



GRAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Mission Statement

We believe that children are a gift from God and have gifts to offer in the ministry of the church. We believe also that the church shares the responsibility with the parents for the spiritual growth of each individual.

Therefore, it is our purpose to help children establish a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and continue to grow in their faith through learning, worshipping, serving, and fellowship.

Philosophy

We try to present the Gospel to children in an age-appropriate manner while they have fun learning about God. Our programs are diverse and offer many opportunities for volunteers to utilize their God-given talents to touch the lives of these precious members of God's Kingdom. In this way, we embrace the entire church family and bring generations together. We try to reach out to children with special needs and to provide a ministry that is flexible and adaptable to each situation.

Weekly Children's Programs

Sunday School Classes

NURSERY 1

Room 108

**Leaders- Pauline Sluder,
Mary Campbell**

Members---Infants- Birth to 2Yr.

Approximate Size---10

Time: Sundays 9:45 am

NURSERY 2

FLC Preschool

**Leaders- Cherie Foutch, Scott Foutch,
Karen Orchard, Beth Hall**

Class Members---Children 3 - 4 Yr.

Approximate Class Size---10

Class Time: Sundays 9:45 am

KINDERGARTEN

FLC Preschool

Leaders- Judy Mills, Susan Rutledge

Class Members---Children 4 - 5 YR.

Approximate Class Size---5-10

Class Time: Sundays 9:45 am

ELEMENTARY 1

Room 202

Leaders- Lisa Mabry, Kim Good

Class Members---Children grades 1 & 2
Approximate Class Size---5

Class Time: Sundays 9:45 am

ELEMENTARY 2

Room 203

Leaders- Emori Barnes, Sheila Burkett

Class Members--- Children grades 3, 4, 5
Approximate Class Size---25

Class Time: Sundays 9:45 am

Sunday Worship Services 10:45 am

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Adult volunteers share their faith using scripture and object lessons with all the children during the 10:45 service.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Immediately following the Children's Sermon time, all the children age 4 to grade 3 are invited to go to Children's Church in the chapel. Children's church is a worship time designed to teach children about worship while participating in worship designed for them.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available for infants-birth through 2yr. in Room 108 and for children 3&4 yr. in the Family Life Center Preschool Room #2.

ACOLYTE PROGRAM

Children in grades 3 and u, after training, may serve as Acolytes- lighting & extinguishing candles and assisting with offerings during worship.

Sunday Evening Children's Groups

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Members--- All children

Approximate Size---30

Leader- Niki Judy, Susan Painter

Time: Sundays 6:00 – 6:20 pm

GROUP 1

Class Members---Children, Ages 3 – 5Yr.

Approximate Class Size---5

Leader- Cherie Foutch

Snacks & Class Time: Sundays 6:20 - 6:40 pm

Playtime: Sundays 6:40 – 7:00 pm

GROUP 2

Class Members--- Children, Kindergarten - Grade 5

Approximate Class Size---25

Leaders- Junior Little, Emilee Little

Snacks & Playtime: Sundays 6:20 - 6:40pm

Class Time: Sundays 6:40 - 7:00 pm

Licensed Preschool

(Licensed at 2-Star Level by Department of Human Services)

Members--- Children 18 mo. – 5 Yr.

Rooms FLC Preschool

Size Limitation---24

Director- Niki Judy

Assistant Director- Karen Barnes

Time: Year-Round, M-F, 7:00am-6:00pm

Special Events

Special Christmas Children's Program

Children- Led Worship Service

Various Holiday Celebrations

Valentine Party

Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast With Easter Bunny

Trunk or Treat, Soup Stirring, Costume Contest at Halloween

Christmas Party

Buffalo Mountain Camp- Johnson City District Camp offers outdoor ministries for children grade 2 7 older. See more on Camping Ministries page.

Guardian Angel Program- Children are in constant need of encouragement and affirmation as well as knowledge the God loves them. Through the Guardian Angel Program, a child and an adult guardian angel are linked for one year. The angel sends a card or letter to their child on a regular basis (at least once a month). Each correspondence is signed "Your Guardian Angel." The child does not know who their angel is until the end of the year. At that time, a Celebration Tea is held for both the children and their angels in December, when children discover who their angel is.

Vacation Bible School- Vacation Bible School is an exciting week of fun involving Bible stories, lessons, memory verses, recreation, snacks, crafts, music, and more for children age 3 and up. At the end of the week, there is a closing program for parents and children where the children show their parents and other loved ones what they have learned during VBS.

Children's Ministry Team

Director

Emilee Little

Preschool Director

Tammy Brotherton

Sunday School Superintendent

Junior Little

Children's Church

Beth Hall

Children's Choir

Susan Painter

Nursery

Juanelle Lambert

Charley Walker

Cheryl Wilhelm

Gwenn McMurray

