



Children's Ministry

Coming January 8, 2012

The Children's Ministry Team is very excited to tell you about some small tweaks that will be happening in Children's Church and the transition time from Sunday School to Children's Church.

The main part of the change is the location of Children's Church. Children's Church is moving from the ministry center to the teen building. The teen building is located directly behind the ministry center in a separate building. The second part of the change is you, the parent, will not need to pick up your children after Sunday School to bring them into the Church Service. Please know, your children will still be fed a snack 😊

There are a few reasons for the change. First, this will enable us to have live worship music every Sunday! Secondly, the electronics for music, slides, power point, etc are already set up in the teen room. In addition, there will no longer be set up and tear down times for Children's Church. No longer will there be the pressure on the Adult Bible Fellowship classes to move out of their classrooms so the kids can move in. Also, there will be fewer times of transitioning all of the kids through crowds of people. Another reason is you've likely noticed that space is at a premium in the adult church service. By bringing the kids directly to Children's Church, there will be between 50 and 70 spaces opened up in the Adult service. Finally, by making this change the teachers in Sunday School will have a few more minutes to teach and build relationships with the kids each Sunday. And we are now able to add some valuable and consistent teaching into Children's Church (such as; Hymns memorization and theology with Pastor Trent, B.O.B, Puppets Phyllis and Trudy helping kids memorize portions of scripture, and the worship group *Atoned*.) We hope you catch the excitement that we have in this change.

9:15 Sunday School begins. Feel free to check your kids in between 9:05 and 9:15

10:20 Transition – Kids are taken from their Sunday School classes and brought to Children's Church by Linda Lake. If a parent would like to have their child in church with them they must pick up the child by 10:15 at his or her Sunday School class.

10:15-10:25 Children who did not attend Sunday School, drop off is located in the teen room. Children must be dropped off and signed in at the teen room by the parent. The teen room is located in a separate building to the north of the church ministry center. It is imperative that parents DO NOT send their kids out by themselves. You will drop off and pick up your children at the north door of the teen building.

11:45 – Noon (immediately following the Adult Church Service) Pick up your children from Children's Church. Again go to the north door (Junior High side) and come in to pick up your kids.

Here is the schedule that will be followed in the typical Children's Church Service. Parents are ALWAYS welcomed. We would love to have you worship with us.

10:25 Song Service – Live music by *Atoned* (a group formed by some of our church's teens)

10:35 Welcome and Introduction Announcements

10:42 Offering/Missionary Updates/board activities

10:52 Prayer Time or Skit or Puppets

11:00 Pastor Trent – Hymn of the month (children will be learning hymns which teach important theological truths)

11:07 Verse memorization with Phyllis and Trudy

11:15 Message

11:35 End message / Children's Church Song - Gung Ho for Jesus or Fruit of the Spirit

11:40 B.O.B

11:45 Recap time - questions about learning or sword drill or reinforcing activity.

Children are picked up by parents immediately after the church service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. There is quite a bit of information contained in the note. We are hoping you have some time to absorb the information and ask many clarifying questions before the change takes place on **January 8, 2012**. Attached you will find a map of the facilities.

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