
DAVISON FREE METHODIST CHURCH
FAMILY MINISTRIES PARENT HANDBOOK



2020 - 2021

PARENT HANDBOOK

Introduction

Welcome to Davison Free Methodist Church Family Ministries! We strive to create a ministry that ensures our families that their children are in a safe, effective and loving environment for them to grow in Christ, and to learn more about His great love for them. You are the one that will help make that happen and are so appreciated. Throughout the year we have many ways for you to collect resources, attend events, and volunteer with your children. Please note that all the information has been decided on after much prayer, discussion, and communication between staff and volunteers. We know this is a hard time to navigate, and we are doing our best to try to follow God's direction in these ministries. If you have any questions, concerns, or interest in volunteering our contact information is below, but we will never say no for an excuse to meet together for an Chai tea and get to know our families.

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We want to help you as a parent by providing resources, opportunities, and environments to help your family grow together in Christ. In order to hear about Resources of the Month, events, our Family Resource Box, and more, make sure you are signed up for the Family Ministries Weekly Email. If you would like to be a part of this email contact Pastor Emma. You can also access many resources and get help to your questions at our Parent Page here: <https://dfmchurch.org/parents>



Facebook Page: Davison FMC Children's Ministry
DFM Student Ministries

Facebook Group: Early Childhood DFMC

Instagram: DFMC Student Ministries



Mission

Our mission at Davison Free Methodist Church for Family Ministries is to create a passionate, authentic and welcoming community where children can seek, learn and grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus. We are here to create opportunities and experiences for children and parents to discover God together and learn how to make him a part of their everyday lives.

Programs

DFMC Children's Ministries has two sections to help kids get the attention they need and transition well into the next stage of their relationship with Jesus. Classes are offered every Sunday at 9:30 and 11:00am services.

Early Childhood Center 0 - Kindergarten

Children in the Early Childhood Center (EC) are in a Nursery, Toddler, Pre-k, or Kindergarten room where they remain the entirety of the service for structured, age-appropriate learning.

Kid's Connection 1st - 4th grade

Children in Kid's Connection start off in the big room together and after a 10 minute introduction of the lesson are divided into their classrooms by 1st/2nd grade and 3rd/4th grade.

DFMC Student Ministries 5th-12th grade

Students meet during the week to dive deeper into God's word and have community together.

Middle School (5th-8th grade): Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm

High School (9th-12th grade): Sundays from 6:30-7:30pm

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Curriculum

The theme this fall is Building Your Life on Jesus. Children ages 0-4th grade will be lead in how to discover how to follow Jesus, and teens 5th-12th grade will be taught in how to build a foundation with him.

Here at DFMC we use Grow Curriculum, which is a great resource for all ages to be engaging in the same material. While teens will be engaging with sermon-based discussion during the week, we continue to base our teachings off the Bible with help of Grow.

Expectations of Volunteers

Each volunteer has received and signed a Volunteer Guidebook with new procedures, safety protocols and policies, a Children Interaction Policy Handout, gone through a background check and been accepted by church leadership. Each volunteer has committed to

- Dedication to personal Christian Growth
- A desire to see kids grow in knowledge, understanding and application of God's Word
- Providing leadership and encouragement to model and teach kids to develop and grow an ongoing relationship with God

Our church observes the "two adult rule." This requires that an adult is never alone with children or youth without a second adult being present. One adult must be at least 18 years old. When class size requires one teacher or leader to work with children in a room with no visual access (window in interior door or wall), the door to the classroom should be left fully open.

If a parent would like a copy of the Davison Free Methodist Church Children Interaction Policy they may contact a staff member to obtain a copy.

Parent Expectations and Opportunities

Every adult in our church is asked to support the church through their prayer, their presence, their gifts, and their services. When you enroll your child in the Family Ministries programming, we depend on all parent's to assist in some way to help our program grow in the direction God is calling us to.

Here are some ways you can get involved as a parent and volunteer:

- Early Childhood or Elementary Sunday School teacher

Lead children in activities, group discussion, follow lesson plan, and lead children in prayer

- Early Childhood or Elementary Sunday School helper

Assist the teacher in activities, discussion, and lead children in prayer

- Check-In Helper

Assist new families with checking in their children by inputting their information into our computer before 9:30 and 11:00am services.

- Sanitizer

- Help sanitize and clean Children's Ministry areas either between Sunday services or during the week

- Student Ministries Volunteer

Attend Middle School and/or High School programming throughout the week to invest in the spiritual lives of youth.

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Policies and Procedures

With the new challenges in our world, we are continuing our best to be committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for our families and children by introducing some new safety and protocols procedures for our families and volunteers. DFMC will continue to follow guidelines given by the CDC, East Michigan Conference, and Davison Public Schools.

Check- In, Drop Off, and Pick Up on Sunday Mornings

Parents will now be participating in a touch-less check-in through their mobile devices straight to our printers. You can access this through our Davison Free Methodist Church app. Help will be provided for new families or those figuring out the system. Volunteers and children will be asked questions when they arrive to ensure safe practices are being followed. If a child arrives notably sick the family will be asked to watch online. If a child is found sick in the middle of a service the same practices will be followed with getting the parents and asking them to watch online. The child will be seated away from the others while waiting for parents.

Important details to know:

- *Children MUST be picked up between services and will not be allowed to play with any toys, crafts or equipment to allow for safe cleaning before the next service. If a child is not registered or does not have a tag when they arrive at their classroom they will be asked to get their parent and sign in.
- Only 1 parent is allowed to drop off and pick up their child.
- There will be a limited number of entrances and exits. Please follow the signage posted.
- Children will be met at the door by a volunteer to come into the classroom. Parents and other family members will not be allowed to enter.
- Children and volunteers must all wash hands or use hand sanitizer among arrival.
- A diaper bag or any needed outside supplies must be clearly labeled and packed together in a bag to be put in a cubby space if you have any concerns we need to know with who can and cannot pick up your child, please contact a staff member.
- Rooms will open 10 minutes prior to the start of a service. Please remember to pick up your child directly after service concludes and then engage in fellowship with others.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Best Practices

New procedures with cleaning and sanitizing have been researched and discussed to providing an inviting and safe environment for our children and families that our church is devoted to. These new procedures include:

- Volunteers will be required to wear masks when serving indoors with DFMC Family Ministries
- CDC guidelines on how to clean, sanitize, conduct safe and health diapering, and more will be posted and followed.
- Gloves must be worn while handling food and will be available for any person requesting.
- Each child will have individual bags of supplies needed for the day, toys and supplies will be wiped down after use, and a fog machine will be used to sanitize after each service.
- While in a classroom, children will all be facing the same direction as much as possible.

Procedures to prevent sickness:

- Volunteer will be asked screening questions before they arrive to ensure safety.
- If a child arrives noticeably sick they will not be allowed to enter or participate.
- If a child is found sick in the middle of a service the child will be returned to their parent and asked to continue with the online service. The child will be seated away from the others while waiting for the parents.