

Jr. Church— Notes: January through March 4, 2012

Anything new to this schedule from previous notes is marked in blue.

Many Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to serve our kids, parents, and our congregation in this way. May God bless you with a sense of His joy in your sacrifice.

We have two completely different sets of people working on any given Sunday with two rotations of adults for a *five week* period. I have tried to schedule those people who had a preference for a particular time whichever one they indicated, although I could not always do that. I also tried to put on the later-service group those who have little ones or other factors which would make coming to the earlier service more difficult

I have tried where possible to put a man (young helper or more mature) in each class to aid with crowd control, potty breaks for boys, and a presence that means “men care.” All later services have an extra helper because of the numbers of attending youngsters.

With this new schedule now, if a person desires, they can serve and also attend the service in complete. We have two Blue Editions of Children’s Church. I will number them #1 and #2. If you are a leader then please look for the bag that corresponds with your rotation (1=8:00 service AND 2=10:45 service.) Please remember when you are finished with your turn to put the book bags back for the next leader to prepare.

Sometimes the early service volunteers find that they have no children or perhaps only one who are there to take advantage of the junior church ministry. If that is the case, then the junior church volunteer may choose to teach the same lesson that they prepared for that week on the next turn of the rotation. The lessons are self-contained and don’t build on one another the way that other curriculums do. Being able to reuse a prepared lesson will keep early service volunteers from wasting their efforts. If there is only one child that attends, the volunteers may want to show a video instead of teaching the lesson they got ready and save that for the next time. There are Christian and bible videos available in the Children’s Office.

The first person listed in each given week is the leader, responsible for getting the curriculum and preparing the lesson and all necessary materials ahead of time. The second person listed is the second required adult aid. The

third person listed is an optional youth which we are allowing to help alongside two approved adults with the idea that these younger members will have opportunities to learn how to serve. These younger ones will also be required to seek “official” approval in some age-appropriate method before serving on a regular basis.

Jr. Church takes place about halfway during the service, as announced in the bulletin and leaders and aids walk children out to the “Cubbies” room, which is the blue-scenery painted room.

Registering Children: All attending children should be registered. It will be written into the bulletin and announced from the pulpit that any new visiting child should be accompanied out with a parent. ***The leader should stand in the church foyer until the group of kids gets assembled while an aid stands behind the group.*** If a visiting child is spotted with no accompanying parent then the leader should direct the aid to flag whoever is in the pulpit to call for a parent to join the retiring group.

Once the parent has brought the child/ren to the Jr. Church room and filled out the appropriate registration card they then can return to the worship service.

A card box will be kept in the file cabinet bottom drawer with kids information cards, listed alphabetically. The leader should have the adult aid fill out the information with the visiting child/ren’s parent(s), while they (the leader) get started on the lesson.

Curriculum: Currently being used is the Green Edition of *Children’s Church Noah’s Park*. If a leader would prefer to do something else in lieu of the assigned lesson then that is acceptable. And, of course, not every idea in the lesson guidebook needs to be followed or used if time runs out or the leader prefers to try something else. ***The bags with the entire curriculum should be put back in the bottom drawer of the file cabinet or in an easily accessible place after each lesson*** so that the upcoming leader can get it and prepare during the following week for the next Sunday.

Absences: If a leader sees that he/she is not going to be able to attend on the Sunday of their rotational service, ***then he/she needs to call one of the other leaders and make arrangements to have that class covered by someone else. After confirming the switch, please record the change on the schedule that is attached to the cabinet in the Junior Church room. Also, please notify Louise Grider and the church secretary, Vicky Van Patten, of the switch.***

If the second adult aid has to miss, then they, too, need to call another and make sure that someone covers their missing spot. ***It is imperative that we have two approved volunteers in each Jr. Church class.***

If the third young server has to be gone then it is not necessary for them to make arrangements, but it would be helpful to let the leader with which they are working know to expect their absence.

Craft Materials: There are a few craft materials in the Jr. Church room, some of which are in the Jr. Church bottom drawer of the file cabinet and some of which are in the large metal cabinet/closet. As leaders prepare to teach a lesson, they can ***check the two art cabinets and the closet in the red room*** of the educational wing. These supplies are there to be used by anyone doing children's ministry. Please don't buy a lot of supplies without first checking to see if we already have these items stored for use. Anything that is needed but not currently provided may be purchased and then the receipt can be turned into Louise Grider for reimbursement.

Please be sure to put back neatly any supplies that have been used for the lesson and which can be reused—***and in the places*** where these supplies were found.

Snacks: Only approved snacks, particularly those that are appropriate for allergy sensitive children (some of which we currently have coming to our Jr. Church) should be given with parents' permission. Snacks may be kept in the bottom drawer of the file cabinet, too, or may be kept on the appropriate marked shelf in the large metal cabinet.

Lose a Schedule? You can check on our church's website...www.fpcniceville.org

Ministries/ Children's Ministry/Children's Ministry Adult Volunteers—
(near the bottom of the page, click on the calendar for jr. church schedule)

Alternative Offering: Rachel Furlong is offering an alternative to junior church for children who have special needs. She will be available in one or the other service and unless notified by parents that they would prefer to have this opportunity in the early service, she will most likely be present for the late service.

Phone Numbers and Emails:

Leaders, in order of rotation—

Early Service at 8:00

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| Lynn Steele | 279-6393 | fivesteeles@cox.net |
| Joel Linn | 333-0076 | jrlinn@linnskitchens.com |
| Samantha Van Steenburg | 279-4822 | james.vansteenburgh@cox.net |
| Candice Linn | 865-2202 | CandiceLinn@gmail.com |
| Rachel Furlong | 897-0805 | rachel-w@cox.net |

Late Service at 10:45

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| Louise Grider | 897-2054 | louisegrider@cox.net |
| Allison Henderson | 502-0160 | allisonh0814@gmail.com |
| Cindy White | 269-0464 | cindy.white@mac.com |
| Gillis Douglass | 892-0140 | Agillisdouglass@yahoo.com |
| Fran Elder | 279-4311 | Fran_Elder@yahoo.com |

Adult Aids, in order of rotation—

Early Service at 8:00

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| Georgette White | 586-2863 | fewwhitecats@yahoo.com |
| Matt Steele | 279-6393 | fivesteeles@cox.net |
| Leanne Green | 729-2288 | Leannegreen@cox.net |
| John Burrow | 420-4045 | John_burrow@msn.com |
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| Jim Gerber | 678-8891 | jandsgerber@cox.net |

Late Service at 10:45

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| Jason White | 269-0464 | white.jason@mac.com |
| Jim Elder | 279-4311 | ? |
| Lila Lennon | 897-0650 | jjliii@gmail.com |
| Alick Henderson | 256 797-4249 | alick.henderson@gmail.com |