

## For Parents

### Nursery

Nursery care is provided for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during the morning worship service. The two well-supplied, separate rooms are staffed with loving, devoted volunteers from the church. The schedule, coordinated by Charlotte Balis, ensures individualized care for each child with adult and youth (teenage) supervision. The Infant Room, and Toddler Room/Preschoolers Room are located on the second floor, directly down the hall from the sanctuary.

### Parents Night Out

Each year around Christmas Youth Volunteers offer an evening of free babysitting for children ages two and up. Childcare is also provided during the "Sweetheart's breakfast" in February.

### P.S.O.

Much like P.T.A. in schools our Parents Students and Others organization meets monthly to support the children and youth programs. P.S.O. meetings are a forum for members to voice opinions and brainstorm new ideas. Discussions include H.E.L.P. projects, VBC strategies, upcoming events, missions planning, volunteer recruiting and much more.

## Leadership

### Youth Director

#### **Joseph Mendez**

Joseph runs all aspects of our youth group which consists of kids ages 7th through 12th grade. He organizes youth conferences, monthly FUSION gatherings with youth of other churches and leads their Sunday morning bible study class.

### Children's Ministry

#### **Jenifer Kerns**

Jenifer maintains the volunteer schedule for the nursery as well as the children's sermons. She also organizes and runs the Vacation Bible School and periodically scheduled family outings. When not doing these, she is an active member of the Chancel Choir.

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## Children's Programs

### Bible Study

Devoted and meaningful care is provided for the infants and toddlers during the Sunday 9:30 AM Bible Study time. Volunteers oversee the infants in the brightly-decorated, well-equipped Infant Room. and lead the toddlers in Bible stories, activities and games in the well-supplied Toddler Room. The Infant Room and Toddler Rooms are on the second floor, directly down the hall from the sanctuary.

### Choir

Please see the Music Ministry pamphlet for information about the Chapel Choir (kindergarten through sixth grade) that meets during Sunday morning Bible Study.

### Children's Chapel

Children in grades one through six are invited to leave the worship service to attend Children's Chapel following the Children's Sermon. The children enjoy Bible stories, Biblical games, crafts, music, and discussions. The leaders are church members scheduled on rotating Sundays, with the exception of Communion Sundays, when the children stay in the worship service.

### Vacation Bible School

Every summer an exciting adventure awaits with Vacation Bible School. Bible verses and stories of Jesus' love are taught through music, crafts, drama, games - even the snacks! It is a fun-filled week, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM, for four year olds through sixth grade. VBS is staffed by volunteers from the congregation.

## Youth Programs

### Bible Study

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to learn more about the plan that God has in each of their lives each Sunday at 9:30. Using an accredited program from Student Life Ministries, we search through a number of aspects of how God's Word is relevant in today's world. Student's learn how to defend their faith in an ever growing hostile world to His Word.

### FUSION

FUSION is a joint youth event that takes place every month with three other churches in the Northern Virginia area. This event gives our youth an opportunity to meet with other teens in the area, play games, eat pizza, worship together and hear a bible message from God's word. FUSION happens on the second Sunday of every month and it is open to students in grades 7 through 12.

### Youth Retreats

Each year we have two retreats from the church. Retreats are held at various times and last all weekend from Friday to Sunday morning. In the past our favorites have been the IMPACT conference in Ocean City, Maryland, the Dare-2-Share conference here in Virginia, the Awakening music Festival, and the Student Impact International ski trip/Christian retreat to Beckley, West Virginia. Trips are paid for through a generous youth budget as well as fundraisers throughout the year.

### Community Service

H.E.L.P. (His Eternal Love Prevails) is a community service group run by and comprised of our youth. Projects include helping church and community members with landscaping, housework, chores, and babysitting, cooking and serving meals to the homeless, volunteering in the nursery, sponsoring and writing to a Compassion Child in Haiti, and sending care packages to our troops overseas.

## Other Activities

### Local Missions

Every summer in July our church hosts over 100 teens who have come to the area on a mission project through the Youth Unlimited DC Serve program. The teens come to do community service all day and worship and study at night. The church provides food and shelter for the teens, and volunteers to cook, clean, organize and work with them. Members of our youth group join them for the week as well.

### Family Events

Activities that the entire family can enjoy together are wonderful church-wide events. Such activities are the Family Church Picnics, the Fall Family FunFests and outings to Six Flag America. These are delightful times of fellowship and fun!



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