

Greetings,

Jesus said, "Let the little children to come unto me, and do not forbid them: for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14) Children are a gift from God and they are precious in His sight!

On behalf of all of us that are involved in the Children's Ministry at Calvary Chapel, we want you to know that we greatly value the life of each child, and count it a privilege to play a part in sowing spiritually into their lives. We appreciate the opportunity of sharing Jesus with them in a safe, and wholesome environment, and seeing them blossom in their relationship with him.

We desire to be effective in our endeavor to do the most we can to reach, teach, and love each child in the time that we have with them.

We also want to be a resource for parents, providing you with as much support, strength and encouragement as we can, as you seek to raise right-way children in a wrong-way world!

Please feel free to contact us here at the church with any other questions or concerns you may have, and we pray God's blessing upon your family!

In His Service,

The Children's Ministry Team

Our Vision

“To partner with parents to make disciples of their children through the Word of God”

We feel that the most effective way that we can accomplish this great task is to provide a safe, fun and wholesome classroom environment where we can; provide a clear and distinct understanding of the Christian Gospel, the person, work and ways of Jesus Christ at the level of each child's understanding.

Also; to provide an atmosphere where the above is demonstrated, by loving them, and tending to them as God's precious lambs. Our aim is to do everything in our ability to bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus, and establish them in the Christian Faith.

Our Philosophy of Children's Ministry can be summarized by the acronym: LIVE.

- L. Love Them! They'll remember more of HOW they were treated, than of WHAT they were taught.
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Teachers/Helpers

The whole foundation of our church ministry is our belief in the power and authority of God's Word. We believe that we have a calling to teach the Word of God diligently, effectively and consistently. As much as we hold this as our highest core value in the sanctuary, we also hold it so for our children. There is no other life giving power. We hold this in the highest place.

Therefore, we are seeking to set the standard high for what we are providing the children that God puts before us. We believe that we will be rewarded and held accountable by God for what we do in the classroom in the same way that a pastor or teacher is in the pulpit. We also believe that we have the same potential to change a life as a pastor who gives God's Word.

Our teachers embrace this responsibility with a sense of calling and commitment. They take time to prepare each lesson, to pray for their students both privately and corporately as a team before each service. We have seen and believe we will continue to see good lasting spiritual fruit come from this philosophy and practice.

Classrooms

We have upgraded the quality of our classrooms providing each room with a computer and internet access, as well as a projection monitor. We trust that in the information age these will prove a useful tool in presenting material, graphic/video or otherwise.

Each classroom is also equipped with basic cleaning supplies such as anti-bacterial wipes and a vacuum or carpet sweeper. We want to provide a clean, germ-free environment.

General Information

Sunday Services

9am: Children's Church

Typically the smaller of our 2 Sunday morning services, our 9am program consists of a worship time with everyone together, followed by a time of instruction and activities in age appropriate groups.

11:am Sunday School

Our Sunday School facilitates Children from Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Those beyond 6th Grade are encouraged to join their parents in the Sanctuary, and are invited to be involved with our Jr. Youth Group. The Grade level separation is as follows:

- 3 & 4 year olds
- Pre K & K
- 1st & 2nd Grade
- 3rd & 4th Grade
- 5th & 6th Grade

Nursery Care

Infants and toddlers are tended to in either our Infant Nursery (Lords Lambs), or our Toddler Room (God's Guppies). Nursery care is available at both of our Sunday morning services.

Though we do not provide staff for our nursery's on Wednesday nights, they are open and accessible along with closed-captioned audio and video of the live service. You are welcome to use them.

If you are needed during the service you will see the number you receive at Check-in flash on the digital screen behind the Pastor in the main service.

Wednesday Services

Pioneer Club

Our Wednesday night Children's ministry is our Pioneer Club. We have classes starting for 2 years old all the way to 6th grade. This year we are also introducing a 7th and 8th grade class as well. Our Biblical lessons for kids help them learn about God, the Bible and themselves as they explore fun activities and make new friends. The grade level separation is as follows:

- 2&3 year olds
- Pre K and Kindergarden
- 1st & 2nd grade
- 3rd & 4th grade
- 5 & 6th grade
- 7& 8th grade (Brand new this year)

Security:

In an ever-changing and increasingly hostile world, we want to make sure that we are providing the safest and most secure environment possible. Some recent security additions are:

- A one-way in/ one-way out Children's wing.
- A Computerized Check in system that lets us know who is here and where they are
- Boy's and Girl's bathrooms inside the children's wing, removing the need for them to be taken into the outer hallway
- Security Cameras

Check In

One of our primary responsibilities is the safety of the children. We now have a secure check in system called Roll Call. We will be able to check in your children in a secure and timely manner. Each parent and child will have a matching name tag with a code on it. The Children's ministry teacher or

leader is then responsible for matching the code on the name tag with the code on the parent tag before the child is released. Since allergies are on the rise these days, this is another big safety consideration. So that your teachers are completely informed, the allergy information is printed on the name tag. If you are needed during the service for any reason, you will see the code on your tag flashed on the digital screen behind the teaching pastor. You can also be notified by text message if you prefer.

Sunday School Curriculum

As has been previously stated, we greatly value the power and authority of God's Word. Therefore our main priority when selecting curriculum is that is Biblically Sound.

Our primary curriculum is from Answers in Genesis. They are a Biblically sound organization committed to the authority of God's Word, and equipping young people to understand and also defend their faith.

Though we provide the curriculum to our teachers, they remain flexible and yielded to the Holy Spirit's leading to tailor it to the needs of each class, incorporating activities and crafts that reinforce the subject matter.

Our main objective is always to invest as much of God's Word as we can into the children he has placed before us!

Pioneer Club Curriculum

The primary goal of every club meeting is to put Christ first in every aspect of their lives. The curriculum is based on the specific physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual characteristics of each age group. Kids will study and memorize scripture and apply God's Word to their lives. They will build friendships and learn important life skills.

To Those Who Feed His Lambs,

We want to begin by thanking you for your service to the Lord. We have all heard the scripture that says, “train up a child in the way which they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it.”

We believe we have the privilege and opportunity to sow spiritual seeds into the lives of our children through the ministry that God has given to us here. As we move into our new children’s wing this September, we are praying that God would use this facility and use us to bless and nurture many of His young ones. Our desire is to do the most we can in the time and with the resources we have to do this. We have greatly upgraded our classrooms, check-in and security features, with a hope that we will be even more fruitful in our endeavor.

The following is a brief summation of many of these upgrades, as well as a description of policy changes for those who serve in our various children’s ministries. We pray that you find these things helpful for you in your endeavor to serve the Lord.

Thank you for participating with us, and may God richly bless you!

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- If you need to print, there is a shared printer behind the counter at the check in station. Please do not print multiple copies, but use the copier in the supply room for that.
- Each classroom is also equipped with basic cleaning supplies such as anti-bacterial wipes and a vacuum or carpet sweeper. Please take a few moments at the end of the class to refresh the room.

Teacher/Helper Policy

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Because of the importance, the potential, and the privilege it is to serve God in this way, we feel (as a leadership team) that the following requirements must be met by our teachers:

- That each person serving in any capacity working with children submit to a criminal and sex-offender background check
- That you prayerfully prepare for each lesson asking for God's blessing and Holy Spirit empowering.
- That you are fully prepared for each week's class prior to arriving at Church each week.
- That if you are teaching Sunday School, you arrive at Church **no later** than 8:30 for a 9:00am Service or 10:30 for an 11:00am Service
- That you will be present for prayer together as a team each Sunday at 10:35
- That you are ready to receive children at 10:45
- With your class during Children's Worship from 11:00- 11:30
- That your classroom is left neat and organized after each service.
- That you arrange your own teacher substitutions (from the sub list) and sub lesson plans if you will be away (except for emergencies)

We Understand that it may seem as though we're asking a lot, but we feel it is necessary to set the standard high for the sake of the call we've been given.