



the children's ministry of Friendship Baptist Church

from the KidCity staff



Welcome to KidCity, the children's ministry of Friendship Baptist Church. It is so exciting to see what the Lord is doing in our church and in the lives of children.

KidCity is a place where children can have fun and learn about God's Word, while parents attend a worship service or an adult Bible Class. We are looking forward to you and your child being our guest here in KidCity.

If you have any questions about our children's ministries, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know.

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Nursery

Loving nursery workers provide a clean, safe environment with a state of the art security and paging system. Parents can have peace of mind while they attend one of our adult Bible classes or the worship services. Nursery is provided for newborns through one year old kids during every service.

Sunday School & Children's Church

Games, excitement, learning crafts and songs are just a few words that describe the children's Sunday school classes at Friendship Baptist Church. Each class is divided into grades for children to learn in smaller groups. Sunday school classes start at 10:00am, and are available for two year olds through fifth graders. The Children's Church hour begins at 11:00am.



Open Arms - for Special Needs

The Open Arms Ministry provides care for children with various special needs and disabilities (mental, physical, and behavioral). This ministry includes a Sunday School class and Worship Service class - both with lessons and activities for children.





Kiddie Church Sunday nights at 6:30

While parents enjoy the encouraging music and challenging preaching of the evening service, three and four year olds can take part in a creative program specifically designed for them. This program includes active play games, crafts, Bible stories and snack time.



Awana

Awana targets three areas that are exciting and educational:

- group competition
- scripture memory
- Bible lessons that apply to children

The Wednesday night program is 7:00 to 8:30pm, with breakouts for three year olds through fifth graders.





Adventure Fridays

Adventure Fridays are day trips to some of the most adventurous sights in Cincinnati. Trips include the Newport Aquarium, the Cincinnati Zoo, and the Creation Museum. These trips are exclusively for kindergartners through fifth graders.

Junior Camp

This is a whole week of camping just for third through sixth graders at a well supervised camp. Activities include swimming, competitions, crazy games and Bible lessons to help kids grow in Christ.

Vacation Bible School

Five nights of fun, excitement, surprises, and kid-style learning. The program includes fun music, crazy games, exciting Bible lessons and unique crafts. All children who attend have the opportunity to participate in the Sunday worship service following Vacation Bible School. There are classes for kindergartners through sixth graders.



Athletic leagues & children's clubs



Upward

This league runs each winter for first through sixth graders. There are cheerleading squads for the girls, and basketball teams for the boys and girls. Kids will develop skills as well as character, as their coaches mentor them weekly.

Children's Choir - Pint Sized Praise

This choir for first through fifth graders learns fun music that lifts up Jesus' name. The choir sings several times a year and often sings in the Christmas musical.



How does someone volunteer for children's ministry?

Each KidCity volunteer is a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church, who has made a commitment to distinctive Christian living; and has been observed, interviewed by the children's pastor and screened prior to being placed in a classroom or nursery. Volunteers receive regular training and evaluations.

Will my kids be safe and secure?

- 1) There are always at least two, and usually more, safety-approved adults present in every classroom setting.
- 2) No child is ever allowed out of the line-of-sight of a volunteer.
- 3) No unauthorized personnel are allowed to work with children. Background screening is done on all volunteers.

The state of the art paging system allows our KidCity workers to page parents of small children if the need arises.

When can a child experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

This varies with each individual child, depending upon background, and learning experience. When a child expresses a desire to accept Christ as Saviour, a trained counselor thoroughly explains what the Bible says about salvation.

When can a child be baptized?

Generally speaking, after salvation, children are eligible to be baptized. When a child has accepted Christ as Saviour, they and their parents may speak with one of our pastors, who can arrange for their baptism.

What about dedicating my baby to Christ?

Babies are definitely a gift from God! Baby dedication is a time for Christian parents to show to the Lord and to the church family that they are dedicating themselves to raising their new child for God. This event does not have a part in a child's salvation, but is a meaningful memory for parents. The baby dedication service is held yearly on the last week of April.





following the road that leads to Christ

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