

Broadway Baptist Church

Louisville, Ky.

Ministry to Children and Families

Birth through Grade 5

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You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

- Deuteronomy 11:18-19

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Broadway Baptist Family Ministry Mission and Vision

Broadway Baptist Church Family Ministry exists to nurture, educate, and support each family to lay the foundation for children to find their place in the story of our faith.

In line with the church's overall vision, we strive to help families and children:

- Nurture personal relationships with Jesus Christ.
- Help believers discover and practice their spiritual passions and gifts.
- Be a caring fellowship of Christians ministering to all ages.
- Live the love of Christ by bearing one another's burdens.
- Understand and respond to the needs of the community.
- Discover ways to join in ministry with people of other cultures.
- Invite all in our diverse community to join us in worship, fellowship, and service.
- Embrace change while honoring our church's rich heritage and traditions.

We seek to do this through:

- Dedicating newborns and their parents into the church.
- Sunday School for children of all ages
- Children's worship/Godly Play
- Missions/Missions Projects
- Children's Choir
- Parent to Parent Mentoring Program
- Camps and events
- Baptism and Discipleship classes
 - Preparing for transition into youth group
- Parenting retreat, small groups, and other resources for parents and caregivers

BROADWAY'S CHURCH MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN
WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER - MAY

The following activities and organizations are provided by Broadway Baptist Church for children birth through grade 5:

SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Worship
	Worship Care for birth – age2
	Godly Play ages 3 -5 that have not entered Kindergarten
	Children's Worship grades K - 3
	(Communion Sundays children in grades K - 3 remain in worship)

WEDNESDAY

5:15 p.m.	Family Dinner
5:55 p.m. - 6:35 p.m.	Preschool Choir and Missions Ages 3 – 5, including Kindergarten
	Children's Choir Grades 1 through 5
6:40 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.	Children on Mission Grades 1 through 5

Save the Date!

Wednesday Night Kickoff - August 19
Ministry Fair - August 23
Service in September - September 19
Churchwide Potluck with mission's speaker - September 20
Children's Sabbath - October 18
Trunk or Treat - October 28
Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner - November 25
Family Advent Breakfast - December 6
Children's Christmas Musical - December 16
Parents Day Out - December 21
Parent Meeting - January 10
Easter Egg Hunt - March 26
Vacation Bible School - June 12-16
PASSPORT*kids!* - July 21-24

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 895-2459

ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH PROGRAMS

I. Sunday School Programs

Sunday School for children is designed to introduce them to the stories, parables, and truths found within the Bible in ways that excite and engage them towards future study. We use the *FaithSteps* curriculum, produced by Smyth and Helwys, one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's primary partners for resource development. *FaithSteps* is a program of Christian education for preschoolers and children that is designed to help them grow in faith through Bible study.

The *FaithSteps* curriculum is built on a four year cycle that will introduce students to people, stories, and concepts found throughout scripture. During Sunday School, the children will explore how the lives of people in the Bible can influence their own lives.

Because we seek to help children develop an appreciation and love for the Bible and for Jesus Christ, we intentionally divide age groups for the most age appropriate spiritual education. In order to make this model most effective, we ask that preschool and elementary school children all move into their new classes on Promotion Sunday. Toddlers and 2 year olds may move from the baby room in consultation with the Associate Pastor, parent/grandparent, and Sunday School teachers.

Broadway is blessed to have wonderful, committed people who lead our children toward a knowledge of and love for God.

Preschool Division:

Babies:

Toddlers and 2 Year Olds:

Pre-K:

Teachers:

Sharon Lin, Dawn Stambaugh, Jeanne Caldwell,
Heidi Hilliard, and Lara Jones

Teri Veal & Teresa Shake

Curtis Barman, Susan Gammon, and Betsy Lindsay

Children's Department:

Kindergarten and Grade 1:

Grades 2 and 3:

Grades 4 and 5:

Teachers:

Amy Reynolds & Glenna Hess

Robin Thomas & Ellen Waddle

Patrick & Helen Grace Ryan

II. Worship Care

Worship Care is a time of learning carried over from Sunday School during the morning worship hour. This learning time is provided for children birth through age 2. Volunteers are enlisted from several areas of the church membership to provide an adequate, safe learning environment for children.

The organization of Worship Care is as follows:

Babies

Toddlers & 2 Year Olds

Any parent or guardian who has a child participating in Worship Care during the morning worship hour is requested to assist one service every 6 weeks, regularly, on an assigned schedule or provide and adult substitute on occasions of absence.

III. Godly Play - Preschool Worship (Ages 3 – 5 but have not entered Kindergarten)

Children ages 3 - 5 will be picked up from their Sunday School classroom by the Godly Play helper. They are dismissed during the 11 a.m. worship service to go to preschool worship. This enables the children to be introduced to the organ, choir and the largeness of the sanctuary in small increments and prepares them to remain in worship on Communion Sundays when they graduate to kindergarten.

The children are dismissed to the Godly Play room for a time of Bible Stories and activities designed especially for their developmental age. Preschool worship engages the children through interactive story telling, music, snack, and play.

IV. Children's Worship (Grades K – 3)

Children's Worship is provided during the 11 a.m. worship service for children grade K through grade 3. Children leave after the offertory to go with the Associate Pastor for a time of learning, singing, and application of Biblical truths. Children's Worship is staffed with volunteer parents and/or adults who love children and see this program as a vital part of Broadway Baptist Church ministry to children. Children remain in the sanctuary service on Communion Sundays and other special worship services.

V. Children's Choirs

A. Ages 3 – 5, including those in kindergarten Children's Choir for preschoolers and kindergarteners is an organized setting in which children may participate in developmentally appropriate musical activities, laying foundations for learning about musical concepts. Through these activities the children are given opportunities to learn about God and missions through music. Social/emotional development as well as the development of character is also addressed through music.

B. Children's Choir for grades 1-5

The goal of this choir is to teach children basic musicianship skills and help them discover that music is a way to express their thanks and praise to God.

Mark Benz is Broadway's Children's Choir Director, and is responsible for the implementation and oversight of our Children's Choir. Please direct any questions related to Children's Choir to Mark at benz.mark.alan@gmail.com

VI. Children on Mission and Families in Action

Children on Mission classes teach children grades 1-5 about local and global missions opportunities. Children on Mission classes also teach children about other cultures, other countries, and missionaries who live and work in America and throughout the world. Our Missions program for children consists of weekly classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:40 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

Families in Action provides monthly hands-on mission activities for the whole family. The service projects will be held at different times each month to accommodate various schedules and mission partners, including some on Wednesday nights during Children on Mission. Mission projects will be announced at least a month ahead of the scheduled date.

VII. Other Activities for Children and Families Include:

Children's Sabbath

Children's Sabbath is held once a year, generally in the fall, as an opportunity for children and families to lead an entire worship service. The theme of Children's Sabbath will incorporate lessons children are learning throughout the year, and allow the adults to learn from the youngest of our community, for as Jesus said, *"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven."* (Matthew 18:3)

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is a fun activity held each year in the church parking lot intended for intergenerational connection, and outreach to children in the community. Children come to church dressed in costumes, while church members decorate their car trunks and pass out candy!

Family Advent Breakfast

The Family Advent Breakfast is new to this year's schedule. On the first Sunday of December, children and families will gather together for an informal breakfast and advent exploration and celebration.

Children's Christmas Musical

Our annual Children's Christmas Musical is held on the last Wednesday night before Christmas set the tone for the Christmas celebration. Children "grow" into parts from year to year and are very enthusiastic in their participation of this wonderful event.

Parent's Day/Night Out

Parent's Days and Nights Out will be hosted on a regular basis throughout the year, including one before Christmas to allow parents time for Christmas shopping. These days will be a chance for children to get to know one another through play, and will afford parents a break to relax!

Easter Egg Hunt

The children take over the Church grounds for time of celebration for the whole family. Families come together in a Christian atmosphere to hunt eggs, participate in games, and receive prizes. This is another great opportunity for outreach and lots of fun!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held at the beginning of the summer. This week is a concentrated learning environment conducive to leading children and their parents/grandparents toward a greater knowledge of God, Jesus, and Bible truths. Children and families will engage in mission projects together, and each night will begin with a time of dinner fellowship.

Creative Arts Camp

Creative Arts Camp is an exciting time of development through music and the arts for children from first through fifth grades. Each child participates in large group children's choir, and also has the opportunity to participate in many exciting small groups, including: voice, piano, drama, art, culinary art, chimes, and percussion. The week ends with a concert and celebration for families in the evening of the last day.

PASSPORT*kids!*

PASSPORT*kids!* is a four day, three night children's camp for children who have completed third through fifth grade, filled with fun faith-building programming and hands-on missions education. At camp, your kids will discover God's love and practice being followed of Jesus through a jam-packed schedule of Bible studies, missions education, recreation, and worship. Many children and parents name this experience as one of the most influential the spiritual development of the children's lives.

Parent/Child Dedication

The Parent/Child Dedication is a time when parents of babies come before the church and God to dedicate themselves to raising their child(re) in a Christian atmosphere and home. It is also a time when we as a church dedicates ourselves to becoming involved in the Christian upbringing of these new little ones. Parent/Child Dedications are held at various times throughout the year based on the decision of the family, in consultation with the Associate Pastor (Children and Families).

For Children Birth through grade 5

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool Children

1. All items brought with your child should be marked as to ownership, diaper bags, bottles, etc. It is especially important to label all bottles and pacifiers. Place bottles in the refrigerator found in the Nursery if needed. A bottle warmer may be used to warm bottles. This is found in the Nursery.
2. Only parents or an assigned adult or youth designated by the parent(s) will be allowed to pick up a child from the Preschool Department. A child must be signed in to insure safety. Birth - age 5 will be given a pager and must be returned upon dismissing child.
3. Children should not be left in the Preschool Departments for any other reason other than attending a Broadway function.
4. Any parent or guardian who has a child participating in Worship Care during the morning worship hour is requested to assist one service every 6 weeks, regularly, on an assigned schedule or provide an adult substitute on occasions of unavoidable absence. This calls for being present, on time and ready to assist in the department as assigned by the Worship Care Coordinator.

All Children

1. Parents are asked to pick up their children immediately after the service or program. Children 2nd grade or younger must be picked up and dropped off by parents or guardians, and will not be allowed to leave class by themselves until an adult comes to pick them up.
2. In order to protect all children, parents are requested not to leave a child who appears ill. Should any child be found to have an illness or accident, his or her parents will be notified immediately by the appropriate director, teacher, or the Associate Pastor. If an accident occurs an accident report, found in the drawer of the Nursery, must be filled out.
3. Please stay with your child if their teacher or leader is not present upon arrival. Also, if there is only one teacher or leader, please remain until the additional teacher or leader arrives. This insures the safety of both your child and the teacher or leader.

Receiving and Dismissal of Children

Birth through age 5 (but have not entered kindergarten)

Children in these areas will be given a nursery pager during Sunday School Sunday mornings. Parents are to sign their child in, write any instructions down, and take the appropriate number pager. When parents return to their child the pager must be returned before leaving.

During other program times children in this age group will be signed in by parents or responsible adult with instructions and the area where they may be located. When returning the child must be signed out.

Grades K through 2

Children in these grades must be dropped off and picked up by parents or responsible adult or youth. **At no time should parents allow children this age and younger to be unattended when in our church building.** We have many unsupervised entrances. Please help us keep our children safe by abiding by this request.

Grades 3 through 5

Children in these areas will be allowed to meet parents or responsible adult in a given area of the church. Instructions must be given to these children before coming so they will know where to meet parents or adults. These children must go directly to parents or adults. If a child is found in an area they should not be in or if they are damaging church property the Associate Pastor and their parents will be informed and appropriate measures will follow.

****If your child must leave a program early please contact the child's leader or send a note to the class stating what time your child is to meet you and where.**

Paid Childcare

Broadway employs paid childcare workers. These workers have been screened and trained by the Associate Pastor.

If childcare is needed, a request must be made to the Associate Pastor at least three weeks prior to the time needed.

Family Ministry Scope and Sequence

Throughout the year, children and families are introduced to Biblical stories and concepts. The goal of our ministry is for children and families to grow spiritually, with a love for God and a passion for following the example of Jesus Christ.

Though this list is not exhaustive, it provides a scope of the concepts and stories that children will be presented with throughout the year. Each year builds on top of the other, and all the activities and programs we offer emphasize the following learning concepts and character development goals. This scope and sequence will be evaluated each year based on the goals of participating families and the discernment of the Associate Pastor and Children's Committee.

Active participation in this ministry is key to the children's spiritual development, as well as to nurturing the spiritual growth of the entire family unit.

Infants and Babies should be able to comprehend that:

- God loves them
- Church is a safe place where their needs are met
- They are not alone

Toddlers and two-year-old will be introduced to:

- Favorite stories of the Bible
- Jesus, God's son
- Music and Movement with Bible themes
- Loving teachers who care about them
- Friends and social skills
- Behaviors that please God: loving, sharing, caring

Preschool Children will:

- Learn and repeat Bible stories
- Understand who Jesus is
- Explore the Bible through music and movement
- Interact with Christian friends through play
- Develop relationships with teachers who love them
- Participate in hands-on service projects
- Engage in worship weekly
- Build social and emotional development skills
- Begin to see other's needs

Kindergarten and First Grade Children should be able to comprehend:

- Books of the Bible and how the Bible is divided
- Major heroes of the Bible

- God loves them
- They are created in the image of God
- Jesus asks them to care for others
- Church is their family of faith
- We can act in ways that are pleasing to God
- We need to give back to God
- How to pray
- The Lord's Prayer

Second and Third Grade Children should be able to comprehend:

- What it means to be a Christian
- How Jesus calls us to act
- Why we worship
- What communion means
- What baptism means
- Who wrote the Bible
- What a missionary is - and what they do
- How to share God's love

Fourth and Fifth Grade Children should be able to comprehend:

- Major heroes of Bible and Christianity "today"
- Major themes of Christianity
- Difference between Old and New Testaments
- Order of books of Bible
- Key scriptures-Psalm 23, John 3:16, etc.
- What makes our religion unique
- How the church operates--organizational structure: pastor(s), deacons, committees, etc.
- Jesus' words
- How we read the Bible
- Making Christian choices - Discipleship

Though we do not have a set age for Baptism in the Baptist Church, Children who are raised in the church and in Christian homes will likely begin asking about Baptism from a young age. During children's worship and other classes, the children will learn what Baptism is and how a person gets baptized. There is no right or wrong age for Baptism, provided that the child can articulate the desire to follow God and live following Christ's example. This decision will come at different times for all children based on the engagement of their faith at home and at church, and their own cognitive and emotional development.

Any children wishing to explore Baptism further will meet with the Associate Pastor to learn more about the commitment they seek to make.