

Grace Life Community Church Children's Ministries ~ Parent Letter

Connecting Kids with Christ through discipleship, fellowship and reaching others for Him.

Dear Parents.

On September 12th, we will be starting a "New Season" in our Children's Ministry. We are blessed with an expanding and strong Leadership Team and ministry team members (volunteers) who God called forth to dedicate their time and devotion to shepherding your children for one full year, from September 2010 to September 2011. As we have prepared for this season, I never cease to be amazed with the willingness of our congregation to, "Pour out our hearts like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up our hands to him for the lives of our children". Lamentations 2:19. Rejoice with me as we partner together to teach and reach more children for Christ!

The following highlights are valuable instructions for this new season's 2 Worship Service format.

The Nursery-Parent's please sign your child in on the attendance roster using the pager number that you have received. Also write your child's name on the label, to be placed on your child's back. Nursery classes will promote the little ones as they reach the age requirement for that class.

Preschool Sunday School-(9:30 AM~ 1st Worship Service)

All Preschool children will be promoted on September 12th to a new class. Age level roster sheets will be on the walls over the sign in tables and next to the classroom doors. Please note which class your child is in and sign your child in on the respective attendance sheet. Children from the nursery and 2's classes will promote through-out the year, as determined by the Preschool Team Leader. The other Preschool classes will remain in their classes for the entire season.

We will continue with the same check in system for our preschool classes, the use of the security labels. Please follow the directions as stated on the sample provided, by the sign in tables. If your child is staying or coming for the second service, please use the appropriate color dot and place on your child's security sticker with colors as follows:

Green for 2's, Red for 3's, Blue for 4's. Please keep the smaller stub to hand in when you pick up your child.

Elementary Sunday School- (9:30 AM~ 1st Worship Service)

On September 12th, grades Kindergarten through 5 will be promoting to their next grade in their Sunday school classes (9:30 AM- 1st Worship Service). (This is the grade that they are attending in school this year.)

The parents of elementary children from Kindergarten to 4th grade will apply a security bracelet on their children upon sign in, and retain this stub for signing-out children. The 5th grade students are not required to wear a security band, but the same sign-in and sign-out process must occur. Please sign-in your child, with your initials, on the attendance sheet for their grade at the designated sign-in table in the back corridor. Parents are to escort their children to the appropriate Sunday school room. If the stub is lost or misplaced during the course of the morning, a picture ID will be necessary to retrieve your children. The following are the color codes per grade:

Kindergarten – yellow; 1st – orange; 2nd – pink; 3rd – purple; 4th – blue Please make note of your child's new Sunday School room on the attached back of this sheet. The Check-out for the 9:30AM Service will be in the gym.

<u>Junior Church- (11:00 AM~ 2nd Worship Service)</u>

We have 3 Jr. Church classes during the 11:00 AM service. All of these classes will be taught the same lesson in age appropriate groups. We are trusting that this will help enhance the children's spiritual growth by creating a family focused environment for discussion and life application during the week.

The Preschool Junior Church for little ones from 2 years old to 5 years old. Check-in and check-out process, will occur at the sign in tables using the security labels.

The Little Junior Church for the Kindergarten and 1st grade children, meeting in Room 176, a color coded security band and sign-in is required.

The Junior Church class will now have 2nd-5th grade children and continue to meet in rooms 167 & 168, a color coded security band (with the exception of the 5th grade students) and sign-in is required.

Check-in and Check-out process for the 2nd-5th grade children for the 11:00AM service, will be in the gym.

I am truly thankful for our nursery caregivers, teachers and team members that are helping to make this Ministry possible! Please share your appreciation with them when you see them in their classes or down the hall. Remember they are your partner in teaching your children about Jesus.

We still need many more helping hands and are moving forward trusting that the Lord will provide. As in any area within the Children's Ministry, we cannot offer classes and ministries without the help of willing people, who desire to make a difference in a child's life. Please feel free to contact me anytime to see where you might be able to plug in!

I am truly enjoying getting to know you and your children and watching them grow and learn about God's amazing love.

Serving Christ Joyfully,

Tammy Wood

Children's Ministry Director

Children's Ministry Promotion Snap Shot

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – TWO SERVICE FORMAT Effective September 12, 2010			
9:30am Service - Sunday	Check-In	Check-Out	
School			
Preschool (2-5 yrs old)	Preschool	Preschool Hall	
	Hall		
Kindergarten & 1 st Grade	Room 176	Room 176	
2 nd Grade	Room 173	Rear of Gym	
3 rd Grade	Room 174	Rear of Gym	
4 th Grade	Room 168	Rear of Gym	
5 th Grade	Room 167	Rear of Gym	

Special Notes:

- 1) <u>Promotion Sunday:</u> September 12
- 2) <u>Preschool:</u> Rosters with the child's name will be posted at the sign-in tables and at the classroom doors.
- 3) <u>Kindergarten 5th Grade:</u> Parents will sign-in their children at the appropriate hallway table, place color coded security bands on their children (with the exception of 5th grade) and then escort their children to their class.
- 4) Children staying for the 11:00am service will be escorted by teachers to their next classroom.

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11:00am Service – Junior	Check-In	Check-Out	
Church			
Preschool Junior Church (2 -5 yrs old)			
2's	Room 159	Room 159	
3's	Room 161	Room 161	
4's & 5's	Room 165	Room 165	
Little Junior Church			
(Kindergarten & 1 st Grade)	Room 176	Room 176	
Junior Church $(2^{nd} - 5^{th} grade; previously 1^{st} - 3^{rd} grade)$			
2 nd Grade	Rear of Gym	Rear of Gym	
3 rd Grade	Rear of Gym	Rear of Gym	
4 th Grade	Rear of Gym	Rear of Gym	
5 th Grade	Rear of Gym	Rear of Gym	

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- 3) <u>Kindergarten 5th Grade:</u> Parents will sign-in their children at the appropriate table and place color coded security bands on their children (with the exception of 5th grade) before the children enter the classroom.

