



## Welcome to Children's Ministry

We are delighted to have your children with us. It is of the utmost importance to us to provide excellent care of your children and to provide great Bible teaching to them each week by our wonderfully trained volunteers. On the following pages you will find a short explanation of each area. If you have a child with a special need, please let me know.

I want you to know it is with the greatest joy that I serve our Lord by being with your children on Sunday morning. They are all very precious to me and I love each and every one of them (yes, even the criers!!!)

The schedule and setup described on the following pages works very well, it helps us provide the structure and flexibility to minister most effectively to the many children under our care. As parents of the children under our care you can help us to maximize each child's Sunday experience by complying with the policies and procedures outlined in this booklet. We always want to maintain open lines of communications so if you have questions or concerns please see me on a Sunday morning, email me or give me a call during the week.

Serving Him,

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# Nursery

Our nursery staff wishes to welcome you and your child to our church and nursery. We hope that you find our facility to be suitable to meet the needs of your child while you enjoy the feeding of God's Word and the fellowship of other believers in our services here.

In the Nursery it is our first priority to strive to provide a loving, safe, and healthy environment where your child can learn and grow in the love of God through song, praise & Bible stories. We have included information in this brochure that should answer your questions regarding our nursery

## **Weekly Guidelines for Parents**

Always check in and print out your child's name tag and parent claim check before you bring your child into the nursery.

Note: If you are new to FBC, you can ask our check-in greeter to complete your registration and check your child in.

Enter the nursery gate only if you are scheduled to work, or if you need to tend to your child's needs personally (i.e. nursing, upset child). Please check with the nursery lead before entering.

Make sure all of your child's belongings are labeled to avoid accidental loss or misplacement. This includes bottles, pacifiers, blankets and clothing (fabric paints and permanent markers work well). Out of concern for the children, toys that can be cleaned and sterilized on a regular basis are provided, thereby eliminating the need to bring personal items with you.

Excuse your ill children from the nursery and allow them to recover at home. If they are not ill enough to remain at home, yet too ill for the nursery, you may utilize the Fountain Café where a video feed of the live service is streamed. Please also be sensitive to parents of newborns that may be using the Cry Room as well by not bringing in your child who is ill.

Special instructions may be left in writing on the dry erase board when you bring your child to the nursery.

If you feel the need to check in on children between services, please be discreet as this can be quite unsettling to children who are adjusting to the nursery environment.

Please be considerate of the nursery volunteers by picking up your children immediately following the worship service.

Once you have placed your child in the nursery for eight Sundays, you may be asked to help from time to time. We are blessed to have a great team of volunteers; there are, however, times I may need your help depending on the availability of other volunteers.

## Sick Policy

If your child shows any of the following symptoms within 24 hours of bringing them to FBC, please do not bring him/her to Children's Ministry. They are welcome to remain with you.

- ◀ Child should be fever free for 24 hours.
- ◀ Conjunctivitis: an eye infection commonly referred to as "pink eye". The eye is generally red with some burning and there is thick yellow drainage.
- ◀ Bronchitis: this can begin with hoarseness, cough, and slight elevation in temperature. The cough may be dry and painful, but it gradually becomes productive.
- ◀ Impetigo: a skin condition, which shows up as red pimples. These eventually become small blisters surrounded by a reddened area. When the blister breaks, the surface is raw and weeping. The lesions occur in moist areas of the body such as the creased area of the neck, underarm, groin, face, hands, or edge of diaper.
- ◀ Diarrhea: watery or greenish bowel movements that look different and are much more frequent than usual.
- ◀ Vomiting
- ◀ Cold with fever, sneezing, and runny nose.
- ◀ With contagious diseases, a child must be kept at home. Some of these include: Measles, Chicken Pox, Mumps, and Roseola.
- ◀ If a child appears sick without obvious symptoms; In this case, a child may look and act different. There may be unusual paleness, irritability, unusual tiredness, or lack of interest.
- ◀ If a doctor has placed a child on an antibiotic, the child should not be brought into Children's Ministry until he/she has been taking antibiotics for at least 48 hours.
- ◀ Drainage from their nose that has any color in it even if they have been on antibiotic for 48 hours.

Health concerns in our church are a very important issue. It will serve the best interests of the children for parents to be willing to adhere to these guidelines. If the childcare worker notices that a child is displaying symptoms of illness, the parents will be paged to pick up the child.

## 2-5 year olds

**Training Hour** - Begins in the Chapel each week promptly at 9:00 am from September to May. When at all possible, would you please have your children in the west chapel and ready to go by 9:00. Stragglers tend to feel out of place when they walk in late. We start with singing and take a morning offering that is given to our missionaries. The children then leave for their respective classes. We are working our way through the Bible from beginning to end with all ages studying the same lesson each week. We have an open door policy and you are welcome to observe your child's class any time. This age group of children (ages of 2-5) is set for the morning and ready for pick up at the end of the worship service. Please be sure to note on the child check in of any allergies or special needs and use the red marker provided to underline that on the child's name tag.

**Church Time** – At 10:30 we come together for story and song time in their respective classrooms followed by a snack, free play and review of the day's Bible story. Please come and pick up your children immediately after worship service. You are then free to visit with others and let your children play on the playground under your supervision. If you decide for your child to remain with you during the worship service, please minimize your getting up with your child during the service. This is extremely disruptive to the people around you and disrespectful to Pastor during service.

**AWANA** - This Bible Club for children ages 3 years to 6th grade meets on Sunday (4:30-6:30 pm) from September to March. The afternoon includes an awards system for Bible memorization, a fun game time, and Bible stories with lessons they can apply to their lives. Your child must be 3 as of September to attend the club.

## Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

**Training Hour** - Begins in the Chapel each week promptly at 9:00 am. We begin with singing and take a morning offering that is given to our missionaries. They then leave for their respective classes. We are working our way through the Bible from beginning to end with all ages studying the same lesson each week.

Snack time for 1st – 6th grade children is from 10:00-10:20 am. We provide a snack in the Fountain Café or on the upper patio areas just north of the Fountain Café for these children. Please be on time to pick up your child. You will need to then have the greeter sign your child out by giving the student's name tag to the greeter then initialing that name tag. **The outreach center is off limits to the boys and girls as this is an adult fellowship time.** Just an added note regarding the break time between 10:00 and 10:20 am: the teachers have finished their responsibility and although there is supervision by myself and the snack person, it is not the same as in a class setting. If you feel your child is in need of additional supervision beyond this, it would be your responsibility to make me aware of this and to provide it yourself.

The library is definitely available to our children during the break time. The Librarians would be happy to help them find a book.

**Children's Church (Kids for Christ)** - By 10:25 am your children (1st – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) should have gone to the restroom, gotten a drink of water if needed and be sitting with you in the worship center. Just prior to the message, the children will have the opportunity to join other children their own age for Kids for Christ. During this time we have Bible lessons, missionary stories, Bible drills and prayer. If you decide for your children to remain with you during the worship service, please do not allow them to get up during the service. This is extremely disruptive to the people around them.

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## Special Events

From time to time we have special events such as family fun nights and a Halloween alternative called "Fall Festival". Please watch our website under children for any upcoming events:

<http://foothillbiblechurch.org/children>

## Safety

### **First aid**

We want to provide a safe, comfortable and healthy place for every child. The staff does its best to ensure this kind of environment for your child, however injuries will happen.

In case of injury to a child, the teacher or director will talk with you about the injury. In the event of serious injury, you will be notified immediately.