

Sunday Programs

Nursery: 8:30-12:45

Sunday School: 8:30-9:45 and 11:30-12:45

Children's Worship: 10-11:15

Note from the Director

Welcome to our first bi-monthly Children's Ministry Newsletter! We would like to give you a glimpse into the workings of our Children's Ministry. Our mission at CGBC Kids is to grow children who will *See Jesus Christ clearly, Love Him dearly, Follow Him closely, and Share Him freely.* Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." (Matt 19:14). Jesus values children, and so do we. We have a window of time to reach them. Research has shown that the religious beliefs a person develops by the age of 13 are usually the set of beliefs they will maintain for the rest of their lives.¹ Often, major spiritual choices are made when people are young, so we must work together as a church family to nurture and grow our young people, directing them toward the path of our Heavenly Father. We look forward to all that God has to do in the lives of our young people! Thank you for your support!

-Lillian Leung

***Volunteer Spotlight***

We are so grateful for JoAnn Yee. She is an integral member of our Children's Ministry Team. She began serving in the Children's Ministry since she was a high schooler, playing piano for the children and assisting in VBS. When she took the step of faith to serve the children, her joy in the Lord grew, and she began to realize her ministry passions for children, missions, and music. Through her service to the children, God tied together her many gifts and talents and used them to bless the younger generation. During the week, JoAnn works as a lab scientist at UC Davis, researching infectious diseases. When she is not saving the world or humbly serving our children, she enjoys experimenting with different musical instruments (e.g., violin, piano, dulcimer) and craft mediums (e.g., knitting, painting, food art, wood work, decorating). When you see JoAnn, please thank her for her service and dedication to our young people and being a consistent presence in their lives! Thank you, JoAnn!

Program Updates

Nursery (birth – 3.5 years): Whether it be through play, songs, puppet shows, and interactions with their kind and tender-hearted teachers, we will be sharing the love of God to our youngest attenders. This quarter, we will be teaching the Children that the God who created the world loves them.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3 and up): We encourage you to bring your children to Sunday school. Classes are offered at two times: 8:30 and 11:30. Here, children will grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord, their understanding of His word, and their relationship with each other. Help partner with us to equip your children against the pressures and negative messages of the world and teach them to live with integrity, purpose, and passion for Christ.

Program Updates (continued)...

Children's Worship (ages 3 and up): Children's worship is at 10:00am on Sundays (after the 8:30 Sunday School Class and preceding the 11:30 Sunday School Class). During this hour, children worship and sing the praises of our Lord together in a large group. Our dedicated teachers prepare a thoughtful lesson based off of our church-wide devotional book, *Living Life*, giving practical applications to help them throughout their week.



Upcoming Events & Announcements:

Chime In: Sign up at the Registration Table to learn to play handbells and chimes in a musical ensemble! Practices will begin on October 9th at 1:15pm in preparation for a performance during our Christmas Day service! Age range: 3rd grade to adulthood.

Saturday Oct 29th 8:30am-10:30am: Training Session with Lillian Leung on Helping our Little Ones Love the Lord. This session is open to all who are interested, but especially helpful to anyone working with Nursery and Preschool-aged children. Topics include facilitating a positive learning environment, using teaching tools to your advantage, and curbing problematic behaviors before they get out of hand. If you would like to attend, please email Lillian at lillian.leung@chinesegracebiblechurch.org by Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016.

Praises & Requests:

Praise God, we saw the promotion of 11 sixth graders into the youth ministry! It was wonderful to see them grow in their spiritual walk. We pray that they will impact their community for Christ!

Please pray for our children as we kick off this new school year! Pray for a hunger for our Lord and desire to bring their friends to Christ.

How to Get Connected:

Join our TEAM! (Together Everyone Achieves More!). We have a place for you whether you are available every week, once per month, or even 10 minutes here and there. Please send your inquires to lillian.leung@chinesegracebiblechurch.org.

¹George Barna, *Barna Update – Teens and Adults Have Little Chance of Accepting Christ as Their Savior* (Ventura, Calif: Barna Research Group, November 15, 1999).