

Marion Christian Center
PARENT'S HANDBOOK



Helping children to succeed as Bible believing, Holy Spirit led, children of the King

Lamentations 2:19 Arise, cry out in the night...raise up your hands to
Him for the lives of your children, who faint from [spiritual] hunger.

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Policies and Procedures

Our Goals

CENTER KIDS at MCC is committed to sharing with each child:

- ♥ The Good News of Jesus Christ
- ♥ The realness of God by demonstrating the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ♥ The knowledge that they are God's child
- ♥ The reality that they are loved and have value and purpose
- ♥ Opportunities to serve Christ in their everyday lives through Prayer, Bible study, Fellowship and Outreach

Our Mission

To teach the children.....to Go and share Jesus with other
o Invoke others into God's family
To Value people as God does
To rEcognize the voice of God
To Respond by serving God and each other

(Did you see the word GIVER above—
we also want to help the children learn to be generous with others)

Children's Activities

Sunday School is 9:30 - 10:30am on Sundays. There is a class for every age. (FLC is an abbreviation for Family Life Center)

Nursery is for ages birth - age 2 located just outside the main sanctuary.

3's thru K is located in the FLC Hallway – Room F12

1st-3rd Grade located in the FLC Hallway – Room F1

4th-6th Grade located in the FLC Hallway – Room F5

It is the responsibility of the parent to pick your child up at 10:30AM.

KidZ Church is offered during the 2nd half of our worship service.

3's thru K is located in the FLC Hallway – Room F12

1st – 4th Grade is located in the FLC Gymnasium

It is the responsibility of the parent to pick your child up promptly after the Worship Service.

Safety

It is our desire when you leave your child in our care that you are assured of your child's safety. To help us be successful with this, we need YOU on board with the policies and procedures we have set in place. Please take the time to read through the following information and consider all that is involved in the safety of your children. We appreciate your complete cooperation with these policies.

To provide a safe place for your child, we have adopted several safety requirements that need to be met for your child to participate.

- Registration

Roll Call Computer Check-In Stations / Name Tags

Each child needs to be registered into our programs. You will Check-In your children at our Computer Check-In stations **every** time you release them into our care. The Name Tags **must** be worn by every child who is in our care. The corresponding ID Sticker you receive will serve as a safety net for you and your child, our volunteers and the church. Keep your ID Sticker with you! You will be asked to show your ID sticker when picking up your child from our ministries. Visiting families will fill out visitor cards with necessary information to be entered into the Computer Check-In System. Thank you for your cooperation!

Unless special permission is made, we expect that you will stay on church property while your child is in our care.

- Volunteers

All of our Children's Leaders are Volunteers! That's a pretty big deal to us! That means they are pleased and honored to give of *their time to serve* you and your children. It is of utmost importance that you honor them and their time. This means that as the parent you are responsible for picking up your child in a timely manner after Sunday School and Children's Church. An acceptable time is no later than 5 minutes after the end of the scheduled meeting.

Our volunteers are each required to pass a background check and list 3 personal references of whom can testify to their strengths with children. We communicate Information regarding Communicable diseases, First aid and Child Abuse Recognition and Prevention. Churches are REQUIRED by law to report any concerns we may have with the health and safety of a child.

- Management of Illnesses

Upon Check-In you are asked to list any medical concerns or allergies. Each teacher will be notified of these medical concerns. In the case of an emergency we will seek to find you in the building and attempt to contact you by cell phone.

We ask that **no** child be sent to any children's activity if they are showing any signs of:

- Any communicable disease
- Fever: 100 degrees or higher
- Vomiting: overnight or as early as the morning of the event
- Diarrhea (three or more abnormally loose stools within a 24 hour period)
- Severe coughing
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Redness of the eye, eyelid, thick discharge (pus), matted eyelashes, burning or itching eyes or eye pain
- Skin rashes, infected skin patches, unusual spots
- Unusually dark urine/ or gray or white stool
- Stiff neck with elevated temperature
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Itchy scalp, with possible signs of lice or eggs

If your child comes and complains of any of these possible symptoms the Teacher and/or Pastor will decide if we need to ask you to come and get them until the symptoms have gone away.

- Snacks

We do offer snacks to the children age Kindergarten and younger. The possible snacks are as listed: Whales crackers, Applesauce, Fruit cup, Pretzels, Homemade cookies/treats brought in by teacher. Please inform us of any concerns or allergies relating to your child. We will honor your concerns.

Special Events/Activities

If the children are to be left at the church for an event of any kind, and the parents are not going to be present, we will require a Permission/consent form for the child to attend that event.

MEDIA CONSENT

From time to time we like to take pictures of the children participating in church activities. These pictures may be used on the overhead in the sanctuary, on web blasts, web site, brochures, and various other types of media. We would like your permission to use the photos where your child is included. A separate permission form will be given to you to sign before any pictures will be used in this way.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Our children's Pastor is available at church Monday through Thursday. Please call if you have a need, request, or concern. (740) 389-2910