

Children's Ministry Meeting 4-28-2019

I wanted to provide a summary of our April meeting to keep everyone up to date with our Children's Ministry.

We had a great turnout and were able to cover many important topics and ministry objectives.

- For Preschool, on June 2 our summer schedule will change to just an 11:00 class. Our 9:45 classes will be suspended for the summer to return the second week in September.
 - At that time, we will need one additional helper for the 9:45 hour and one helper for the 11:00 hour.
 - We discussed that there is clothing available for children who may have an accident during class time. We would like the parent to be notified of the accident and let them decide if they would like the child to remain or go home.
 - We will continue with HeartShapers curriculum.
- For Elementary, the schedule change will also begin on June 2, with just an 11:00 class.
 - We will have a monthly theme, with each lesson being topical in nature.
 - Lynette Schinke has started a Bible memory verse emphasis and will continue that, coordinating the lesson's verse when available. Prizes will be awarded for students successfully learning the verse.
 - We will need an additional 9:45 team for the fall.
 - Thank you to Sandy, Tracy, Denille and "all" for the excellent children's presentation for Easter!
- Ben has set up an information table in the back of the sanctuary, which will be manned each week. The goal is to keep everyone informed of the activities and ministries at Grace Chapel. For any visitors with children, the greeters will direct them to that area, from where the children will be taken to the children's wing and checked into the appropriate class.
- There are many craft options available, and some of these were highlighted.
- Also, flannelgraphs are available. Let Kathy know if you would like to have a specific story set up for your class.
- Julie Merrell helped in providing "Universal Precautions" information which has been displayed with our first aid kits. The kits are placed in the nursery, the preschool room, the kitchen, the resource room and the youth room. The kits were also restocked with some of the essential items.
- The exit routes for all areas of the church are being worked on and will shortly be displayed in the necessary places.
- Linda Holler noticed that a window in the children's wing had been left unlocked one week and wanted to remind the leaders to check those each week.
- We viewed a safety video titled "Responding to Allegations" in the effort to continue to educate our volunteers in providing our children with the safest environment that is possible here at Grace Chapel.
- In looking forward to the fall, we will have another meeting on August 25 for final planning and information.
 - The fall curriculum for elementary at 11:00 will be "The Names of God".
 - For our church picnic on September 15, we would like to have a children's emphasis with games, etc. I will be needing a team to help with planning. 😊 If you are interested, please let me know.

We have such an amazing team of volunteers for our Children's Ministry! I am so thankful to the Lord for each and every one of you! Let me know if there is anything that I can help you with or any issues that we need to address. Let's continue in our efforts to lead our children to faith in Christ and to grow them in their faith. Thank you!

In Christ,

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