



September 3, 2020

Dear Ebenezer Families,

We look forward to re-opening children's ministry at Ebenezer this fall! Here is what we are able to open based on our volunteers' availability!

Beginning September 6th

- **Nursery** (children age 0-2) – Available during Second Service, Nursery care during the Sunday School hour will begin on **September 13th**
- **Early Childhood** – Room 8 (children age 2 as of September 2020 – age 3)
 - **First service** – September-December
 - **Sunday School Hour** - September – December, **Starting September 13th**
 - **Second service** - September, October, and November (Odd months + October)
 - ***After October, early childhood will not be available during even months for second service unless more volunteers step forward.***
- **Children's Church** – Room 16/18 (children age 4-Kindergarten) – Available second service. Children are dismissed before the sermon.

Beginning September 13th

Adult Sunday School and Children's Sunday School will resume September 13th from 10:05-11 am. Nursery and Early Childhood classes will resume as well during the Sunday School hour.

- Nursery ages 0-2
- Early Childhood ages 2-3 (Room 8)
- 4 Year-Olds & Kindergarten (Room 17)
- 1st & 2nd Grade (Room 15)
- 3rd – 5th Grade (Room 16/18)

If you'd like to shadow a volunteer in any of our children's ministries to see if it would be a good place for you to serve, please let me [know](#). ***There are many places available to serve especially nursery and early childhood! Substitute volunteers and teachers are always needed as well!***

Beginning Wednesday, October 7th- Wednesday December 9th, 6:30-8 pm

We are taking a break from Awana this year, and instead will do a fall Bible program for children age Kindergarten-5th grade called, "Empowering Courageous Kids." This timely series will help kids overcome the fear and anxiety associated with today's world. Created specifically with social distancing and other COVID-19 safety precautions incorporated, kids can safely connect with each other and experience how people in the Bible conquered doubt, worry, and uncertainty with God's power. And kids will discover how they, too, can use God's power to find courage no matter what they're facing! You can sign up here if your child is interested in participating: [Empowering Courageous Kids Registration](#)

Things will look a little different this fall, and I wanted to outline some of the steps we are taking to care for your children. Your children's health and safety are very important to us, and we will do our best to care for them in a way that is prudent at this time!

Here are some things for you as a parent to be aware of:

- All of the tables used in the classroom (as well as the touch points on the chairs) will have been sanitized before the child enters the classroom.
- Before a child is dropped off to their class, please make sure their hands are washed with soap and water, or that they apply hand sanitizer provided by their classroom, or on the Children's ministry welcome table in the Children's Wing. This will minimize the spread of any germs.
- We ask that children who are sick would stay home. In addition, each child must be fever-free for at least 24 hours before bringing them to class. If your child has Covid symptoms (that are not seasonal allergies) or has been in the company of someone with Covid – do not bring them to class. If your child becomes sick while in the class, you will be notified to come pick up your child.
- We will do the best we can to socially distance children, but cannot guarantee that they will be 6 feet apart. This will be especially difficult in the nursery and early childhood class.
- ***We recommend that all children who are 4 by September 1st and older would wear either a face mask or a face shield.*** Children in the nursery and early childhood class (2 & 3 year olds) will not be asked to wear masks or face shields. If a 6 foot distance can be maintained, children may be able to remove the mask or shield at the discretion of the classroom teacher.
- All of our volunteers will be asked to wear a mask or a face shield unless they are able to maintain a 6 foot distance from the children. *The only exception to this is in the nursery*, where it could inhibit our volunteers from giving their best care to these little ones.
- Children in the early childhood class, Sunday School class, and Children's Church will each have their own pencil or crayon pack that will be kept in class labeled with their name – so that crayons and pencils will not be shared between children.
- If your child is in the nursery, early childhood class, or Children's Church where snack is offered – the tables will be sanitized, their hands will be washed before and after snack time (or hand sanitizer will be applied), and their snack will be in snack cups rather than directly on the table or a napkin. Children in the nursery are asked to bring a labeled water bottle.
- We recommend that kids and volunteers not give physical greetings at this time (side hugs, high fives, fist bumps, etc.). Only verbal hellos and goodbyes, and "air hugs".
- We recommend that only one adult per family should come to drop off or pick up a child in order to minimize congestion and close contact in the children's wing hallway.

Please let me know if I can help you with any questions you may have! We look forward to meeting together once again! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to love and teach your children!

Together In Ministry,

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