



Parent Kickoff

Aug. 31, 2011

Mission Statement: "Partnering with parents in leading kids to walk in the light."

Theme Verse: 1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you **out of darkness into his wonderful light**.

"In the Light" Values:

- Partnering with parents in making disciples of Christ.
Eph. 6:4: "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."
- Depending on God in prayer to do what He alone can do.
Eph. 3:20: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine... "
- Protecting children with an uncompromising safety process.
Neh. 4:9: " ... we prayed to our God and posted a guard... "
- Creating an exciting and fun learning environment with excellence.
Col. 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."
- Affirming leaders to use their God-given gifts.
1 Thess. 5:11: " ... encourage one another and build each other up ... "

Partnering with parents

1. Praying with parents for their children's salvation and spiritual growth.
2. Reinforcing what parents are already teaching at home.
3. Communicating with parents what their children are learning at church, so they can "take the baton" and continue teaching it at home.

4. Challenging families to memorize God's Word together.

Bible
Translation

There is no "official Cornerstone Bible translation" we are to use in children's ministry. However, with Bob now preaching from the ESV, we now encourage those purchasing a new Bible to get an ESV, to better be able to follow along during the service. Teachers in children's ministry are not expected to use any particular translation, but the kids will be encouraged to memorize their Sunday and Wednesday verses in the ESV.

Memorization

The kids memorize a variety of verses in children's ministry. Memorization can help us in a variety of ways:

1. Obedience to Scripture
2. Conformity to Christ
3. Victory over sin
4. Confident evangelism
5. Encouraging other believers
6. Wisdom in different situations
7. Parenting
8. Becoming disciplined
9. Deeper knowledge of Scripture

While we encourage the kids to memorize, let's lead by example and memorize right along with them!

To encourage memorization we offer scholarships for our kids' snow camps and Lake Ann summer camp. We also celebrate with a fun activity in the fall. We're heading to the Bounce House on Sept. 17.

5. Providing an opportunity for the family to attend the service together.

Resources

1. "The Family: Together in God's Presence" by John and Noel Piper
2. "Kids in the 'Adult' Service?"

Preparing
your Family
for Sunday

1. Lead by example. How much do you anticipate being with the body of Christ on Sundays?
2. Be in the Word individually and as a family throughout the week.
3. Pray individually and as a family about spiritual understanding and reception at the service. Also pray for Bob and church leadership as they prepare to lead the rest of the body on Sunday.

4. Sing/listen to songs that we sing together on Sunday mornings.
5. Read and reflect over Sunday's text (you can find it in the email that goes out on Wednesdays).
6. Get the kids and yourself to bed on time Saturday.
7. Get yourself and the kids up on time Sunday morning.
8. Play worship music on Sunday morning while everyone is getting ready.
9. Pick up "Today's Message" sheets, so the kids can take notes.
10. Follow up afterward to ask/answer questions about the service.

Sunday Ministries



Our nursery ministry on Sundays and Wednesdays is offered during the ABF and service times. It is staffed with loving leaders and is in no way "glorified babysitting." Babies are rocked, sung to, and loved. The one- and two-year-olds have a structured setting of singing, Bible stories, organized playtime, and snacks.



Our Sunday 3's, 4's, and K-5's ministry is offered from 9:30-12:15. During the first hour, the Bible lesson is taught. Later, the Bible lesson is reviewed and an application lesson taught. The kids also sing together, learn verses, have a snack, and participate in organized playtime.

KBF

KBF stands for "Kids' Bible Fellowship." This 1st-5th grade ministry is offered on Sundays from 9:30-10:30. Kids participate in singing, a large-group Bible lesson, and a small-group application time with a small group leader. It's a great opportunity to connect as a group on a weekly basis.



"DiscipleTown" is offered every 2nd and 4th Sunday for 1st-3rd grade kids. All kids get to be part of the beginning of the worship service then are dismissed before the sermon. Our yearly curriculum has been designed to help kids understand what it means to please Christ as a church. We teach this on a big-picture and a practical scale.

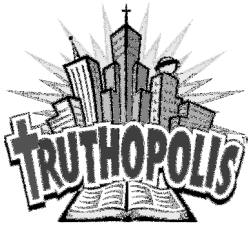


Ignite is our 6th grade ministry on Sundays (9:30-10:30) and Wednesdays. Here, 6th graders participate in worship songs, a Bible lesson, and connecting in small groups. They also have monthly activities designed for purposes of service and relationship-building. It is our desire to teach the "Igniters" to shine their lights before others in a way that points to Christ (Matt. 5:16).

Wednesday Ministries (6:45-8:15)



On Wednesdays, the 3-and 4-year-olds come to "DiscipleLand." Along with Bible lessons, the kids will be participating in singing, crafts, learning verses, and doing activities.



Truthopolis is for K-5th graders. Each week, kids participate in interactive Bible lessons, games, and skits, where Biblical truths are taught by "Blade", "Casey", "Doc", and "Reid" each week. Puppets tell some of the story to the younger kids, (K-3rd grade), and teenagers play the parts for the older kids.

"Connect" Ministry (Thursdays 12:00-3:00)



Every Thursday this school year, we will host a Bible education ministry for public school students during the school day (1:00-2:30). We are offering this to four schools in Roseville, transporting each school once a month to and from our church. This is a great ministry for many families in which to get involved.

Curriculum

Sundays

For our 3-year-olds through 6th graders, we are leading them through the Bible every three years. That way, throughout those nine years, kids will study through the Bible three times. Our 3's, 4's and K-5's will be using DiscipleLand curriculum, while the 1st-6th graders will learn from Generations of Grace. The 1st-6th graders will be studying the New Testament this year.

Wednesdays

Our Wednesday curriculum is as follows:

*The 3's and 4's: Discipleland—The Sunday focus will be on the Old Testament, while the Wednesday focus will be on the New Testament.

*K-5th Grades: TruthQuest—Every five weeks, the kids will be studying different series topics. Some this year include, "Darwin vs. God," "What is Worship," and "Living Thanksgiving."

*6th Grade: Foundations (first six weeks) and Flyte. This year-long study includes lessons on Bible doctrines and what a Christ-follower looks like.

General Policies

Application
Process

We are committed to the safety of the children entrusted to our care. Anyone convicted of either child sexual or physical abuse will not be permitted to serve in children's ministries at Cornerstone. The application process involves submitting an application, a background and reference check, and a possible short interview for new leaders.

Six-Month Rule

Generally, leaders must attend Cornerstone for at least six months before serving in children's ministry.

Membership

All leaders must be members of Cornerstone Baptist Church. For those not yet members, we encourage leaders to begin that process immediately beginning with the Sunday class, "Discovering God's People."

Leader Identification

All leaders must identify themselves with an "In the Light" lanyard and name badge while serving. This is to identify themselves as approved leaders to you.

Child Identification

Every child will be given a name tag, whether a regular attendee or visitor. Kids should be informed that this is not for them, but for others to get to know them.

Two-Person
Rule

At least two leaders are to be present in each room at all times. This is for the kids' and leaders' protection.

Open Door Policy

Parents who wish to observe their children in class are welcome to do so. However, they must wear a "Visitor" lanyard and be present for observation purposes only.

Safety & Security

- Check-In Procedures** Beginning at 9:15 on Sundays, adults should check in their 3-11 year-olds electronically at the check-in kiosks. This helps the church have a record of their attendance and identify the children with a nametag. Nametags should be worn so that other children and adults can call them by name. On Wednesdays, the kids check in upon arrival in their classrooms.
- Check-Out Procedures** Kids are not to be dismissed until an approved parent checks him/her out. Other family members are not allowed to check out the children unless previous arrangements were made. Please do not be offended if a leader asks for your I.D. On Sundays, 3rd-6th graders may be dismissed to meet their parents before the service. On Wednesdays, only 5th and 6th graders may be dismissed.
- Parent Reminder** **Parents are expected to pick up their children within five minutes of the class ending time (by 10:35 and 12:20 on Sundays and by 8:20 on Wednesdays).**
- Foods & Allergies** With a high percentage of children allergic to various foods, we must make sure that only "church-approved" snacks are served. We strive to be sensitive to those allergic to peanuts and not serve food with peanuts or foods processed in a plant that also processes peanuts at our church. Leaders will strive to contact parents before something out-of-the-ordinary is served.
- Photos** Please respect other parents of the kids in our children's ministry by not posting photos of their kids online (e.g. Facebook). Although it may seem harmless, parents may have different reasons why they prefer we not do this. The exception to this would be if permission was granted from a parent of each child in the picture.
- Communication** We will do our best to communicate how your children are doing in class, as well as any incidents in which your children may have been involved.

Discipline

(these are guidelines we set for leaders while serving in children's ministry)

Setting limits for children is essential in providing a safe and happy place for them to learn. We want to be a reflection of Christ in how we treat and speak to the kids. Misbehaving children should be dealt with accordingly with a good measure of common sense. The following are some guidelines our children's leaders go by in preventing misbehavior:

- 1) Pray for an attitude of love and acceptance of the children.
- 2) Let the children know your expectations.
- 3) Get to know the children well.
- 4) Anticipate disruptions.
- 5) Understand age appropriate limitations.
- 6) Keep children moving and active.
- 7) State the consequences of wrong actions.

When disciplining:

- 1) Be consistent.
- 2) Carry out discipline in a kind and quiet manner.
- 3) Deal with the heart, not just the behavior.
- 4) Use the child's name to refocus attention.
- 5) State positively what is expected of them.
- 6) Use age appropriate time-outs. (one minute per age of the child)
- 7) Seek help from other leaders.

Responses not allowed:

- 1) Yanking, spanking, or hitting a child.
- 2) Publicly embarrassing a child in front of others.
- 3) Telling a child he/she is "bad."
- 4) Making threats with no follow-up.
- 5) Yelling at a child.

Parent Communication:

- 1) Inform parents of BOTH positive and negative behavior.
- 2) Do not be afraid to share incidences with parents regarding their children. Parents want to know the truth of how things went with their child. Be as detailed as possible, explaining how the leaders responded to the situation.
- 3) Sometimes communicating a child's negative behavior would be better at another time less distracting or rushed.

'11-'12 Upcoming Events

Sept. 7:	Promotion Wednesday	Feb. 24-26:	Kidz White Out (3 rd -5 th)
Sept. 11:	Promotion Sunday	Mar. 2-3:	Parenting Conference
Sept. 17:	Bounce House KBF trip	June 18-23:	Lake Ann Camp (4 th -9 th)
Jan. 27-29:	Ignite Winter Blaze (6 th)	Jul. 16-20:	VBS