

Pursue Jesus | Grow Together | Serve Others | Make Disciples
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



Riverwood
Children's
**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Tell the coming generation the glorious
deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the
wonders that he has done.

Psalm 78:4b

Train a child in the way he should go, and
when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VISION

The vision of Riverwood's Children's Ministry is to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ through God's Word to the next generation in order that they might trust God's character and experience God's family. This is accomplished through parents and Children's Ministry Volunteers who model what it means to pursue Jesus, to grow together, to serve others and to make disciples.

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NEXT STEPS

1. We encourage you to pray about these opportunities before committing. We want your “yes” to be to God and not to the Riverwood staff and believe that God is the one who leads and equips his people to do his work.
2. For more information to help you make the decision, feel free to email josh.miller@riverwoodchapel.org with any questions.
3. After prayerfully considering, if you are led to take a step toward volunteering, fill out the Children’s Ministry Volunteer Next Steps card and turn in to the white office box.

SUNDAY MORNING

VISION

Scripture calls parents to be the spiritual leaders of their children, and Children's Ministry seeks to partner with parents to support them in this role. We desire that every child who attends our classes or events feels loved and significant while receiving sound teaching on the Word of God.

THE GOSPEL PROJECT

The Gospel Project immerses kids and preschoolers in the gospel through every story, theological concept and call to mission from Genesis to Revelation.

Ultimately, the gospel message changes everything; heart transformation can only take place when a child experiences the gospel. Through The Gospel Project, kids and preschoolers will understand the Bible is not just a collection of stories, but one unified story – God's story of redemption.

The Gospel Project is a three-year journey through the entirety of Scripture, showing that every story centers around the cross. For more information about The Gospel Project or to see where we are on the timeline, stop by the display in the Preschool Hallway.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERING BASED ON OUR PRIORITIES AT RIVERWOOD:

- » Grow Together — regular worship with others
- » Pursue Jesus — intentionally growing in your relationship with God and your understanding of what it means to be a Christ follower
- » Serve Others — desire to serve children and parents in Children's Ministry
- » Make Disciples — desire to introduce children to God and his plan of salvation

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

Purpose:

Nursery Volunteers are responsible for creating a safe environment for infants and toddlers to learn basic truths about God. In addition to serving babies, Nursery Volunteers play an important role encouraging and supporting parents who have the primary responsibility of raising their children to know God.

Sunday Morning Commitment:

- » Approximately 1.75 hours (one service Sunday morning plus transition time between hours)
- » 26 Sundays (every other week)
- » One year (beginning with promotion Sunday in August)

Outside of Class Commitment:

- » Pray for the infants/toddlers and families throughout the week.
- » Attend quarterly teacher training on Sundays (approximately 2 hours).

Responsibilities

- » Provide a fun, safe and welcoming environment for the infants and toddlers.
- » Be dependable and punctual. If you are going to be absent, find a replacement from the sub list or the other week's nursery team.
- » Clean and disinfect the nursery after the children leave so it is ready for the next group.

Wins

- » When the environment is welcoming and inviting to children and families.
- » When the children are known and valued.
- » When the parents feel comfortable dropping their child off knowing that their child will be well cared for.

NURSERY CAPTAIN

Purpose:

Nursery Captains are responsible for leading their team to create a safe environment for infants and toddlers to learn basic truths about God. In addition to serving babies, Nursery Captains play an important role encouraging and supporting parents who have the primary responsibility of raising their children to know God.

Sunday Morning Commitment:

- » Approximately 1.75 hours (one service Sunday morning plus transition time between hours)
- » 26 Sundays (every other week)
- » One year (beginning with promotion Sunday in August)

Outside of Class Commitment:

- » Pray for the infants/toddlers and families throughout the week.
- » Attend quarterly teacher training on Sundays (approximately 2 hours).

Responsibilities

- » Provide a fun, safe and welcoming environment for the infants and toddlers.
- » Welcome infants and toddlers as parents drop them off and write on the child's nametag any special instructions.
- » Notify parents if a child is unable to be comforted or distracted.
- » Lead a brief lesson teaching the infants and toddlers about how God made them and loves them.
- » Clean and disinfect the nursery after the children leave so it is ready for the next group.

Wins

- » When the environment is welcoming and inviting to children and families.
- » When the children are known and valued.
- » When the parents feel comfortable dropping their child off knowing that their child will be well cared for.

PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Purpose:

Sunday School Teachers are responsible for presenting lessons that systematically teach Biblical truth and how God's Word relates to the life of each child. In addition to serving children, Teachers play an important role encouraging and supporting parents who have the primary responsibility of raising their children to know God.

Sunday Morning Commitment:

- » Approximately 1.75 hours (one service Sunday morning plus transition time between hours)
- » 26 Sundays (flexible depending on how your team divides the weeks)
- » One year (beginning with promotion Sunday in August)

Outside of Class Commitment:

- » Spend 1-2 hours preparing to lead the lesson and activities before class.
- » Pray for the students and families throughout the week.
- » Attend quarterly teacher training on Sundays (approximately 2 hours).

Responsibilities

- » Provide a fun, safe and welcoming environment for the students.
- » Before class, practice the lesson so that it is known well and personalized according to your teaching style and the culture of the class.
- » Be intentional in teaching children about God's character and his desire to have a relationship with each of us.
- » Reflect Christ to the children through all the activities and interactions.

Wins

- » When the environment is welcoming and inviting to children and families.
- » When the children are known and valued.
- » When the lessons are age appropriate and clearly present biblical truth in an engaging way.
- » When the children go home remembering the Bible story and the main point.
- » When the children have opportunities to worship through music and prayer.

PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT

Purpose:

Sunday School Teacher Assistants are responsible for assisting the teacher in presenting lessons that systematically teach biblical truth and how God's Word relates to the life of each child. In addition to serving children, Teacher Assistants play an important role encouraging and supporting parents who have the primary responsibility of raising their children to know God.

Sunday Morning Commitment:

- » Approximately 1.75 hours (one service Sunday morning plus transition time between hours)
- » 26 Sundays (flexible depending on how your team divides the weeks)
- » One year (beginning with promotion Sunday in August)

Outside of Class Commitment:

- » Read through the lesson in order to be ready to assist and receive direction from the teacher.
- » Pray for the students and families throughout the week.
- » Attend quarterly teacher training on Sundays (approximately 2 hours).

Responsibilities

- » Provide a safe and welcoming environment for the students.
- » Be actively engaged with the children throughout the morning, modeling appropriate behavior.
- » Supervise and engage with the children during the opening and dismissal activities.
- » Reflect Christ to the children through all the activities and interactions.

Wins

- » When the environment is welcoming and inviting to children and families.
- » When the children are known and valued.
- » When the children are engaged and participate in the activities throughout the morning.
- » When the teacher is supported and able to focus on presenting the lesson as well as greeting and dismissing the children.

HELPING HANDS

Purpose:

Helping Hands volunteers seek to meet the specific needs of children with disabilities and cultural barriers by addressing the issues hindering them from participating in Sunday School or Youth Group. Our goal with each individual is to integrate them into our classrooms with their same age (as appropriate) peers so that they can learn about the love of Christ in a welcoming safe environment.

Sunday Morning Commitment:

- » Approximately 1.75 hours (one service Sunday morning plus transition time between hours)
- » The amount of Sundays serving will vary based on the individual child and how often they will attend classes
- » One year (beginning with promotion Sunday in August)

Outside of Class Commitment:

- » Meet or connect with Helping Hands leader and the student's family to determine the best direction to care for the student and communicate any successes or challenges with the student.
- » If necessary, attend special training that may apply to helping the student integrate into the classroom.
- » Attend quarterly teacher training on Sundays (approximately 2 hours).

Responsibilities

- » Provide a safe welcoming environment for the student.
- » Provide support to Riverwood's Sunday School Teachers and Small Group Leaders
- » Be actively engaged with the student throughout the morning, modeling appropriate behavior.
- » Supervise and engage the student during the opening and dismissal activities.
- » Reflect Christ to the student through all the activities and interactions

Wins

- » When the environment is welcoming and inviting to the student.
- » When the student is known and valued.
- » When the student is encouraged to participate in activities throughout the morning.
- » When the teacher is supported and is able to focus on presenting the lesson as well as greeting and dismissing the children.

BETWEEN SUNDAYS

VISION

The vision of the Between Sundays volunteers is to encourage the staff and Sunday Morning volunteers through prayer and practical support.

PRAYER TEAM

Purpose:

The Prayer Team prays on behalf of the children and volunteers that God would accomplish his will through the ministry and in their lives. Prayer is an act of obedience that rightfully places the ministry into God's hands and can lead to spiritual growth in the lives of the volunteers and children.

Commitment:

- » Once a week for one year

Responsibilities

- » Take on the critical responsibility of praying for the Children's Ministry.
- » Pray for an assigned group (based on age/grade) of Riverwood children and their volunteers for one year.
- » Periodically learn of specific ways to be praying for the children and the volunteers.

Wins

- » When the children are prayed for.
- » When the Children's Ministry volunteers are prayed for.
- » When spiritual fruit of the prayer ministry is observed and celebrated.

PREP TEAM

Purpose:

The Prep Team provides practical support for the Children's Ministry staff and volunteers during the week so that the classrooms and volunteers are best equipped to provide a fun and safe environment where the Bible lesson can be heard, understood and applied.

Commitment:

- » 30 - 60 minutes once a week between the hours of 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (Monday - Friday)

Responsibilities

- » Organize and distribute curriculum for the next Sunday.
- » Organize and stock supply cabinets and snack bins.
- » Spot clean when needed.

Wins

- » When the classroom is ready for ministry to happen on Sunday mornings.
- » When the classroom supplies are easily accessible.
- » When Teachers and Assistants are practically supported.

SPECIAL EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHILD CARE TEAM

Vision/Description: Child Care Ministry seeks to support Riverwood's Adult Discipleship Ministries by providing fun and safe opportunities for the children during Adult Discipleship programs and special events.

Commitment: a one year commitment, resulting in a commitment of roughly six volunteer opportunities per year. Child Care opportunities occur periodically for Date Night outs (Saturday nights), special services (Good Friday, Christmas Eve), Adult Discipleship groups (Leaders' Book Club, J-Team, etc).

KIDS' FUN NIGHT

Vision/Description: Kids' Fun Night provides a fun event for children zero to 5th grade. This allows kids to see church as a fun and safe place. Kids' Fun Night is also a complimentary event to the Date Night In event, resulting in the strengthening of Riverwood's marriages.

Commitment: two hours on a quarterly basis

Roles:

- » Small Group Guide: travel with 8-12 students between different activities (3 - 5 years old, Kindergarten - 1st grade, 2nd - 3rd grade, 4th - 5th grade).
- » Nursery Volunteer: welcome and play with infants and toddlers.
- » Activity Assistant: interact and engage with kids during crafts, food or games.
- » Preschool Game Coordinator: plan and lead the games station for 3 year olds - 1st grade.
- » Interactive Bible Time Coordinator: plan and lead an activity that connects a biblical truth to the night's theme.

CAMP RIVERWOOD

Vision/Description: To invite the lost to experience the gospel of Jesus Christ in a fun and compelling way.

Commitment: June 11 – June 14 | 6:00 pm – 8:45 pm
(plus two hours of additional training)

Roles:

- » Elementary/Preschool Crew Captain: guide and engage with a small group of children between the evening's different activities.
- » Bible Teacher Team: connect the evening's big idea to the truth in God's Word.
- » Island Adventure Team: use science and hands-on activities to connect the evening's big idea to everyday life.
- » Games Team: use games to engage with children through fun, teamwork and friendship-building activities.
- » Registration Team: create an inviting environment to welcome children and connect them to a small group.
- » Decorations Team: plan and decorate the building to create a fun and inviting atmosphere that corresponds to this year's theme.
- » Camper Snack Team: prepare and serve snacks for the children.
- » Volunteer Meals Team: prepare and serve a meal for the volunteers.



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Sunday Worship: 8:15 • 9:45 • 11:15

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