

Fall Parent Meeting

Ministry Vision

Our aim is to connect kids and families to each other, our church, and Christ to multiply their effectiveness as disciples via easy to replicate relational means.

Kids' Worship (Gospel Project, Kids' Choir, & Mission Friends)

Foundational Relationships. We can't guarantee any kid will be back week to week. So, we place the Gospel up front in teaching and emphasize relationship building to bring outsiders in so that they'll feel comfortable to be discipled at our other gatherings.

Sunday School

Foundational Knowledge. Once regular attendance is established, systematic teaching through the Bible and its key themes and doctrines can be maximized to lay the groundwork necessary before moving on to more abstract theological teachings in junior high and beyond.

Team KID & Bible Drill (Sunday Night)

Foundational Discipleship. This is where we will emphasize the more practical and hands on aspects of the Christian walk including: Bible skills, Missions, etc. This is where we want our foundational relationships and knowledge to come together in action!

Methodology

These principles are based on the Outsider-In Methodology of the NextGen Ministry Model from *Flip the Script: Disrupting the Tradition for the Sake of the Next Generation* by Chuck Peters, Jana Magruder, and Stephanie Salvator.

"The only capital between teacher and student in the twenty-first century is the depth of the relationship that is established." – Tim Elmore

Expectations

What You Can Expect from Us

Safe

- We will approach our responsibilities with professionalism, attentiveness, and utmost care.

Fun

- We are going to have fun, play games, and create an engaging environment!

Jesus

- Our teaching and programs place Jesus at the forefront and make formation into His likeness their aim.

Expectations for Families

Check-In/Out

- Drop-Off
 - Classrooms and teachers will be open to receive children for drop-off no sooner than 15 minutes before scheduled programming.
- Child Checks for Preschool Only
 - Screen Codes located on the Child Check will be used to let you know if that your presence is requested in your child's room.
 - Child Checks are to be given to your child's teacher at the end of the evening to confirm that you are the authorized pick up.
- Pick-Up
 - We will only release your child to their parent/guardian or to a designated *adult* if that has been communicated with me and my volunteers ahead of time.

Additional Contact Procedures

- Emergency Contact
 - Please leave a phone number with our volunteers to reach you by as well.
 - Preschool families will also fill out a form to remain in including emergency contact information, authorized pick-ups, allergy, and other information.

- Authorized Pick-Up
 - On a case-by-case basis we can allow individuals other than you or the person that dropped your child off to pick up your child.
 - However, this must be an adult, and this must be communicated and cleared with the Children's Minister and your child's teachers in advance.
- Contact Numbers
 - Childcare Office: (662) 289-6612
 - Caleb Work Cell: (601) 691-9787

Sick Child/Medications

- In general, children with the following symptoms should NOT be dropped off:
 - Fever, diarrhea, or vomiting within the last 48 hours,
 - Green or yellow runny nose,
 - Eye or skin infections, and/or
 - Other symptoms of communicable or infectious disease.
- Children who are observed by our workers to be ill will be separated from other children and the parent or guardian will be contacted to request that the child be picked up for that day.
- It is the policy of First Baptist Kosciusko not to administer prescription or non-prescription medication to the children under our care.
- Exceptions to the medications policy may be granted to parents of children with potentially life-threatening conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or severe allergic reactions).
 - If that is the situation for your child, we ask that you talk to us about it so we can create an action plan that can be kept on file and communicated with your child's teachers.

Mandatory Service for Extended Care

- All members with children that participate in Extended Care will be required to serve as Extended Care Volunteers a minimum of four times each year.
- Each worker will be given a minimum of 1 month notice prior to their day. In the event they cannot fulfill their assigned day, it is their responsibility to find a replacement and notify the Preschool Coordinator of who their replacement will be.
- Additionally, all parents who serve in this capacity will need to complete our child safety screening and training.
- This new policy will hopefully help in our efforts to create a healthier and more sustainable environment in the preschool area for kids and volunteers alike.

Expectations for Children

Classroom Expectations

- Show Respect
 - Show respect for ourselves, others, and our space.
- Be Engaged
 - Be engaged by listening well and participating in our activities.
- Follow Directions
 - Follow directions the first time they are given by teachers and leaders
 - Including, but not limited to:
 - Raise Hands to Speak
 - Walk, Don't Run

Discipline Procedure

- It is the policy of First Baptist Kosciusko not to administer corporal punishment, even if the parents have suggested or given permission for it.

Phone Policy

- Phones can be a big distraction. Therefore, it is our policy to prohibit phone usage by children and limit that of our volunteers to teaching/ministry purposes only.
- So, while they are here, if we see children on their phones, we will take them up and they will be placed in my, or the designated authority's, possession until the end of programming, at which point you can pick it up from me.
- If you need to get in contact with your child, you can contact us via the following numbers:
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Family Resources



Parent Cue – App for Smart Phones

Smart phone users, be sure to download this PARENT CUE app! It provides you with simple CUES throughout the week that remind you to pause and make the most of everyday moments with your family. You will receive prompts for videos, activities, discussion questions, and more that will help you connect with your child around the monthly virtue. There's also a section called parent time that is filled with parent blogs, podcasts, and more!



At Home from Lifeway – Digital Discipleship Content

Lifeway's At Home resources—available for all of our Sunday School curriculum lines—can help bridge the gap between church and home. These are digital resources designed to give you practical steps for implementing Biblical discipleship within your family that is connected to the things they are learning in Sunday School each week!



RightNow Media – App & Platform

RightNow Media is a streaming platform available free to all church members. It provides an extensive resource library, tons of kids' shows and episodes, a customizable library of relevant, and trustworthy teaching that's available to stream anytime, anywhere. We encourage you to check out their fun and educational content to share with your kids in both your family discipleship and as a viable option for trusted streaming entertainment.



FBC Library & Libby – Resource & App

The FBC Library has a full array of books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, games and puzzles that are sure to inspire and educate every member of the family. Plus, with your FBC Library card you can digitally access hundreds more titles from your smartphone or tablet! Information on Library hours as well as links to our online catalog and the Libby app can be found under the Resources tab at fbckosciusko.com.

**Additionally, all books listed in this document are available in the FBC Library and on Libby now!*



Habits of the Household – Book by Justin Whitmel Earley

Habits of the Household offers simple habits and easy-to-implement daily rhythms that will help you find meaning beyond the chaos of family life as you create a home where kids and parents alike practice how to love God and each other.



Lauren's Lists – Curated Media Lists

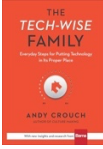
Curated recommendations on books, podcasts, articles, movies and more from the family that brought you *Habits of the Household* to help you practice the important art of curating your and your family's watching and reading times! <https://www.habitsofthehousehold.com/laurenslists>



The Hang10 Movement – Technology Habits for Families & Communities

The Hang Ten Movement is a set of ten technology practices for communities of Christians who want to receive the gifts of technology while fighting against its evils. The Hang Ten Movement is not a movement about fear of technology. But it is a vision for how the love of God and neighbor should radically change how we use it.

<https://www.hangtenmovement.com/>



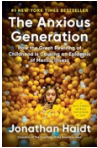
The Tech-Wise Family – Book by Andy Crouch

Making good choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen-time limits for our children. It's about developing our heart, mind, soul, and strength when we're tempted to settle for entertainment and consumer satisfaction. Alongside in-depth original research from Barna Group, Andy Crouch shows you there's a way to choose a better life than you've imagined.



Every Age, Every Stage – Book by Ken Hindman, Landry Holmes, & Jana Magruder

Based on the principle that kids and teens learn and comprehend concepts differently as they grow in maturity, Every Age, Every Stage provides an age-suitable discipleship approach, equipping parents to teach their children biblical truths from ten foundational concept areas of God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, Salvation, Creation, Church, People, Family, and Community and World.



The Anxious Generation – Book by Jonathan Haidt

Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt lays out the facts about the epidemic of teen mental illness and investigates the nature of childhood and the mechanisms by which the “great rewiring of childhood” has interfered with children’s social and neurological development. He describes steps that parents, teachers, schools, companies, and governments can take to end the epidemic of mental illness and restore a more humane childhood.



New City Catechism – App for Smart Phones

Throughout history, Christians used catechisms—questions and answers designed for memorization and recitation—to teach core doctrines of the faith. The New City Catechism is a modern-day resource aimed at reintroducing this ancient method of teaching to Christians. The free app pairs each question and answer with Scripture reading, prayer, and a devotional commentary written by contemporary pastors (e.g., John Piper, Timothy Keller, Kevin DeYoung), and historical figures, (e.g., Augustine, John Calvin, Martin Luther, etc.).



Learningthroughplay.com – Research & Resources

From The LEGO Foundation comes a resource for the development of holistic skills and encouraging curiosity backed by a growing body of research on the power of play in childhood development. Most notably for parents, they have a selection of games you can play indoors or out – using everyday things you’ll find at home at the following link: <https://learningthroughplay.com/let-s-play>