

# Children's Ministry at a Glance

## Milam County Cowboy Church

**VISION:** Our Children's Ministry exist to glorify God and serve others. It is our deep conviction to assist families in the spiritual development of their children by pouring into them the pure WORD of GOD every chance we get and pointing them to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.

**SAFETY:** Our volunteers have a background check and we also take many precautions to assure that safety is first and foremost in our church.

**SERVICES:** We open classes of all ages from newborns thru 12 years old both Sunday morning at 9:45-11am and Wednesday Evening at 6:45-8pm. On Sundays, we will be going through the Old Testament. We send papers home that has family suggestions and memory verses so that the children can continue growing in their Biblical understanding throughout the week. On Wednesday Evenings, we will be emphasizing Scripture memory and the importance of the Bible in our every day lives. We will learn a Books of the Bible Song (elongated version) and desire to perform it one day for our adults.

We have 5 different aged appropriate classes on Sundays to help the effectiveness of teaching. We would ask, if at all possible, place your child in the class that is best suited for his or her learning ability. There may be exceptions and we will always have grace and understanding. We do, however, try to make sure as your child adapts to coming regularly and feels more and more comfortable, that we work together to help them in an age group they fit in with the best so that they are happy and the other kids are not overly distracted as they are learning God's Word.

If you happen to have friends or family visiting and the different aged children want to stay together in class, it is almost always better for the older kids to visit the younger class and not the other way around. Another words, having a kindergarten child go with big cousin to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class typically doesn't work as well as just having the 5<sup>th</sup> grader assist that day with their little cousin, for example.

For safety purposes, we only permit adults in our nursery with our infants through 17 months. If there needs to be an exception, please discuss with one of the Children Ministry leaders.

**EVENTS:** We offer a special Easter service, Vacation Bible School from (3-12 y.o), Summer Camp (pre-teens), and this Fall desire to start a Club Style Ministry. We would love to host a Fall Festival Outreach and a Christmas Program as well. If possible, we will move forward with a Bible Parenting Class the Fall, which is so encouraging and helpful.

**JR HELPERS:** Children in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade may be selected to be part of our JR. Helper team. They will meet 1x a month with our Team Leader, Donna Cano, for training to serve effectively/Biblically as well as being disciplined in the Scriptures to be sure each one is ready to face middle school and beyond. Each Jr. Helper will be placed on the Sunday or Wednesday night schedule to begin fulfilling part of the goal at hand, becoming a faithful servant of God.

### **A FEW GUIDELINES:**

- Family Tags are used as a safety measure. Please make sure you have it to pick up your child
- On Sundays, your elementary age children will get dropped off by an adult and picked up with a family tag in our Chuck Wagon Room. Help us out by not calling out to your child, rather, hand your family tag to a leader at the table and they will call your child. Thanks so much.
- Please notify each teacher your child has of any allergies or medical situation so we can care for them effectively
- There are typically 4 Sundays each month; however, 4 times per year there is a FIFTH SUNDAY. On FIFTH SUNDAY, the children will remain in the Sanctuary with their family to enjoy worshipping Jesus together. We will offer nursery and toddler classes during the entire service if you prefer for your child to go directly to class at 9:45am instead.
- No food or drinks are allowed upstairs. Teachers may hand out a wrapped treat from time to time, so still be sure to announce any food allergies.
- Wednesday Night Free Dinner at 6:15pm is extended to our Children's Ministry. Parent must sit with their child below the age of 12 and check them

into class at 6:45pm. Please do not drop off children without adult supervision before 6:45pm, as this causes a safety issue for our Children's Ministry.

- If your child does not have a Bible of their own and desires one, please see Donna Cano or text her directly at 512-230-8571.

**SERVING GOD BY SERVING THE CHILDREN:** In the past few decades, we know that less and less people all across America follow Jesus. We have heard it be said that we are one generation away from no longer even being a Christian nation. The battle is with our children. Period. If we cannot get a Biblical worldview successfully taught in our Sunday School Classes and homes, we lose this battle to a very secular worldview. **THIS IS WHY** we are not shy about asking folks to serve in this ministry. We feel the call, passion and desperate need to have these young, beautiful lives grounded in His Word, the Holy Bible. If you want to observe a class and consider teaching, or assist behind the scenes or during an event, please text or call Donna Cano at 512-230-8571. She will be more than happy to answer any questions and get you involved in an exciting journey of serving our children.

**IDEAS:** If you have ideas and/or concerns about **ANYTHING** in our Children's Ministry, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Donna Cano (512-230-8571) is our Team Leader and will answer pretty promptly. We have 3 Coordinators and a Hall Monitor as well who can assist.

Donna Applegate (512-429-1676) is our Nursery-Preschool coordinator.

Patricia Becker (252-619-0503) is our Elementary coordinator.

Paula Bailey (512-627-7706) is our Sunday curriculum coordinator.

Laura Glasby (979-777-8855)

**PRAYER REQUESTS/ENCOURAGEMENT/NEEDS:** If you, as a parent, or your child has any need for us to minister to you and your family outside of a church setting, please do not hesitate to call on us. You can call the church office (512) 760-6282, or Donna Cano, our Children's Team Leader.