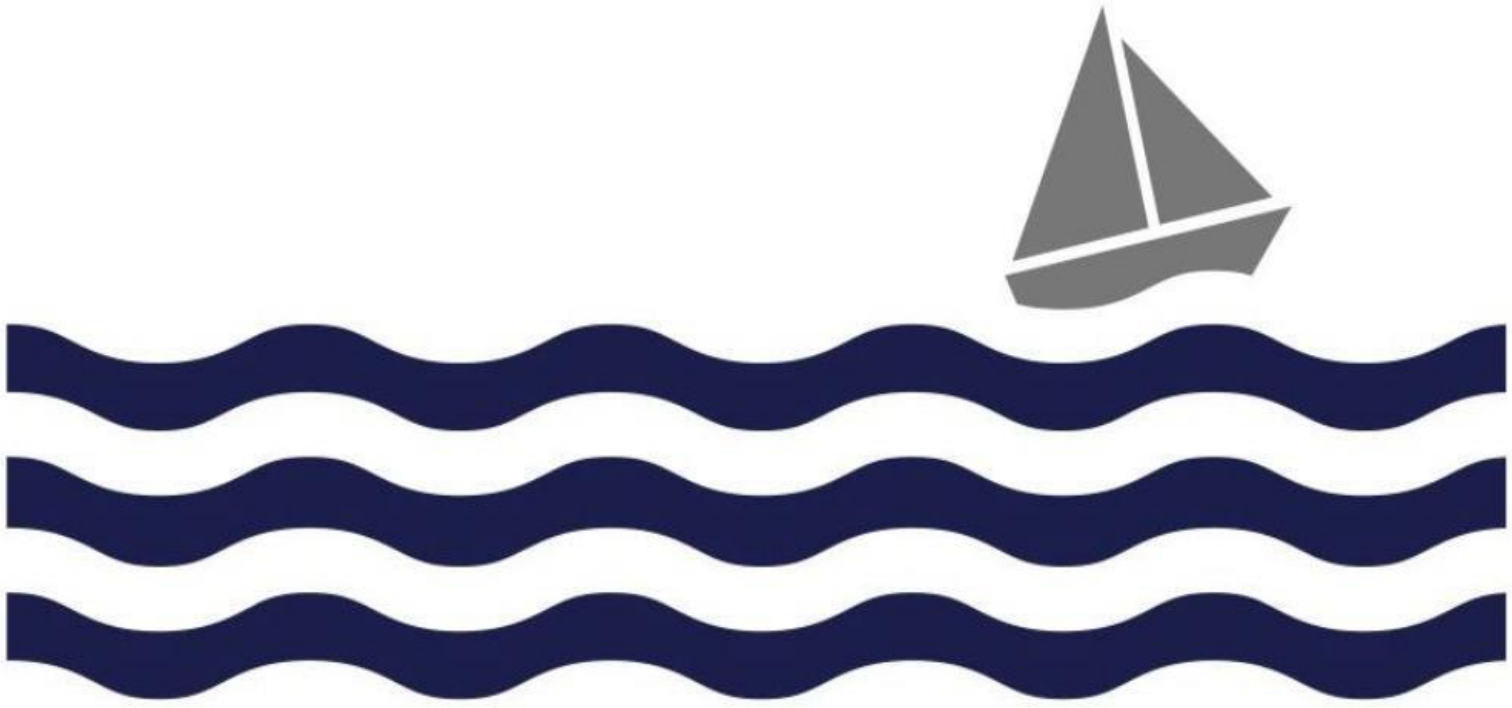
LAKE MURRAY Kids

Parent Guide



OUR VISION & MISSION

Lake Murray Children's Ministry exists to equip parents and children to grow together in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lake Murray Children's Ministry is designed to love, serve and teach children from birth to 6th grade while also equipping parents to disciple their children. We believe the primary environment where a child learns to follow Jesus is in the home, and it is our desire to support parents as they pursue this biblical model of disciple-making.

OUR VALUES

At Lake Murray Baptist Church, we expect our children to learn in a *safe, engaging,* and *Gospel-centered* environment.

Safe: All volunteers are screened before joining our Children's Ministry Team. We expect all team members to adhere to strict check-in and check-out, health, and security policies.

Engaging: We use developmentally appropriate curriculum that is varied in approach to help meet different learning styles. Our teachers enthusiastically present the Gospel each week so that children can better absorb the truths of the Bible.

Gospel-centered: We believe in teaching children the "big picture" of the Bible, showing how each individual story points to our need for Christ and His glorious promise of redemption for all who believe in His saving work on the cross.

OUR PROGRAMS

CONNECT GROUPS

SUNDAYS @
8:15 A.M.
INFANT – 4th grade

All ages use The Gospel Project for Kids, a three-year curriculum cycle that moves chronologically through the Bible. Through The Gospel Project® for Kids, our children come to understand the Bible is not just a collection of stories, but one unified story—God's story of redemption.

Family Friendly
Worship Services

If your family attends the 9:45 or 11:15 worship service your children will attend the service with you. All three of our services last about 1 hour and are family friendly – children are always welcome!

MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAYS @
6:00 P.M.
5th & 6TH GRADE

Our "tweens" gather weekly for a time of fellowship and teaching from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Students can check in at the SMC (gym) and enjoy a time of fellowship with games/activities followed by Bible teaching and small group time. They will practice social distancing and wear masks while indoors.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The children's ministry at Lake Murray Baptist Church is a safe and loving environment where your child will receive excellent care. Each classroom is stocked with age-appropriate furniture, toys, and activities. Our volunteers come prepared to deliver engaging Bible lessons, sing, play, and assist your child in hands-on activities that reinforce the lesson.

Our children's building offers a safe and healthy COVID compliant environment. Volunteers wear masks and have their temperature checked upon arrival. Children's temperatures are checked before entering the classroom. Our classrooms are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before and after each use.

WHAT TO BRING

For infants/toddlers, please bring the following labeled items:

- 2-3 diapers and wipes.
- Pacifiers, lovies, or other comfort items.
- A complete change of clothes.
- A bottle for infants if needed.
- A jacket or coat when appropriate, as we go outside during connect group when the weather permits.

SNACKS

We do serve a snack to ages 4 and under during connect group so be sure to alert both the Director of children's ministry and your child's teacher of any food allergies. We strive to offer an allergy-friendly environment in our children's ministry.

Infants will be given what their parents provide on their individual feeding schedule. Please give specific instructions to the classroom teacher upon check-in.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Upon your first visit to LMBC, you will be greeted at the front lobby of the children's building. You will be asked to fill out a registration card and your child's temperature will be checked. A printed security tag will be provided for your child to wear and a matching parent tag will be provided for you to present at your child's classroom upon pickup. This ensures your child's safety while in our care.

After your first visit pre-registration is required for your child to attend connect group. You can register at our website at lakemurraybc.org. Your child's security tag will be pre-printed and waiting for them at the front desk. Children will be dropped off and picked up at their classroom where their temperature will be checked upon arrival.

Parents should be present for both drop off and pick up of their children for all programs offered at LMBC. Please do not send older siblings to drop off or pick up.

Please keep your cell phone on vibrate while your child is in our care. If you are needed, we will text you. If you do not have a cell phone, please let us know at the front desk of the children's building. We will provide you with a pager that can be returned at pick up.

YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

We aim to provide the safest possible environment at LMBC. Therefore, we ask that you keep your child home if they display any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours:

- Fever
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Flu symptoms
- Hand, Food, and Mouth disease or other rash/sores with fever

Children who have been on antibiotics for at least 24 hours, *and who have no fever* may attend our events if they feel well enough to do so. For more information on our health policies, please refer to the SCDHEC School and Childcare Exclusion List, found at http://www.scdhec.gov.

Any toys that enter a child's mouth are placed in a bin to be sanitized according to DHEC regulations. Classroom tables, doorknobs, and floors are cleaned daily.

BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE

We strive to create a safe, loving, engaging environment that will minimize behavior issues. However, if a child is struggling to respect others or their surroundings, the teachers will follow the "3 Rs" –

- *Remind* the child of classroom expectations, and redirect as appropriate.
- *Removal* from the situation and/or classroom. If a child is removed from the classroom entirely, parents will be notified.
- *Restoration* between the teachers, child, and parents so the child can successfully rejoin the classroom environment. We expect all classroom teachers to demonstrate gentleness, forgiveness, and grace when administering any sort of discipline/redirection.

NURSING ROOM

There is a private nursing room inside the infant classroom that is available on Sunday mornings.

PROMOTION

Children ages 0-2 are transferred to the next class based on both age and development. One year olds should be walking steadily and able to participate in class activities (sitting at table, walking to playground, etc.) before moving up. Two year olds should be able to participate in a short circle time and basic group activities (coloring, Play Doh, etc.) before moving up. We also consider “best fit” for each child based on class size and the developmental “culture” of the group (ie, a young one-year-old may not be promoted to a class with mostly older one-year-olds unless there is a need to balance out class sizes). Children ages 3-4 are placed and promoted according to their birthday (must be 3 or 4 by September 1st), and elementary children are promoted according to their academic grade level. Promotion Sunday occurs each August.

CONNECT WITH US!

We invite you to learn more about us and stay updated on our ministry. Check us out on:



http://lakemurraybc.org/ministries/kids/



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GET INVOLVED!

We have lots of opportunities for parents to get involved with our children's ministry. Members of LMBC who complete an application and background check, and are recommended by a pastor or staff member are eligible to serve. Please visit our Children's Ministry webpage - http://lakemurraybc.org/ministries/kids/ - for more information!