

Hi, Parents,

We hope you are doing well, and your kids are off to a great start to the school year! We have missed seeing your families on Sunday Mornings and are excited to announce that we will be reopening kids programming this coming Sunday, September 20th. We will be offering programming at both the 9:30 and 11:00 for Nursery-5th grade.

To respect state and local guidelines, we are making some changes to how things look around here:

Elementary:

- 1st grade- 5th grade will be held entirely **OUTSIDE** on the lawn outside the Youth Lounge. We will be providing pop-up tent shade but make sure to send your kiddos with sunscreen and in comfortable play clothes.
- At this time, we will not be using our classroom Bibles, but kids are encouraged to bring their own. We will provide printed copies of our Bible passage for the week.
- Masks for kids are strongly encouraged but not required.
- We will be practicing social distancing.
- Masks for teachers and staff are required at all times.

Preschool: 4-year-olds-Kindergarten

- Preschool will be held in the Preschool area located on the bottom level of the Family Center.
- Preschool will be spending time both inside and outside so make sure to put on sunscreen and play clothes.
- Masks for this age group are left to the discretion of parents.
- We will be practicing social distancing.
- Masks for teachers and staff are required at all times.

Nursery: Infant – 3-year-olds

- The Nursery is located on the bottom level of the Worship Center.
- Masks are not required for children in this age group.
- Masks for teachers and staff are required at all times.

When you arrive at check-in, the greeter will help sign-in your children. You will need to sign-in each child in their age location. You will be asked to sign a waiver at drop off. You will only need to sign one waiver per family. Attached is the waiver if you would like to print it at home and bring it signed. The waiver is effective until December 31st, 2020.

As a ministry, we are taking extra precautions to disinfect frequently touched surfaces before and after each service. We are creating individual supplies for kids, and we will keep them labeled on campus. We will be having volunteers and kids wash/sanitize hands often.

We understand that every family is in a different place regarding what is happening with COVID-19. If you find that your family is not ready to return to the church in person, we will still be offering Kids Church as well as South Shore Kids Online to help create Sunday School in your home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We love you and are praying for you,

Katie Poole
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