

Children's Ministry: Family Guide

We welcome your family to our church and to our Children's Ministry! Our team is excited to serve you and your family. Our goal is to help you feel comfortable and welcome. Please review this guide and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Our Mission: Partnering with families to teach kids about loving Jesus and having a relationship with Him.

Curriculum/Teaching: Teaching is one of the most vital parts of children's ministry.

- Our programs use age-based teaching and lessons from Lifeway, The Gospel Project. All teachers are provided with lesson plans to use in the classroom.
- Small groups provide your child with an age-appropriate room that allows leaders and kids to build relationships. In our small groups, we dive deeper into what we are learning through two-way conversations. This allows for each child to be heard and ministered to.
- Large group provides your child a kid friendly worship service that engages them and teaches them through our worship songs and lesson.

Safety: Ensuring that we have a safe and secure environment is always a top priority.

- We have emergency plans in place (evacuation and lockdown)
- All volunteers must fill out application and are background checked.
- Ratios: 2 leaders minimum per room
- We use cell phones to reach parents whether by text or phone call.
- The children's area is closed after drop-off time to everyone who is not child worker approved.
- Matching security codes given to both the child and parent for secure pick up.

Conveniences: Helpful information

- Parking: (541 lot for access to Preschool; Church Rd lot for access to Elementary)
- Bathroom Locations/Usage: We have bathrooms in proximity to our kids' environments. We ask that you have your children use the bathroom before attending.
- 1st Time Check-In: Use your cell # to check in on the computer and print name tags for each member of your family.
- If you have children in both the Preschool and Elementary ministries, please drop the elementary child(ren) off first and pick the preschool child(ren) up first.
- Families are welcome to use the slide in the Treehouse after each service.

Serving opportunities: Serving is an important part of the culture at our church and in Children's Ministry. We have opportunities for you to serve with us.

- **Why Serve?** When parents serve, it helps build relationship between families and the ministry. Our goal is to provide you with the tools to lead well in your home. There's no better way to learn how to lead your kids than when you serve and gain hands on experience. Kids love to see their families come serve next to them! We believe that serving others is so important to your spiritual growth in the Lord. When you serve kids, you are investing in the future generation of the church and making an impact for God's Kingdom.
- Serve Form: myfac.org/serve (Click Children on the form and our team will follow up with you.)

Social Media: Stay up to date on Children's Ministry and other essential information by:

- Following us on Instagram ([@fac_kidblast](https://www.instagram.com/fac_kidblast))
- Following us on our Facebook pages:
 - Preschool Ministry at Fellowship Alliance Chapel
 - Elementary Ministry at Fellowship Alliance Chapel
- Subscribing to our YouTube Channels:
 - FAC Preschool
 - FAC Elementary

Role of Parent/Guardians (Our Beliefs):

- It is important to attend church regularly and on time. We believe that continuity and consistency is so helpful for children.
- Parents should lead their children. We want to support you in any way possible!
- It is vital for this ministry to receive support from families. We ask for your daily prayers and to consider how you can serve the children here at FAC.
- We encourage you to engage in community! To lead your children, it is important to be in community where you can be led and grow as well. We have community groups at FAC and we would be glad to help connect you in your next steps.

Contact Information

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