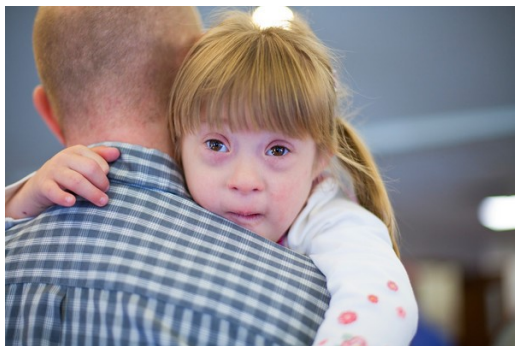


Our Objectives

- To ground our ministry in prayer
- To encourage parents in their God-given role of discipling their children
- To provide a broad overview of scripture and an understanding of key truths by the end of 5th Grade
- To encourage children to have God's word hidden in their hearts
- To encourage children to be strong in their faith and active in their service to God and others
- To lead the church in loving and valuing children as Jesus loves and values them
- To promote opportunities for spiritual growth, encouragement and equipping of all those who minister to children



Our Core Values



- **God's Word** as central in all teaching and parenting
- **God's Gift** of children and their significance in the church body
- **Loving children** as Jesus loves them
- **Teaching children** to love, serve and fear the Lord
- **Equipping parents** to disciple their children
- **Spiritual growth**, encouragement and building up of all those who minister to children

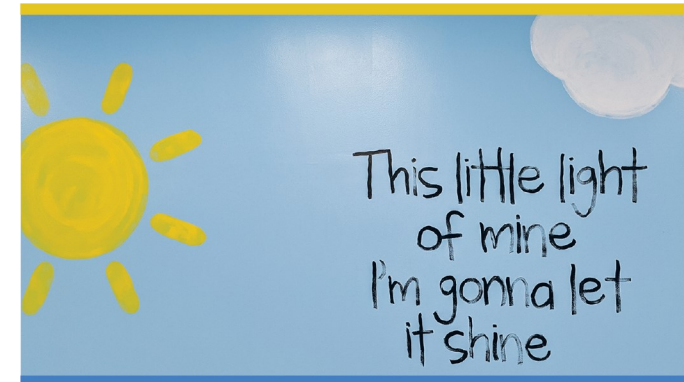
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*Everyone who works with our children has complied with our "Child Protection Policy." If desired, more information is available.

CROSSVIEW CHURCH

Children's Ministry



"...He took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."
- Mark 10:16

Jesus loves the little children...

Dear Parents,

At the Crossview Church, we love and cherish children! We know that God gives parents the gift of children to raise up to love, serve, and obey Him.

But we know that the church has an important responsibility in helping parents accomplish this task. We take that responsibility to heart and from the earliest possible time strive to offer every child a loving, nurturing environment that promotes learning about and loving the Lord Jesus.

~Sarah Cantrell

Director of Children's Ministry
at **CROSSVIEW**

Nursery

From birth through age three, a nursery is provided for your little ones. There are age-appropriate toys, books, puzzles and games to keep children happy and safe during worship and Sunday School hours. There is also a brief & age-appropriate lesson for toddlers during the Sunday School hour.

Children's Worship

Children's Worship is designed to provide an atmosphere that will instruct children ages 4 through 5th grade about the character of God and encourage them to respond to Him with worship. Music and prayer provide opportunities that encourage even the youngest children to praise God.

Sunday School

There is a Sunday School class for every child ages two and up. Each class is designed with your child's age and development in mind. Our hope is that every child in our Sunday School program would become a committed follower of Jesus Christ. Each teacher is prayerfully planning weekly to teach God's Word to our children. We hope to give children a good understanding of Scripture, of who God is and what God's plan for our redemption is. The curriculum that is used is purposeful about taking children through God's Word in a careful & age-appropriate way. We would encourage you to talk about your child's lesson each week and use the hand-outs provided to reinforce at home the principles learned in class!



Service Projects

Children are given the opportunity to participate in several service projects throughout the year. The purpose of the service projects is to give children opportunities to live out their faith by serving others. Service may include things like making cards for an area nursing home, providing toiletries and a meal to a local homeless shelter, or participating with our church in Operation Christmas Child.

Take 5!

Take 5! Is for 5th graders who are going to be leaving children's ministry and entering Jr. High ministry. Take 5! Is an intentional evening that helps kids begin to think about the transition from children's ministry to youth group. Take 5! Takes place once-a-month in March, April, and May.

Summer Camp Program

We believe summer camp can be a valuable tool that God can use to equip children to love and serve Him. At a Christian camp, kids can experience a Christ centered, faith impacting week that they will never forget! Beginning in the fall, we offer several fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of camp.



...and so do we!

