



**Cityview**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**2023-2024**

# **FAMILY MINISTRY PLAN**



We are raising kids for Jesus  
that the world cannot  
ignore.

FAMILY MINISTRIES MOTTO

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We are so excited that you have decided to take a minute to learn more about the Family Ministries at Cityview Community Church. Whether your child is in our ministries for eighteen years or eighteen months, we will meet them where they are and equip them in the Christian faith so that they can be children and teenagers the world cannot ignore. At Cityview, we will help them

- **ENCOUNTER** Jesus through the story of Scripture.
- **EMBRACE** the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in repentance and faith.
- **EXPAND** their view of the Triune God.
- **ENGAGE** in the study of the Bible and other spiritual disciplines.
- **EXPLORE** the depths of the gospel and how it transforms everything.
- **EMBARK** on their journey to make disciples of all nations.

We know, though, that Family Ministries play just one part in God's work. The primary ones in their lives that want them to know Jesus is you, the parents. So, we partner with what you are already doing in the home, and join with you in prayer to our gracious God for our children's souls.

Our Family Ministries' mission is to equip parents, children, and teenagers to magnify Christ and serve others. We understand and emphasize the important call you have to make disciples in your home and we commit to walking alongside your family in this vital work.

Continue reading the Digital Family Ministry Packet to learn more about Kids' City, CityLink, CityStu, and more!

### **In His service,**

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# About Us

## Family Ministry Philosophy

We believe the Bible calls parents to be the primary disciple-makers of their children. But being the primary doesn't mean only. The whole church should be involved in the discipleship of children and teenagers. This whole-church discipleship can happen formally and informally.

Formally, our Family Ministries consist of ministries designed for children, preteens, teens, and parents. These formal ministries seek to equip everyone according to their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual maturity. When leading these ministries, we follow Cityview's mission, vision, and values. We also desire to see all of our children, especially preteens and up, in one-on-one or one-on-few disciples relationships with another believer in the church, not in their home.

Informally, when you live out biblical community with other believers, you show children how essential the 'one another' passages are in Scripture and how the church is not just something we go to but a community of God's redeemed people who share their lives. When children walk into the church on Sunday, they are a part of our family, and everyone from the person greeting them when they walk into the building, their Explore Hour teacher, the preachers proclaiming God's word, the deacon serving communion, to the adult they see in the hallway all have an opportunity to encourage and speak into the lives of our children with gospel truth.

If we do all of this well, we believe we are being faithful to the great commission given by Jesus in the two most significant institutions God has given us – the church and home.

## Family Ministry Mission

Our mission is to equip parents, children, and teenagers to magnify Christ and serve others.

## Family Ministry Vision

We envision fathers and mothers living out the roles for which God created them, faithfully leading their families as they disciple their children, pray for and with them, and study the Word and worship together at home. To that end, we will equip parents to do this well, and encourage our God-given singles to participate actively in this through community living and relational disciple-making.

# FAMILY MINISTRY OVERVIEW

2023-2024



## CONTACTS

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### BIRTH - 3RD GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9a and 10:30a  
Nursery | 6 weeks - 1 year old  
Toddler | 2-3 years old  
Preschool | 4-5 years old  
Elementary | 1st-3rd grade



### 4TH-6TH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9a  
Regularly scheduled events  
and ongoing relational  
disciple-making.



### 7TH-12TH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9a  
Sunday evenings | 6p-8p  
Regularly scheduled  
gatherings, events, trips,  
service events, and ongoing  
relational disciple-making.



## Children 6 months-3rd Grade



**Meeting Times**  
Sundays  
Explore Hour - 9:15a  
Worship Hour - 10:30a



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*At Cityview, we love our kids! We have created Kids' City to be a warm and inviting place for them to engage their imaginations in order to experience transformation in their hearts. Our desire is that these kids will understand how much Jesus loves them, trust him completely, and have a growing desire (and the tools necessary) to dig deeper into God's Word.*

### Curriculum



#### NURSERY

6 months - 1 year old  
A caring and passionate team will care for and pray over your child. A sleeping room is available.

#### TODDLER

2-3 years old  
A welcoming and fun environment where the children will be introduced to Jesus.

#### PREK-K

4-5 years old  
Children will enjoy seeing how the whole Bible points to Jesus. Story time, crafts, activities, videos, music and more!

#### ELEMENTARY

1st-3rd grade  
We challenge these students to engage more in small group discussion while learning their lessons and seeing how Jesus can change their lives.



## Preteen Ministry (4th-6th-Grade)



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### Meeting Times

#### Sundays

Explore Hour - 9:15a  
Room - CityLink Room  
Other events and trips scheduled  
throughout the year.

*CityLink exists to point preteens to Jesus, connect them with the larger body of Christ, and equip them in the gospel as they navigate these pivotal and formative years. All of this will take place in the context of relationships with their teachers, other students, and their disciple-makers.*

### Worship

CityLink students worship with the whole congregation every Sunday. We welcome them on Promotion Sunday in August with a challenge and gift them a Bible.

### Discipleship

Our desire is to have all CityLink students in a one-on-one or one-on-few discipleship relationship with another believer not in their family.

### Service

We encourage all the students to use their spiritual gifts, abilities, and passions to serve in the church. We also participate in service projects as a group.



Retreats & Concerts,  
5th Sunday Fun Days,  
Movie and Game Days  
Service Projects,  
Bowling, Mini-Golf,  
Trampoline Parks, and  
more!



### Curriculum

Preteens will expand their knowledge and understanding of God and his word. The goal at this stage is that students will find their place within God's grand story and live out their identity and purpose as given to them by Jesus Christ. We have a 3-year curriculum cycle that takes us through resources designed for preteens by Lifeway Christian Resources called Forged: Faith Refined and Hyfi: Identity in Christ.



## Student Ministry (7th-12th Grade)



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### **When**

*Sundays*

Explore Hour - 9:15a  
Youth Group - 6-8p

### **Where**

Both Explore Hour and Youth Group meet downstairs in the Family Ministries Room

*CityStu exists to equip students in 7-12 grade to magnify Christ and serve others. We want to see our students grow in their faith so that they are able to face the world as committed disciples of Jesus Christ. We do this by sticking to our core values of God's Word, spiritual life, authentic worship, missional mindset, transformative community, gospel-centered ministry, and relational disciple-making.*

### **Explore Hour**

We meet on Sunday mornings to connect with friends and learn important truth from God's Word.

### **Youth Group**

We meet on Sunday evenings to connect with friends, play games, hear from God's Word, and spend time in community groups.

### **Retreats**

Students get away from normal life to spend time with friends, enjoy camp, and connect with God. We have retreats in fall and winter.

### **Explore Hour**

Cityview staff develops topical series that apply the truth of God's Word to students' everyday lives. Teaching is discussion-based and highly practical.

### **Our Curriculum**



### **Youth Group**

Cityview staff teaches from God's Word each week. We show what a passage says, what it means, and how it applies to our lives. The teaching is further applied during community groups led by volunteer leaders.

# ◀ FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP ▶



Consider



Create



Capture



Celebrate

## Mission Statement:

To equip families to magnify Christ and serve others.

## Vision Statement:

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## Discipleship Framework:

We believe the Bible calls parents to be the primary disciple-makers of their children (Deut 6:6-9; Ps 78:4-8; Eph 6:4; 2 Tim 1:5, 3:15). We also realize that family dynamics, culture, age, life change, etc. can all have an effect on the way discipleship happens in the home. Therefore, we have provided what we feel is a helpful framework that can be used in all contexts as parents seek to disciple their children. There is a lot of flexibility within this framework that can help you tailor it to the needs and spiritual development of you and your children. It is our hope that if you focus on these 4 Cs (Consider, Create, Capture, and Celebrate) then you will be a much more effective disciple-maker of your children as you seek to help your children know, love, and serve Jesus.

# THE 4 Cs OF FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



## Consider

**Consider your own life and how you are growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ.** If we are calling our children to consider Jesus and give up everything to follow him, then they must see us doing the same.

*"Train up a child in the way they should go but be sure you go that way yourself."*  
C.H. Spurgeon



## Create

**Create discipleship opportunities right into the everyday rhythm of life where your family can be grounded in the gospel.** Families must worship together by reading Scripture, singing, and praying.

*"A Christian home must be centered upon Christ, and if it is centered upon Christ, then it will be filled with worship."*  
Jason Helopoulos



## Capture

**Capture those teachable moments that occur daily where gospel-centered conversations can take place.** These are unplanned but can be the most impactful, formative, and remembered times for your child.

*"You never know when God will give you an opportunity to imprint His values on your children."*  
Dennis Rainey



## Celebrate

**Celebrate the work of God in the big life and spiritual milestones of your family.** It is important they see the priority and excitement placed on the right things and know all the glory and praise are God's.

*"We transmit what we treasure. We pass on what we're passionate about."*  
Josh Patterson

# parent equipping

HOW WE PARTNER WITH YOU



## education & training

### Parent U

Parent U workshops equip parents with the knowledge and tools necessary to engage in discipleship around essential issues like family worship, teaching biblical sexuality, gospel-centered conversations, pursuing purity in a digital age, and more.

### Elective Classes

We regularly have family, marriage, and parenting classes scheduled during our Explore Hour, 9:15a on Sundays.

Our next parenting class, Parent University, will run for six weeks starting in January 2024.

## resources

### Parent Resource Hub

At the bottom of the main entrance stairs, next to Kids' City, you will find resources for purchase to use in your home. Some resources are for you, the parent, and others are to be used with your family.

### Family Ministry Newsletter

Every month you will receive a newsletter that contains important news, announcements, resources, calendars, and more that will keep you up to date on everything in Family Ministries.

### Library

On the main level, you can visit our Cityview library. These books are on loan to you, and you will find some of the best resources on parenting, marriage, and family, and a small selection of books for children. Ask the office how you can set up a free library account.

## shepherding

We want to shepherd your family well as you navigate the challenging and rewarding call of parenting.

Somebody may contact you during the year for a shepherding visit from the Family Ministry Pastor, or you can always contact us and set up a meeting time.

## special worship services

### Parent Commissioning

You can participate in this special time as the church sends you out as a missionary in your home as you make much of Jesus Christ to your children in word and deed.

### Family Worship Sundays

Once a quarter, we have all Preschool through Elementary children join the rest of the church body in the worship service.



# MILESTONES



## Parent Commissioning

Parents commit to raise their child in a gospel-centered home and the church commits to partnering with parents in this important work.

## Salvation

Children hear the good news of Jesus Christ and respond in repentance and faith and then participate in the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper



## Bible Presentation

The church presents preteens with a Bible and welcomes them into regular participation in the worship service.

## Follow Me

Mature believers at Cityview invite children and teenagers into a discipleship relationship.



## Step Up

The church will call boys and girls into the calling of manhood and womanhood.

## Send Them Out

High school graduation is a celebration of what has been accomplished and for calling young adults to pursue Jesus and make disciples.



As a church and partners with parents in the discipleship of your children, we want to focus on celebrating the spiritual milestones in your home.

Celebrate is one of our 4 Cs of Family Discipleship at Cityview. We encourage you regularly celebrate other milestones in your home, like birthdays, anniversaries, driver's licenses, first jobs, graduations, and more.



Celebrate



