Welcome!

My name is Emily Emerson and I am the Access Ministry Coordinator here at Woodmen Valley Chapel. Access Ministries is designed to meet the needs of individuals with special needs and serve their families. Our goal for each family is to have a space where they feel supported, encouraged and blessed by having a space for everyone affected by unique needs to grow into a relationship with Jesus.

Our program is based on relationships—growing in relationship with the Lord and His word, with students, other ministry partners and families. Our students look up to Ministry Partners as role models as they have the opportunity to show and teach about God’s love, acceptance and grace. I strongly believe that the church is a place where everyone can grow in their relationship with Christ. Access is a safe environment where individuals with unique needs can feel supported and part of the bigger Church body. I am very excited to see what God has in store for this ministry!

Woodmen Valley Chapel cares for each participant inside our Access ministry. The following forms are asked to be completed for the benefit of your child and so that we may provide the best experience and safest environment for everyone involved. Our church leaders and our ministry partners respect your family’s right to privacy. Any information shared from these forms is communicated directly with those caring for your child and only on a need-to-know basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Blessings,

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Outline of Programs

Access Kids Classes
• Saturday at 6pm, Woodmen Heights, Room 104
• Sunday 11am, Rockrimmon, Room 105 in Community Center
• Coming Soon- Gleneagle, Sunday 11am

Access Adult Class
• Sunday at 9am, Rockrimmon, Multi-Purpose Room in the Lower Level of the Worship Center

Shadows at All Campuses
• Early Childhood Classes
• Elementary K-4 Classes
• 56 Ministry (5th and 6th Grade)
• Middle School Ministry
• High School Ministry
• Awana

*Shadows are available per parent/caregiver request. Coordinator will pair the student with a shadow after necessary paperwork is completed. See Access Website for more details.

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OUR VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Access Ministries is to facilitate inclusion inside the life of the church for the individual with additional needs and for their family.

In support of our broader church mission, the goals of the special needs ministry are to lead families affected by unique needs into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The objectives of the ministry are fulfilled through the ministry’s efforts:

1) To create an accepting church environment for the family impacted by special needs or a disability.
2) To develop an appropriate accommodation plan for the individual with additional needs that benefits the individual while working within the policies and resources of the church.

The services of the special needs ministry may be requested by the individual themselves, the family of the individual, or the ministry leader(s) serving the individual.

For the purpose of the special needs ministry, the terms “additional needs,” “special needs,” and “disability,” encompasses a broad range of unique needs, including but not limited to: learning differences, intellectual disability, neurological disorders, developmental delays, communication disorders, social skills deficits, physical disabilities, sensory needs and medical conditions. A student experiencing a significant life-change may also benefit from the services of the special needs ministry for a period of time (e.g., placed with an assigned buddy or in an alternate learning environment). Understanding why a particular individual requires the services of the ministry is often unimportant. What is important is that the ministry is able to assist identified individuals to help them experience success in the church setting.

Access Ministries does not provide therapy, behavior modification programs, or medical intervention. To the best of our abilities, our ministry servants will strive to follow guidance from, and utilize tools provided by, parents. And, medical assistance will be provided in emergency situations.

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” Psalm 139: 13-14