KIDS MINISTRY | BIRTH–5TH GRADE

SUNDAY KIDS MINISTRY

On Sundays we create fun and exciting age-appropriate environments that help kids know Jesus and live authentically. Whether you’re dropping your little one off in the nursery for the first time or in a well-resourced elementary group, we work your child to connect with a leader who believes in their potential. We’ll help your kids know Jesus through the living Word of God. Our Nursery (Birth-24 months) is directed by a well-honored and seasoned team of Worship for Fathers who love them unconditionally.

Kids Ministry is available during services at all campuses. We’re standing with you as parents and can’t wait to see you!

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

This is an opportunity for kids to invite parents into their world and for parents to be involved in what kids are learning and how they are growing in their faith. It is a live-action event with arts, stories, games and a ton of fun. We create our Family Experience with elementary kids in mind but hope that the whole family will join us. See you there!

KIDS CREATIVE ARTS

Kids Creative Arts give kids the opportunity to sing in a Kids Choir that performs during the year. There are also opportunities for kids to join our Kids Worship Team and be involved in VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) through singing, acting and dancing. This is a great first introduction to the ways that God can use their creative skills.

SPECIAL FAMILIES

We work with kids to connect with and experience God’s love and consider it our privilege to serve families with special needs or disabilities. We do this by offering Guardians Angels, a special classroom and sample events. Our Guardian Angels are volunteers caring for one child with special needs and their families. The Guardians Angels make a commitment to be present each week and to facilitate fully the inclusion of the student a Guardian Angels classroom participates in all of the day’s events and classes, except the VBS program. The Guardians Angels classroom is available for those children needing a smaller and quieter learning environment and/or extra-special needs. Respite events are offered throughout the year. Seasonal themed events include games, crafts and fun activities. Parents are invited to drop off their kids and enjoy a cup of coffee to themselves.

CHILD DEDICATION

Child Dedication has three elements: Orientation, Dedication and Celebration. Orientation will help you understand the role you play in the primary spiritual influencers your child is facing. Dedication takes place during a Worship Service where you publicly make your commitment to raise your child in the ways you know Jesus and the congregation will agree to support you. Finally, Family and friends gather in Celebration of your child dedication and will hear about practical ways the Kids Ministry Staff will stand with you in the years ahead.

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

There is nothing sadder for us getting away to help remove distractions and connect with God and one another. We believe Kids Camp is a necessary for helping build our faith and values. Whether you are new or have been part of our Kids Camp family for years, we value the opportunity to grow together for a unique experience of growing with one another while we know you will love it.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Westwood we spend “V” for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL kids to invite their friends to be part of their Bible School. We believe VBS is a great opportunity for kids to experience and grow in their faith and to bring each and every child to develop in an evangelistic community where they are able to interact with others. We believe children and youth should be able to do things with your family partners, and they will play games, make crafts and connect through small groups.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY | 6TH–8TH GRADE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MSM

Wednesday nights from September-May we offer a program for 6-8th grade students. We worship, play games, have a message and VBS through singing, acting and dancing. This is a great first introduction to the ways that God can use their creative skills.

SUNDAY 11:00AM MSM

Each Sunday at 11:00am we offer a middle school program for 6-8th graders. Students are encouraged to make new friends, have fun and explore what it means to engage in faith on a deeper level.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Students are encouraged to invite their friends to these fun, high-energy and engaging events offered throughout the year.

MSM SUMMER CAMP/FALL RETREAT

Middle school students go on camp twice a year where there are great activities, high-energy games, amazing meals and lots of opportunities for students to grow in their faith.

MSM MISSION EXPERIENCE

Each summer MSM students serve and experience missions in different locations! Students are encouraged to build relationships, have fun and experience missions in different locations.

8TH GRADE UPPER ROOM

Upper Room is a class offered for 8th grade students that helps to develop a Christ-centered perspective. Upper Room students have the opportunity to be part of high school and help make meaningful and practical life choices.

5TH GRADE COLORADO TRIP

All 8th grade students who graduate Upper Room go on an 8th grade trip in the summer after their 8th grade year. This is a once in a lifetime trip where they get to experience rock climbing, inner tube rafting and over 10,000 feet of elevation change in the royal river area. The retreat is great opportunity for kids to express and grow in their faith on a deeper level.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY | 9TH–12TH GRADE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MSM

Each Wednesday night from September-May we offer a program for 9th-12th grade students. We worship, have a message and VBS through singing, acting and dancing. This is a great first introduction to the ways that God can use their creative skills.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Students are encouraged to invite their friends to these fun, high-energy and engaging events offered throughout the year.

HSM SUMMER CAMP/FALL RETREAT

High School Students go to camp twice a year and experience amazing activities, worship and messages. God does incredible things in the lives of our students at camp.

LA MISSION TRIP

Each year we offer a trip for 9th and 10th graders where we partner with GlobalVision Christian Camp to do mission for a week. Students spend time learning about homelessness, poverty and how our God brings healing and hope.

HAIIT MISSION TRIP

Each summer we offer trips for 11th-12th graders where we work with Westwood partners in Haiti. Students put on a new pair of eyes, ears and heart with hands-on service for families. This trip expands a student’s view of the world and makes a difference.

SENIOR COMMISSIONING

All the ninth through senior school year we celebrate our graduating seniors. We honor how God has worked in their lives and will continue to make church the hands and feet of Jesus to this world.

MSM MISSION TRIP

Each year we offer a trip for 11th-12th graders where we partner with Westwood partners in Mexico. Students put on a new pair of eyes, ears and heart with hands-on service for families. This trip expands a student’s view of the world and makes a difference.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Each year we offer a trip for 9th-12th graders where we partner with GlobalVision Christian Camp to do mission for a week. Students spend time learning about homelessness, poverty and how our God brings healing and hope.

Find out more at westwoodcc.org

Next Gen ROAD MAP

All Kids Ministry is a Kids Ministry by Westwood Community Church.
LAUNCH
Every fall we kick-off the school year with Launch. Launch is a fantastic event, but it is also a great day in the lives of families, as you are resourced to grow together throughout the school year. We want every parent to leave Launch with a clear understanding of how you can be the key faith influencer in the life of your kid/student throughout the next year and to know that we are in it with you.

PARENTING CONFERENCE
We believe that parents need two things: help and community. Parenting can be tough, so the more people we invite to give us the tools and support we need, the better. As part of Next Gen Ministries at Westwood, we have created a Parenting Conference that widens the net of your community and provides applications that can help you at home.

CLASSES – BIG FAITH QUESTIONS
It is our deep desire that you as parents can have important conversations with your kid/student about topics such as salvation, baptism, communion, etc. We want to help you with tools and guidance as you navigate these conversations.

PARENT CUE APP
Our parent cue app will give you tools and ideas to help you engage your kid/student. It will share with you what we are teaching in programs here at church and how to engage those topics at home as well. It is linked to parent resource blogs, podcasts and more!

BUILDING FAITH AT HOME
Pray Together: We encourage you to take time to pray with your kid/student at home each week. You can set aside specific times and/or pray with them on situations arise. Praying with your kid/student models a life connected to God.

Serve Together: Research has shown when families serve together, kids/students are more likely to develop a "sticky faith" when they graduate high school and beyond. We encourage parents to find ways each year to serve together as a family.

Read the Bible and Talk Together: God’s word is full of instruction and encouragement for you as parents as you live your kid/student’s faith. We encourage you to take intentional time to read the Bible together and talk about how your faith impacts your daily life.