

Sunday Mornings (9:30 - 10:15 am):

Kids Village (ages 2–4)/Club 513 (Kindergarten–4th grade) – This summer, we will step away from our usual curriculum. Each week, kids will learn about a few books of the Bible, along with some simple hand motions to help them remember what each book is about. The goal is that by the end of the summer, kids will be able to recite all 66 books of the Bible from memory and have a general understanding of what each book is about.

Starting Blocks (birth – 24 months) – Our teachers in Starting Blocks utilize a curriculum of songs to teach children who God is and how He loves them.

Sunday Mornings (10:30 – 11:45 am)

Attended Nursery - An attended nursery for infants – 2-year-olds is offered every Sunday during our large group gathering from 10:30-11:45 a.m. in our Kids Village. Infants and toddlers (up to 2 years old) will be loved, cared for, and played with by our gracious volunteers.

Kids Praise is a worship service designed for kids three years old through kids currently in kindergarten. Guests and visitors are welcome to join us! Check-in is required for everyone at the kiosks or the welcome desk. Please use a check-in kiosk before services start and place the nametag on your child. Worship starts at 10:30, and the kids will be dismissed from the auditorium before the sermon. They will then join us in Club 513.

Family Worship Sunday - Every 5th Sunday of the month (and every Sunday in August) is considered **Family Worship Sunday**. What is Family Worship Sunday, and why do we do it?

- On the 5th Sunday of every month, Children's Ministry does not offer Kids Praise. Instead, these children remain in the auditorium for the entire service.
- Children learn by watching us! This is a time for parents (or other adults) to explain the parts of the service to your child. It is a time to show them how to look up Scripture. It is a time to let them see you, with a body of believers:
 - praising and worshiping God
 - praying
 - opening and reading your Bible
 - giving
 - saying Scripture
 - taking communion
 - and so much more

Studies show these things contribute to the "stickiness" of faith for these children, so we want to give an opportunity periodically where we, as adults, can help these children learn and grow by watching us. These children are not a distraction during church services ~ they are the future!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Wednesday Evenings (6:30 - 8:00 pm)

Family Camp - June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16: Join us on six Wednesday nights this summer! This is a time for parents and kids to come together for worship and fun. It will also include some time for parents to be together to talk about pressing parenting topics while the kids are engaging with the Word in their space. You won't want to miss this!

Weekly Discipleship (12:00 - 1:30 pm)

June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 – Basic Training: For kids 2nd - 6th grade who want to learn more about being a disciple of Jesus. We will meet at the building and eat while we engage with the Word, pray, and experience God in community. Students will need to bring a sack lunch each day.

Summer Events

<u>June 1 – Promotion Sunday:</u> Our new 2-year-olds will transition to Kids Village, and our fall kindergartners will advance to Club 513. Our fall 4th-grade graders will move to Rt 56 on May 14th.

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 - Preschool Open Play: For parents and kids ages birth to preschool! This special playdate is held in Kids Village, our dedicated preschool area, featuring carpet, air conditioning, and age-appropriate toys. While your kids play, you can enjoy your conversation and coffee with other parents. This event is hosted on Monday mornings in June and July from 10:00 am to noon by Amanda Shaver. No registration is required. (no drop-offs)

June 16 – Pop-Tarts, PJs, and Promise: (Targeted for 4-year-olds – 2nd grade, but everyone is welcome!) 9:00 – 10:00 am; Bring the kids (all children under the age of 5 will need to have an adult stay with them) in their PJs to Club 513. We will eat some Pop-Tarts/donuts, and then let the kids "Adopt a Bible Buddy", receive a kids' devotional Bible/book, and sign a promise to read their Bible to their Buddy! No fee, but please register your kids by June 10th! Register @ www.southwest.org/childrensministry.

July 23 - Base Camp Volunteer Meeting: 6:30 - 8:00 pm; Room 601

<u>July 28-30 – Base Camp 2025:</u> For kids entering 1st – 6th grade this fall. More information and registration are available at <u>www.southwest.org/childrensministry</u>.

<u>August 10 – Family Pool Party</u>: 6:30 – 8:30 pm; Join us at the Amarillo Town Club pool, located across from the church, for an evening of swimming, playing, and connecting with other families.

August 13 – Back to School Dinner: 6:00-7:30; First day of school for Canyon and the night before the first day of school for Amarillo. Join us for a meal on this hectic day, with no agenda other than connection. Held in the SWCC fellowship hall/gym. \$5/person, five and under free. Pay at the door.