

Children's Ministry & Youth Leadership

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Children's Ministry

From diapers through diplomas, our aim is to impress the greatness of God upon the hearts of children and to come alongside parents to aid them as they shepherd their children toward Jesus. Our leaders and teachers strive to model the character of Christ by genuinely valuing families and lovingly interacting with children. All of the Children's Ministry teaching and activities are intentionally designed to help children apply God's Word to their lives and to encourage them to believe the gospel, follow Jesus and enjoy and glorify God.

We Love and Serve Children by:

Giving them a strong, Gospel-Centered, Biblical foundation including; systematic doctrine, scripture memory, church history, and world-view. We provide a positive and fun church experience, and help kids build godly relationships with adults and peers.

We Love and Serve Parents by:

Providing a safe and fun place for kids. This allows parents to worship, study, and fellowship. We assist parents by modeling Christ in our worship, teaching and relationships, equipping them with Biblical tools, and seeking to support them in their efforts to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4)

If you have questions about what we offer for children and youth, please contact the church at:

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Making Room for Children



Welcome

Here at Calvary Chapel of Chelmsford we value families and children. Our desire is to provide a time and place for your whole family to worship together, including age appropriate teaching. We recognize that bringing children to worship is not always be easy, but it is an essential part of their growth in Christ. Children learn by observing, imitating, and appropriating the actions and attitudes of Christ's followers during worship. They build a fund of memorable, shared experiences of Christian community. They discover that they are valued as persons by God, and by His people at church. Our satisfaction comes in later years when we see them stand in the midst of the church with a faith of their own. We are here to serve you and your family. If I, or a member of the staff, can be of assistance, please speak with one of us.

In His love and service,

Pastor Ed

Infants

Infants are welcome to stay with you during the service. The last few rows in the sanctuary are kept open for you so you can easily exit should you need to. Nursing mothers are also welcome to watch the sermon from our Mother's Room, located off the Hospitality Center. There you will find comfortable seating and soft lighting. Changing tables are located in all restrooms. Children 3 months and older can also be left with our care givers during service.

Toddlers and Preschoolers

Childcare and Sunday School classrooms are available for toddlers and preschoolers at the start of both Sunday services. Children in this age group often have difficulty sitting for the duration of the adult service. If this is the case for your child, we encourage you to bring your child to the children's area at the beginning of service. If you choose to keep your toddler or preschooler with you during the singing, we ask you to remain sensitive to the people around you and the potential distractions that children can bring. We request that no toddlers or preschoolers remain in the sanctuary during the adult teaching.

Kindergarten through 9th Grade

School age children are a part of our family worship time and are encouraged to participate in singing. We request that your children sit with you once service begins. We know it is difficult to schedule bathroom breaks with our youngest church members, but please try to have them use the facilities before worship begins. If you should need to address your child's behavior, simply get up and exit to the foyer or hospitality center for correction. During the 10:00 service, after our singing time, we will dismiss the children to their Sunday School classroom. If wish to escort your child to his or her classroom, please feel free to do so.

Special Needs

If your child has special needs, please come talk to us. We want to help your whole family get the most out of your time here. We also have a support group for parents of special needs children. Let us get you connected!

The ABCs for Parents

...and other adults

Arrive in time to find a good place to sit. If you think you are going to have to leave during the service, the back of the sanctuary is less distracting.

Bathroom visits should be made before entering the sanctuary.

Communion (The Lord's Table) is reserved for older children and adults who have a personal relationship with Christ.

Discuss worship at home to prepare children for the day's events.

Express your joy at having children worship with you. Send an occasional smile their way.

Free yourself of anxieties. Everyone understands an occasional cry or unexpected event.

Help parents of small children by showing your support when a need presents itself.

Introduce your child to Pastor Ed after the service. Allow a few moments for sharing with other families.