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A newsletter for the parents of children in the Faith Church Children's Ministry

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A Word from Miss Mary Lee

While I enjoy the summer (especially VBS), I am always ready to get back into our regular routines. I miss seeing you and your kids when you are gone on vacation during the summer. It will be nice to see everyone's smiling faces again!

This Fall is anything but routine, however. On September 9 we

are beginning Children's Worship at the 10:45 hour. While the 9:15 Sunday School hour for our kids will remain unchanged, the 10:45 hour will be very different for kids from Kindergarten through 6th Grade. This *KidsUpdate* provides information about the changes and how your family

will be impacted.

Please also check out the Upcoming Events on page 4.

Thanks for allowing us to love and disciple your kids.

Mary Lee



**CHILDREN'S
WORSHIP**

**KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:45AM**

FOR MORE INFO, TEXT FCWORSHIP TO 85775 OR VISIT FAITHCHURCH.NET/MINISTRIES

What Is Children's Worship?

Children's Worship is a Bible-teaching and worship time focused on a child's level at 10:45. While some families enjoy being in the main worship service together from music through the sermon, some children benefit from a teaching experience that

includes some large group time but also provides small-group activities. At 10:45, our Elementary children will experience the first part of the main worship service with their parents but will be able to transition to Children's Worship in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) at a designated time in the service.

Can children choose to stay with their parents in the main worship service at 10:45?

Of course! All children are welcome in our worship services. But Children's Worship will be provided at 10:45 as an option for our Elementary children from Kindergarten through 6th Grade.



What's New?

During the 9:15 hour, we will conduct Sunday School classes for children from Infants through 6th Grade. These classes are grouped by age and/or grade. Children will have teachers who stay with them each week throughout the year.

While we realize that not every family is able to attend both hours, we love it when our kids can experience the small-group experience with their peers taught by a loving teacher who

will invest in them throughout the year as well as the large-group experience during the second hour.

Beginning September 9, 2018, during the 10:45 hour the children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade will be able to participate in Children's Worship. All Elementary kids will join their parents in the worship service at the beginning of the 10:45 hour. At a designated time in the service, any Elementary

children who wish to participate in Children's Worship will be dismissed and will be escorted to the MPR.

Age-graded classes will still be provided for children from Infants through Pre-K at 10:45.

Kindergarten through 6th grade children will need to either attend sanctuary worship or begin the service time in the sanctuary and then transition to Children's Worship in the MPR.



One Change In Pick-Up Policies

Sunday School classes will be offered for Infants through 6th Grade at the 9:15 hour. At the end of the Sunday School hour, parents of children Kindergarten through 6th Grade will need to pick up their children from the Sunday School classroom(s).

Sunday School will be offered for Infants through Pre-K during the 10:45 hour. Children who attend during the 9:15

hour will stay in their same classrooms for the 10:45 hour.

In the past we allowed the children in the 4th to 6th Grades to leave on their own to meet their parents.

Because our building has so many access points, along with the changes being made at the 10:45 hour, we are asking that all kids from Kindergarten through 6th Grade be picked

up at their classrooms at the end of the 9:15 hour. Either parents or teen siblings may pick up kids from Kindergarten through 6th Grade.

Whether your younger children attend at 9:15, 10:45, or both, we would ask that only parents, grandparents, or guardians be the ones to pick up the younger children from Infants through PreK 5s.



Children Will Join Parents in the Worship Service at 10:45

At 10:45, all children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade will join their parents for the first part of the worship service. While all children are welcome to stay in the main worship service for the entire time, we will offer the opportunity for children from Kindergarten through 6th Grade to leave at a designated point to go to Children's Worship.

Children's Worship is open to all Kindergarten through 6th

Grade children, but will be focused toward the younger grades since many of the older elementary children already attend worship with their parents on a regular basis. Kids who are in the older grades (4th to 6th) who wish to attend Children's Worship will be able to serve as "junior helpers" when there are small-group activities.

Children who regularly attend Sunday School (9:15 or 10:45)

will not need to be individually checked in by parents but will be able to exit to the Lobby where members of the Children's Worship Leadership Team will greet them and escort them to the MPR.

For visitors, time will be given for them to take their children to the Lobby to be checked in so that they can receive a security tag. Pick-up procedures are described on page 3.

Security and Pick-up Procedures

All Elementary children who are regularly involved in Sunday School at Faith Church have been assigned a three-digit security number.

Enclosed you will find two laminated security cards — one for each parent (guardian, grandparent) for your children from Kindergarten through 6th Grade. The security number will allow us to page you in the sanctuary if we need for you to pick up your child for some reason.

At the designated point in the 10:45 worship service, children will be dismissed to Children's Worship. If you plan for your child(ren) to attend Children's Worship, you can send or walk them to the foyer where they will be greet by the Children's Worship Leadership Team. The children will then be escorted to the MPR.

At the end of the worship service, parents or teen siblings can go to the MPR to pick up the Elementary kids—but must

bring the laminated security card. Children will only be released from Children's Worship when the security card has been presented to the Children's Worship staff. We would recommend that the security card be carried in a parent's wallet to insure it is available when it is time to pick up children from the MPR. Any parent who forgets the security card will be asked to show his or her driver's license in order to release the child(ren).



What Will the Children Experience in Children's Worship?

Children will have the opportunity to hear the Word of God taught on their level. The focus of this teaching will be for the Kindergarten through 3rd Grade children and will be done as a large group. "On Location" videos will be used in addition to the Bible lesson.

The kids will also participate in some small-group activities with children in their same grade. Kids in upper

elementary grades will participate as "junior helpers" with children in the younger grades.

Some large-group activities may be used from time to time to give the children the opportunity to move around a bit. In addition to a Bible lesson, we will include an emphasis on Scripture memory and prayer. We hope to introduce some uplifting music as well.

While everything we do will be focused on teaching children the Word of God, we do plan to include some fun activities that will help the children engage with the Scripture at their own level.



If You Serve in Some Capacity at 10:45 a.m.

If you regularly serve in some capacity at Faith Church during the 10:45 hour, you may be wondering how you will handle things for your children who are in Kindergarten through 6th Grade.

One of the members of our Children's Ministry Leadership Team, Carol Burke, has offered to sit with any kids whose parents are not able to go to worship with them at 10:45.

We will reserve several rows of chairs in the overflow on the East side of the sanctuary—near the Special Friends room and the aquarium. If you can take your children to that section of chairs, Carol Burke will greet them and stay with them until it is time to leave for Children's Worship.





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Making Disciples . . . One Child at a Time

We are experiencing a big transition in Children's Ministry as Kari DiStefano shifts from full-time to part-time (20 hours per week). Praise the Lord, Kari still plans to continue working in Children's Ministry (in addition to her new full-time job). She has been a wonderful partner in ministry for me and I am so grateful she will continue investing in the children and families of Faith Church. Please pray for Kari as she learns the ropes at her new job and continues to work here at Faith. And please let Kari know how much you appreciate her. Thanks.

Upcoming Events

New Sunday School Year Begins — September 2, 2018

Children's Sunday School classes will be provided from Nursery through 6th Grade at both hours on September 2 (See posters for classroom locations)



Children's Worship Begins — September 9, 2018, at the 10:45 hour

Children's Sunday School classes will be provided from Nursery through 6th Grade at 9:15, for Nursery through PreK 5s at 10:45 (including Special Friends); At 10:45, Kindergarten through 6th Grade children will go to worship with their parents and then may opt to go to Children's Worship in the MPR at a designated point in the service



One Service — September 23, 2018, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School classes will be provided from Nursery through PreK 5s (including Special Friends) with Children's Worship for Kindergarten through 6th Grade



All-Church Picnic — September 23, 2018, from 4-7 p.m.

The All-Church Picnic will be held at the Community Park on Buckwheat Road in Milford. It's open to the whole church and should be a great time for the church family to "hang out"

together. Activities and games are provided, plus there is a playground and other recreation available. The church provides meat, buns, ice, and paper/plastic goods. Everyone bring: a 2-liter of pop/juice, chips, a dessert, and lawn chairs or blankets. Come for lots of food, fun, and fellowship!



Evacuation Drill — September 30, 2018, during each Sunday School hour (weather permitting)



Funny Munny Store — September 30, 2018, after each Sunday School/Children's Worship hour

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who served as part of our Summer Sunday School staff this year. We appreciate every regular volunteer and the many individuals who subbed as needed.

God bless you!