, and most important priority to ensure the safety of the youth who ride in our vehicles. The youth ministry at St. Matthew's takes this charge very seriously, and errs on the side of caution and conservatism when drawing up policies for drivers. We want to be able to tell parents when they entrust their kids to us that we take every precaution and safety measure when they are in the care of St. Matthew's personnel and volunteers.

When driving for St. Matthew's, you are representing St. Matthew's, our values and our standards. We want parents to know that when their children are with us, we are doing everything in our power to protect them. We also want them to know that when they are with us, they do not need to worry about the environment in the car; we are making sure that whatever they are exposed to in the car is appropriate for church.

As a driver for St. Matthew's, I _____ value the safety of the youth I transport above all else. They are more important than getting there quickly, and more important than anything else I might be doing. I commit to the following:

- I will drive safely and responsibly at all times.
- I will obey all traffic laws, especially the speed limit. This means I will go the speed limit, not 5 miles over.
- I will enforce an environment in the car that is conducive to my utmost concentration on the road.
- I will enforce an environment in the car that is representative of the values of St. Matthew's Youth Ministry, seeing to it that conversations and music selection are appropriate for a church event (no bad language, no overtly sexual or violent content).
- I know that driving in a group is not a race. When caravanning, I will maintain the position in the caravan to which I have been assigned. I will not pass other cars who are in front of me, even if the kids seem to think it would be a good idea.
- I will have a valid driver's license and insurance card.
- I understand that a record check may be done.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____