



CCGC Child Policy

We do have a child policy restricting the sanctuary setting to those eight years old and above.

We do understand and appreciate parents' desire to worship with their children and to model worship for them.

That said, our desire is to teach the Bible in an adult setting, without distractions caused by children, and in a fashion which has little or no value to younger minds. Additionally, sometimes I teach straight-forward, adult-oriented Biblical content, possibly inappropriate for young minds. Even if children are perfectly behaved, there is still great possibility for distraction for those adults in their vicinity, as they are "*being so cute, and perfectly behaved.*" Adults cannot help being distracted by well-behaved children, as well as those who are behaving badly.

Furthermore, because *all* children are *not* necessarily trained to be well-behaved in the sanctuary setting, without an age policy, we are in the position of being forced to make a value judgment in each individual circumstance of those desiring their small children attend service with them. Be assured from personal experience, parents do not like being told their children cannot attend - when other people's children *can* - especially when the "subjective judgment" of "bad behavior" is the reason. This puts an unfortunate burden on the ushering staff to have to make these kinds of judgments, especially while the service is in progress.

We value the opportunity to teach our children the Word of God at an age-appropriate level, which we do in our children's ministry. (We teach our children the Word of God in a manner which is understandable and applicable to them. We do not use CM curriculum.)

We make our children's ministry available to any parent who would desire to attend along with their children. Perhaps you may pray about visiting our church and attending our children's ministry along with your children for a few weeks to see if this ministry does a good job of meeting your goals of training your children to worship and to love Jesus and God's Word.

I do understand not all will agree about our age-limit policy. My goal is to help you understand all the reasons the policy exists. I have also attached a copy of our Children's Ministry Policy letter.

I pray the Lord will guide your family to the perfect church for your family to fit and function and that you will be blessed! We would love for you to visit our church and observe our children's ministry in action.

Blessings!

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