

Family Life Ministry Introduces:



**Christian Education
Kids' Worship
Special Events**

at

**Overland Park Christian Church
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Our Mission:

To support families in making Christ real to all children so they may grow in a lifelong relationship with Him.

Our Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Children are encouraged to worship with their families. Following the Kids' Time in the worship gathering in the sanctuary, all children 4 years old through 6th grade are invited to attend Kids' Worship in the Children's Wing. During Kids' Worship your child will experience God through His Word, praise songs, prayer, communion, and an age-appropriate lesson. You may pick your child up in the Children's wing following worship. Nursery care is available for little ones birth through kindergarten-age during our worship time.

11:00 a.m. Christian Education

Birth through 3 years: Nursery children are engaged and taught in a small-group setting with stories and traditional Bible songs.

Pre-K through 6th Grade: Our curriculum is child-targeted, Bible-based, and life-oriented. Lessons for children are presented in a workshop rotational model otherwise known as WoRM. Each "story" or "lesson" is taught during a full month with the children visiting a different workshop each week. Workshops may include, but are not limited to: science, storytelling, computers, cooking, arts & crafts, drama, puppetry, video, and creative writing. Our goal of teaching in a WoRM format is that the children and their leaders will begin to internalize God's word by *saying, doing, and experiencing* it. With hands-on activities each week, the children will gather new and different ways that the Bible is relevant to their own lives.

C.E. Class Locations: Room locations are noted each week on the board in the Children's Wing.

Newsletters

Watch for the "Kingdom Connection" family newsletter. This periodical is meant to inform, inspire, and entertain children and their parents and keep you up-to-date with what is happening in Children's Ministries. The newsletter is published bi-monthly throughout the year.

Special Events:

Birthday Party for Jesus

Annual event held the Sunday before Christmas during our C.E. hour where children and their families are invited to celebrate Christmas with music, crafts, and a birthday cake fit for a king. A great opportunity to teach friends the real meaning of Christ's birth.

Easter Balloon Launch

During our C.E. hour on Easter Sunday, we launch balloons from the courtyard. Our intention is to reach someone outside of our church with the message of Christ's love.

Neighborhood Block Party

This is an annual event in which we intentionally reach out to our neighbors. This event includes inflatables for the kids, popcorn, face painting, balloon artists, carnival games, and a picnic dinner. The youth also kick in on the fun by supplying a fundraising soft drink & bake sale. This event will be held the Saturday following Labor Day.

Kids' Night Out

All children are invited to a night just for them approximately once a quarter. We will meet in the Great Hall for a movie and snacks. Parents may join us but are highly encouraged to have a short "date night" of their own. We will enjoy a dinner of pizza, hotdogs, or another yummy creation prior to the movie. Watch the Kingdom Connection and the OPCC Scene for more information.

Other Periodic Family Events

We will plan periodic family events throughout the year. These may include swimming parties, lunch outings, ice skating, hayrides, and bowling. Watch our newsletters to learn about these opportunities.

Our goals:

- ♥ In all of our programs we strive to teach our children about the love of God, Christian responsibility, basic Bible truths, and the worship of God, while developing in them a sense of comfort, security, and belonging to the family of Christ.
- ♥ It is our intent, as the congregation of OPCC, that our children learn about the love of Jesus Christ, our Savior, by experiencing it for themselves.
- ♥ We believe that children should feel at home in our church. We will accomplish this through Bible study, worship, music, drama, fun, and fellowship.
- ♥ We nurture and encourage families to be intentional in providing a warm, loving, Christian home for their children.

For more information about Children's Ministries or ways you can serve, contact Lisa Setty, Children's Minister, at 913.677.4646, ext. 228, or e-mail: lisa@opccdoc.org