

FROM A CHILD



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SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS

- Proverbs 22:6
- Deuteronomy 4:9-10
- Deuteronomy 6:5-9
- Psalms 78:1-8
- II Timothy 3:14-15

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS

- Fathers and Mothers are responsible to be teaching their children God's word in the home.
- The Local Church is to be a support in this regard.
- As we have seen in our study of I Corinthians some are not so fortunate in their home lives and need extra support.
- Therefore it is perfectly acceptable for the Local Church to instruct its young people in God's word rightly divided.

HISTORY

- “What do you have for my kids?”
- 10 Years ago we knew we needed to offer something for the kids.
- 10% of the people do 90% of the work.
- Built our current weekly rotation system with the goal of shared responsibility.
- Largely unchanged in 10 years.

CHALLENGES

- Teacher burn out.
 - Not enough teachers
- Inconsistent behavior expectations
- No clear behavior consequences
- Age/grade span too great in some classes
- Students being placed in the wrong class for their age

SOLUTIONS

- Todd and I are the overseeing Elders for Children's Church.
- We have hosted a series of meetings with our current teachers to try and address the Challenges identified on the pervious slide.
- The following presentation is the fruit of these collaborative meetings.

OBJECTIVE OF CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- To teach God's word Rightly Divided in an age appropriate manner to the children of Grace Life Bible Church.

NEW CLASSROOM BREAKDOWN

- Nursery—Kelly Hendrickson (Coordinator)
 - Ages 0-1—Infant
 - Ages 1-2—Toddler
- Pre-K—Coordinator & Teachers Needed
 - Ages 3-4
- Primary—Erin Gregorski (Coordinator)
 - Grades K-2nd Grade

NEW CLASSROOM BREAKDOWN

- Tween—Ernie Schierbeck (Coordinator)
 - Grades 3rd-5th
- Teen—Nate Kooennga (Coordinator)
 - Grades 6th-12th

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

General Expectations:

- Students will remain in their specified class until the start of the new school year.
 - Students need to be in designated class for their age/grade
 - Moving Day is the 1st Sunday after Labor Day
- Students will remain behind the double doors until the main service is over.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Classroom Expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Cooperative
- Teachers will teach the kids what the teaching and learning expectations are.

BE RESPECTFUL

- Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak or leave your seat.
- Keep hands, feet, and object to yourself

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Bring only appropriate items to class (Bible, pencil, offering).
- Start class work immediate during work time.

BE COOPERATIVE

- No use of cell phones or electronic device in class unless its being used as an electronic Bible..
- Follow the teachers instructions the **FRIST TIME** you are asked.

DEALING WITH DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

- Teachers will use the following steps for dealing with disruptive behavior:
- Verbal Cue
- Verbal Redirection
- Parent Notified
- Removal From Class—students who continue to disrupt the learning environment will be asked to sit with their parents.

MONTHLY ROTATION

- We would like to move to a monthly rotation system. Instead of being responsible for one week every month, we are seeking to establish a monthly rotation system.
- Parents utilizing the Children's Church ministry will be expected take a turn in the monthly rotation or support it as an alternate.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

- Place students in the designated class for their age/grade for the entire school year.
- Parents utilizing the Children's Church ministry will help with the staffing and support of the ministry.
- Parents will keep their children with them if their child's class is not meeting on a given Sunday.

NEEDS: A CALL TO ACTION

- Coordinator for the new Pre-K Classroom.
- Teachers for the monthly rotations at the various age/grade levels.
- Guest Teachers who are willing to fill in when needed.
- Quarterly Meetings

BETHE BODY

- What we are purposing here is an opportunity for the saints to work together so that everyone gets what they need.
- Philippians 2:3-4
- I Corinthians 12:25
- Ephesians 4:12-16