



# WFBC

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**GROW** in God's Love

**KNOW** God's Love

**SHOW** God's Love

2019-2020 Parent Handbook



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Parents of Preschoolers and Children,

It's a new year! We are glad you and your children are choosing to partner with us in the ministry at Wake Forest Baptist Church. This handbook is designed to help you know about the different ministry areas, safety and security guidelines, communication resources and volunteer opportunities.

Providing a well-balanced, purpose-driven ministry is a high priority for our Children's Ministry Leadership Team. At Wake Forest Baptist, we want our children to *Grow in God's love, Know God's love and Show God's love*. The mission statement guides the work of the team as we seek to plan and implement ministry with WFBC families.

We value our partnership with families and our faith community. While we love having children participate here at church with us on Sundays and Wednesday, that is just a fraction of their weekly lives. As parents you are with your child(ren) every day. We want to partner with you to provide the tools and resources you need to be the primary guides for your children as they grow into the person God has created them to be.

Serving Christ together with you,  
Mary Langley  
Minister with Children and Families  
Wake Forest Baptist Church

## Preschool Ministry Programs

This ministry begins at birth and continues through PreK 4/5 year olds. We work to help our preschoolers *Grow in God's love, Know God's Love and Share God's Love* by providing opportunities to hear and learn Bible stories, help others and by providing a model of God's love as we care for them.

### Sunday Morning Opportunities

#### Preschool Bible Study – Sundays, 9:30 am

Our Preschool Bible study teachers share God's love with our preschoolers by providing a safe, loving environment for them. Age-appropriate Bible stories and craft/activities are provided for 2 year old, 3 year old and Pre-K classes.

#### Preschool Bible Story Time – Sundays, 11:00 am

Our Preschool Class Leaders provide a safe, loving environment for preschoolers. A rotating Bible Storyteller shares a Bible story with the 2 year old, 3 year old and Pre-K 4/5 classes and crafts/activities are provided.

### Wednesday Kairos Music & Missions – 6:10 pm – 7:20pm

Kairos is "God's Time" or "Sacred Time" for spiritual development and discipleship for kids. Preschoolers are engaged in activities related to music, mission projects and Bible stories.

### Music with Babies & Toddlers

These classes are held on Thursdays during scheduled sessions and are open to EVERYONE - church and community alike. There is a \$40 materials fee for first time participants and childcare for siblings is available by reservation.

Music with Babies (age 3-15 months) 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Music with Toddlers (age 15-36 months) 9:30 - 10:00 AM & 10:15 - 10:45 AM

Contact Bryant Moxley at [bryant.moxley@wakeforestbaptistchurch.org](mailto:bryant.moxley@wakeforestbaptistchurch.org) for more information on any of the music opportunities for children.

### Mommy/Daddy and Me Gatherings

Coming soon, Mommy/Daddy and Me Gatherings will be offered once a quarter. These gatherings will provide an opportunity to meet other parents and children and spend time together.

### WEE Care Preschool

Weekday Early Education (WEE Care), the preschool program at Wake Forest Baptist Church is an outreach program designed to provide a safe, loving and Christian environment that teaches valuable social skills and encourages individual independence for preschool-aged children. We meet from 9:00am-12:00pm weekdays during the months of September through May.

#### Special Programs include:

Chapel - Our 3 and 4 year old students attend Chapel once a week beginning in October.

Move & Groove - Our 3 & 4 year old students attend a fun movement class once a week.

Music - All classes are visited by Ms. Emily for music time.

Science - Our 3 & 4 year old classes are visited once a week for a fun science lesson.

Lunch Bunch - Lunch Bunch is offered from October thru May for our 3s and 4s. Children bring their own lunch and stay at school until 1pm for \$5/lunch bunch.

For more information contact Laura Wolfe, Director at 919-556-1335 or email at [weecare@wakeforestbaptistchurch.org](mailto:weecare@wakeforestbaptistchurch.org)

## Children's Ministry

Wake Forest Baptist Church Children's ministry is for children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. All the activities and programs we offer work to help our children to *Grow in God's love, Know God's Love and Share God's Love*. To reach our goal we provide opportunities for children to hear and learn Bible stories, participate in service projects, lead in worship and other special times throughout the year.

### Sunday Morning Opportunities

Sunday morning Bible Study offers children the opportunity to learn more about God and grow in their faith by studying their Bible and applying biblical truths to everyday living.

#### 9:30 am Bible Study Classes

Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### 11:00 am Bible Study Classes

Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Wednesday Kairos Music & Missions

Kairos is "God's Time" or "Sacred Time" for spiritual development and discipleship for children. They are actively engaged through Missions, Music/Creative Arts/Worship, and Bible study. Children's Choirs lead in worship at different times throughout the year.

### Lunch with a Student

Ms. Mary would love to eat lunch with your child at their school. If your school allows lunch visitors please email or call her so a lunch visit can be scheduled. She needs to know your child's lunch time and school procedure for lunch visitors.

### First Graders Receive Bibles

WFBC values guiding children in their faith and providing resources to help them grow in their faith. In September we provide children in First grade an age-appropriate Bible to use at home and church.

### Preparing for Worship Class

A 3-4 session class provided for Kindergarteners to help them understand what worship is and what to expect when they begin participating in worship during the spring. A Parent's Session is provided prior to the children's class.

## **What is Faith? Class**

WFBC Kids in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades participate in a study about what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ in their world. This is a great class for those considering baptism as well as those already baptized.

## **Camp Willow Run**

This is weekend retreat for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades at Camp Willow Run. Planned by local Children's Ministers for children in their churches. Camp provides time away for children to make new friends, learn about God, build their faith and have a lot of fun.

## **Annual Family Events**

Kickoff Cookout

Fall Festival

Family Christmas Celebration

Spring Eggs-travaganza

Vacation Bible School

## **Opportunities for Parents**

9:30 am & 11:00 am Worship

9:30 am & 11:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday night LIVE short-term studies and seminars

## **Parent Volunteer Opportunities**

WFBC relies on Parent volunteers to join others in the church to help with all the activities provided for children and their families. We strive to offer flexible times and rotations on Sundays and Wednesdays. Seasonal events are once-a-year typically happening on a Saturday or Sunday. Please consider how you can partner with the Children's Ministry to provide the help needed.

## **Resources for Parents**

Sunday Weekly Take Home Bible Study sheet

Parenting Christian Kids News – monthly, available on website or printed copies in children's area

WFBC Weekly Wow & Grapevine Newsletter

## Children's Safety & Security

### General Classroom Policies

When children are at church, they should be with their parents, guardian, or caregivers or in a supervised activity. There should be no unsupervised situations either inside or outside the facility. Children are not to be left in a room unless appropriate workers are there to receive them. There is a two adult rule followed at all times in classrooms. We will maintain a reasonable ratio of workers to children in each classroom.

### Health & Wellness

Food allergies or special health information concerning a child should be noted on registration form. If emergency medication is needed (example – Epipen) a Medical Action Form needs to be completed annually and whenever there is a treatment change.

WFBC Preschool and Children's ministry is nut-free. Food made available to children outside of what the church provides should have ingredients listed and posted for parents and guardians to see.

### Your Child's Health

We operate a well-child program. For the protection of all the children and leaders in our ministry we cannot accept a child with signs of illness. We request that you not place your child in the ministry while they are at risk of exposing other children. Thank you in advance for helping us keep our children's ministry a healthy place for all.

Children showing signs of communicable illness should not be brought to church. Any child developing symptoms during care should be isolated; the parent/guardian contacted to pick up the child. Signs of communicable illness that would be reason to exclude the child from participation include but are not limited to:

- \*Fever (100 degrees or more)
- \*Diarrhea
- \*Coughing, severe
- \*Vomiting, two or more episodes within the past 24 hours
- \*Red eye with white or yellow eye discharge, until 24 hours after treatment
- \*Yellow or green nasal discharge
- \*Scabies or lice
- \*Chicken pox or a undiagnosed rash
- \*Strep throat, until 24 hours after treatment begins
- \*Pertussis, until 5 days after antibiotic treatment

Medications should not be given to children at church.

- a. **An exception** would be the use of Epinephrine pens prescribed for anaphylactic shock and other immediate needed medications.
- b. When the administration of medicine is necessary by someone other than the parent, a Medical Action Plan Form needs to be completed annually and whenever treatment plan is changed.
- c. The immediate needs medication should be kept in a location with easy access to workers, but out of children's reach. Workers should log the information of dosing of medication to a child and two (2) people should be available when administering.