



## **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

At Advance, we build our ministry to children around the same values we live as adults.

### ***We believe:***

- Children learn best through action, not classroom teaching, so we include them in worship, communion, community, service, and mission... everything!
- Children's primary teaching and modeling must come from their parents first, community second, and the church last. As such, we partner with parents in mentoring and discipling children in kingdom values and a missional worldview.
- Children can actively participate in all areas of the Christian faith so we teach them to pray, worship, read and apply Scripture to their lives, bless others, and be on mission with God.
- We believe that heart transformation can only happen when a child experiences the good news of Jesus. Therefore, we use The Gospel Project curriculum.

## **OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Many dedicated and caring servants help in our classrooms. All adults (aged 18+) have proper clearances on file before working with the children. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Heather Prentice ([hopecp04@yahoo.com](mailto:hopecp04@yahoo.com)) or Nicole Blackwell ([nicole\\_acc@icloud.com](mailto:nicole_acc@icloud.com)). You will be contacted with more information.

## **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **ALL AGES**

- Register your child(ren). Let us know if he/she has any food allergies.
- Sign in at the Community Table each week.
- Pick up your child(ren) from his/her classroom after the sermon.
- Communicate with the leaders if you have any questions or concerns.

### **NURSERY (BIRTH TO AGE 2 1/2)**

- Provide a diaper bag with appropriate times such as wipes, diapers, and a change of clothing. Please label your bag.
- Only Cheerios will be served to toddlers.
- Please do not send personal toys since they may get mixed in with nursery toys.
- Be sure to sign in and pick up your child(ren) using the security tag system.

### **PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY (KINDERGARTEN TO FIFTH GRADE)**

- Snacks may be served. Please notify the classroom teachers of any food allergies.
- Sign in each week. Your child(ren) will be greeted at the door of his/her classroom by a member of the children's ministry team.
- Bring your security tag with you when you pick up your child.

### **SICKNESS POLICY**

Children who are not feeling well should not be in the classrooms.

*Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a child should not participate when any of the following conditions exist:*

- Fever
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Any symptom of childhood diseases such as chicken pox, strep throat, flu, etc.
- Common cold from onset through one week
- Croup
- Fifth disease
- Any unexplained rash
- Pink eye or other eye infections
- Cloudy or green runny noses
- Any other communicable disease

*We require that a child be free of a fever for 24 hours before entering any children's ministry classroom.*

### **PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS**

Advance Community Church videotapes our worship services. By entering the public worship area and children's ministry classrooms, you agree to having your child(ren) photographed or videotaped.

### **QUESTIONS**

Please contact Heather Prentice (hopecp04@yahoo.com) or Nicole Blackwell (nicole\_acc@icloud.com).