



Parent Handbook



2023-2024



Preparing for a Life of Christian Discipleship

Building Christian Relationships

Nurturing Children & Youth

Grace First Presbyterian Church

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The LOGOS Ministry

Our Vision Statement

Growing up in today's world is tough! Youth and children must be able to face this reality and live with purpose, hope, faith, and joy.

We believe passionately that these qualities of life are uniquely found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The LOGOS Ministry exists to help the Church foster this relationship through a proven system of nurturing ministry.



Our Mission Statement

Grace First Presbyterian Church together, worshiping God, witnessing for Jesus Christ, working to meet human needs.

Grace First Presbyterian Church together,
Worshipping, Witnessing, Working.

Grace First Presbyterian Church

The goal for our LOGOS program is to build Christian relationships, nurture youth and children into a committed faith relationship with Jesus Christ, and prepare them for a life of Christian discipleship.

To reach this goal, we will follow the LOGOS Ministry's four part program. The four parts are Bible Study, Worship Skills, Recreation Time, and Family Time. The four parts are designed to reflect the life of the early church as expressed in Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayer."

1. **Bible Study** (apostles' teaching)
This portion of time is devoted to nurturing young people into intelligent, obedient, Biblically informed discipleship using curriculum that is age appropriate.
2. **Recreation Time** (fellowship)
This portion of time is used to experience great fun at the expense of no one else through games, movement, and activities that require everyone's participation, has no winners or losers, and a score is never kept.
3. **Family Time** (breaking of bread)
This portion of time is to provide a joyous, Intergenerational celebration of personhood over a shared meal as we experience being the family of God.
4. **Worship Skills** (prayer)
This portion of time is used to develop responsibility for and practice in worship skills because worship is our primary service to God as disciples.

LOGOS Policies

Parents are a vital part of the success of the LOGOS program. Your example of participation and commitment is the best example for your child. Please become familiar with the information in this handbook and make regular attendance on both Wednesdays for LOGOS and Sundays for worship a priority for you and your child. We would love your help to set and decorate tables, prepare food, clean up and put away chairs and tables.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

"God equips every Christian with gifts and calls every Christian to share in the work of the ministry to build up the Body of Christ."

LOGOS System Associates
newsletter, *Alive*

Discipline in LOGOS

The LOGOS program operates on one overriding principle: *Each of us is a precious child of God. Everyone is to treat everyone else as a child of God and, therefore, no one of us has the right to treat anyone as if he or she does not matter.*

Parents are always welcome and encouraged to inquire and visit with staff and facilitators regarding their child or children's progress and participation in the program.

In the rare event where a LOGOS participant's behavior becomes disruptive to the activity or the class, that participant will be offered the choice to either change the behavior or to take a time away from the activity to consider, with an appropriate designated adult, a way to resume participation.

On occasion, to achieve full resolution of a situation, it may be necessary to contact the pastor and/or the parents of the participant. In working to follow and model the example of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, children, youth and parents are to be and will be treated with respect and dignity.

“LOGOS is the most successful church-based Bible study program of its type in the country today.”

William S. Morris, III,
Chairman and CEO,
Morris Communications

LOGOS Calendar & Dinner Menu TERM ONE

- Aug. 30 Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit,
Ice Cream Treats
- Sept. 6 Spaghetti with Meatballs, Salad, Garlic
Bread, Brownies
- Sept. 13 Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans,
Cinnamon Dessert
- Sept. 20 Ham, Pineapple, Mac 'n Cheese, Salad,
Strawberry Shortcake
- Sept. 27 Broccoli, Rice, Cheese, & Chicken
Casserole, Salad, Ice Cream Sandwiches
- Oct. 4 Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage/Bacon,
Cinnamon Rolls
- Oct. 11 Fish Fry, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, Fruit,
Rice Crispy Treats
- Oct. 18 Soup, Grilled Cheese, Applesauce, Cake
- Oct. 25 Corn Dogs, Fruit Cups, Pretzels, Candy
- Nov. 1 Chicken Nuggets, Fruit, Salad
- Nov. 8 Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dump Cake
- Nov. 15 Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Pies

Wednesday Schedule

3:45 -4:45 - Snack and Recreation

4:45 - 5:15—Children's Choirs

5:15 - 6:00 - Bible Study

6:00 - 7:00 - Dinner

7:00 - 8:15 - Adult Choir

We encourage participation in all parts of LOGOS.

There is not a staff person available to supervise children who choose not to participate so we ask a guardian to come be with children during that time.

We will have activities available.

Families are invited to stay for dinner.

Family Time Dinner

The LOGOS program including the meal is free to all.

LOGOS is an inviting place! Guests are encouraged and welcomed to attend. If a child or youth visits twice or more, LOGOS staff will be in communication with his or her family to invite them to register and become a part of this vital aspect of the life of our church.

Table Parents

Table parents will be assigned to each table of LOGOS participants to assist during dinner time, instill good table manners, and lead meal time discussion.

LOGOS Staff 2023-2024

Director	Leslie Goeldner
Snack Team	Susie Bossert
Kitchen Coordinators	Leslie Goeldner & Karen Lail
Kitchen Helpers	Dawn Kahlden & Erika Trevino
Music Program	Linda Young & Marialice Parish
Recreation Team	Rev. David Slyter & Richard Varnon
Dinner Dean	Rev. David Slyter

Bible Study Leaders:

Pre K—2nd	Jean Thomason & Stephanie Eidson
3 rd —5 th	Jamie Mittendorf & Marilyn Stratmann
Youth	Rev. David Slyter & Claire Varnon
Adults	Virginia Welsh & Linda Snow

Table Parents:

Susan & Tim Barnes, Greg & Marti Rosche,
Jamie Mittendorf, Paul & Liz Anderson,
Claire & Richard Varnon, Stephanie Eidson

