

# crosswinds church



## children and youth ministries

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parent's  
information  
guide



Welcome! In this brochure you will find a description of each of the Sunday morning ministries that is available for your children and youth. Please involve your children faithfully in as many of these opportunities as possible. Each one offers a unique ability-appropriate opportunity for education, friendship, service and faith formation.

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## behavioral guidelines

We show God's love to those around us by how we treat one another and the property of the ministry facility. Here are five rules for how to act when you are participating in a Crosswinds ministry:

1. **Respect** — We treat others the way we want to be treated.
2. **Kindness** — We take turns, share, and are kind to others.
3. **Honesty** — We tell the truth.
4. **Responsibility** — We do the jobs we are expected to do.
5. **Safety** — We act in a way that is not harmful to others or ourselves.

# ministry descriptions

Crosswinds Church offers a safe and loving environment for children during the worship hour on Sunday mornings. All volunteers and staff submit to a screening process, and a Hall Monitor is on duty

**THE NURSERY** of our church provides the first place for you child(ren) to be part of the Crosswinds family! Here children experience an atmosphere of love and understanding in a safe environment so that **infants and toddlers** (and parents, too!) feel happy and secure.

Our nursery is staffed by adults and baby-sitting age youth who volunteer to be on a rotation list.

#### Check-In and Check-Out

Please check children in at the Family Registration Table, then take them to the nursery room on the north side of the worship center. Check your child out of the nursery within 10 minutes following the service.

#### Illness Policy

We are concerned for the safety and health of every child. We ask that you do not bring your child to the nursery if they have a contagious illness. If your child has been exposed to a childhood disease, please do not place him or her in the nursery until the incubation or contagious period has expired.

#### Nursery Supplies

The nursery is supplied with age-appropriate toys, snacks, first aid kit, gloves for diaper changes, sanitary hand purifier, and disinfectant spray for toys.

**LITTLE TIKES** introduces **2 year olds through pre-K children** to God and his love through singing, hearing a Bible story, praying, and structured play. A take-home “Kid’s Page” is given each week so parents have an opportunity to reinforce at home the Bible story that was heard.

#### When and Where

Please check children in at the Family Registration Table, then take them into the worship center and have them sit with you. They will be dismissed part-way through the service. Check your child out from the nursery room on the north side of the worship center within 10 minutes following the service.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** allows children **kindergarten—3rd grade** to experience the wonder of God’s love through visual presentation of Bible stories. They have an opportunity to respond to what they hear with art, experiments, games, role playing, singing and praying. A take-home “Kid’s Page” is given each week to help the child gain a deeper understanding of the story they heard.

#### When and Where

Take your child into the worship center and have them sit with you. They will be dismissed part-way through the service. Check your child out from the Children In Worship room just west of the building entrance within 10 minutes following the service.

**TWEENS** provides an opportunity for **4th and 5th graders** to know more about our loving God through worshipping in the worship center with adults. During the last song they exit to discuss what they learned with their peers and leaders. A “Tween Page” and other study helps are available each week to aid them in following the sermon. Take home pages are given to help them study God’s word at home. Some of the Tweens are also challenged to grow in leadership skills by helping out in the Little Tikes Ministry.

**YOUTH GROUP** challenges youth **6th through 12th grade** to grow in their knowledge of God’s love, his Word, and the difference it makes in their daily lives. They are in the worship center through the service, but leave during the last song to have a discussion with their peers and leaders. A “Youth Page” is provided each week to help them listen to the sermon. A monthly meeting time happens on the 4th Sunday of each month from 5:00-7:00pm at the Meyer’s house (unless prior notice is given). This is a time for FOOD, study, discussion and fun.

Some of the Youth Group students are also encouraged to grow in leadership skills by helping out in the Children in Worship Ministry.

“Children are a gift from the Lord.”

— Psalm 127:3