



Welcome to Creekside Kids Ministry!

We are so glad your family has chosen to worship at Creekside Church!

God has given you, as parents, the responsibility of raising your children in His Word and teaching them to obey Him. Here are some scriptures from God's Word:

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

⁶“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Ephesians 6:4

⁴As for parents, don't provoke your children to anger, but raise them with discipline and instruction about the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6

⁶Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

As a church, we are here to help you lead your child into a relationship with Jesus.

Our core values in kid's ministry are:

1. **Children are safe.**
2. **Children are loved.**
3. **Children will be taught about Jesus.**

Let's look at each value.

1. **Children are safe.**

Volunteers: We carefully select our volunteers who serve children. Volunteers undergo a thorough application process, background check, reference check, six month waiting period (typically), initial training and ongoing training once accepted.

Check-In/Out Process: All parents must sign-in and sign-out their child at each service and bring their child to the proper children's ministry area. A security bracelet is given to parents at check-in and must be returned upon pick-up to receive child.

For Sunday school, parents check-in their child and bring them to the appropriate Sunday school class. After Sunday school, the Sunday school leader will usher the children to Kid's Church (nursery children remain in the nursery).

It is important that no child be left unattended without an adult at anytime during their time here at Creekside Church. Together we can assure the safety of our children.

Cameras: Security cameras have been installed in our church entrance, all hallways and nursery. We also have campus security personnel who survey the children's areas during services.

Clean: Our children's areas are thoroughly cleaned with disinfectant before each service. In the nursery, each toy item used is disinfected after services and every toy is disinfected once per month.

2. Children are loved.

As kid's leaders, our goal is to "love and lead each child into a lifetime relationship with Jesus." We "love" before we lead. We want children to know how precious, loved and valued they are by God the Father. Some ways we can show love is by calling them by name, getting down to their level and looking in their eyes, listening to them, encouraging them, steering them to make right choices, and praying for them. We want to provide them with fun, bright and clean children's areas. We want them to have the best toys, best teaching materials, best crafts, and best treats! We want everything we do to communicate, "You are important, you are loved and you are welcome here!" We considerate it a great privilege to serve children.

3. Children are taught about Jesus.

We are not a childcare center or babysitting service, we are a church! Children, from nursery to Kid's Church, are taught the Word of God and given opportunities to experience God's presence through worship, prayer and Bible teachings they can understand.

Strong Families

Since a child's primary source of spiritual development is the home, we want to help build strong families. Some ways we can do this is through:

1. **Family Worship** – Months with 5 Sundays (upcoming in 2021 are May, August and October), we will designate the 5th Sunday for children, age 4 and up, to join families in the sanctuary for worship. After worship, they will be dismissed to kid's church. It's important for children to see their parents worship, participate in corporate worship and know they are part of the whole church family.
2. **Family Gatherings** – We will schedule family gatherings such as game nights, picnics and other outings where families can come together for fun and fellowship.
3. **Parent Resources** – Our website (creeksidecb.org) has a Parent Resource page just for you! You will find articles and other resources to help you raise Godly children. If you are using some great resources or find something that has really helped your child grow in the Lord, please share with us!
4. **Parenting Seminars** – Parenting isn't easy! We want to help by providing valuable information for you. Seminars (whether in-person or online) are a great resource.

For further details about our children's ministry, see our **Creekside Kid's Ministry Policy and Procedure manual** on our Creekside Kids Leaders page on our website (creeksidecb.org).

If you have further questions, feel free to contact me, Pastor Carrie Patch at 712-323-7721 (church office M-Thurs. 9-4pm) or CreeksideCB@gmail.com.

God bless you and your family.