



Cityview
COMMUNITY CHURCH

2026-2027

FAMILY MINISTRY PLAN



Kids' City!



CityLINK



CityStu

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!

For God's glory,

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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 discipleship relationships with another believer in the church.

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 in living out the great commission from 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

2026-2027

Learn From Jesus

Love Like Jesus

Lead For Jesus



BIRTH THROUGH 3RD GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9a and 10:30a

Nursery | Birth - 1 year old

Toddler | 1-2 years old

Preschool | 3-5 years old

K-1st grade

2nd-3rd grade



4TH-5TH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9:15a

Regularly scheduled events
and ongoing relational
disciple-making.



6TH-12TH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9:15a

Sunday evenings | 6p-8p

Regularly scheduled
gatherings, events, trips,
service events, and ongoing
relational disciple-making.

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**CHILDREN:
6 MONTHS-
3RD GRADE**



MEETING TIMES

SUNDAYS

Explore Hour - 9:15a
Worship Hour - 10:30a



MISSION

We have created Kids' City to be a warm and inviting place for them to engage their imaginations in order to experience transformation through Christ 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

EXPLORE HOUR



Explore the Bible

WORSHIP HOUR



The Gospel Project

BREAKDOWN

NURSERY

6mo-12mo

Caring and praying over the babies & parents.

TODDLER

1-3 Years

Creating a welcoming & fun environment where they will be introduced to Jesus.

PRE-K

3-5 Years

Teaching and pointing out how the whole Bible points to Jesus through stories, crafts, and activities.

K-1ST

5-7 Years

Gaining familiarity with the storyline of the Bible, the books of the Bible, and various Bible skills.

2ND-3RD

7-9 Years

Identifying and engaging with questions. Seeing how Jesus can change their lives.



Preteen Ministry (4th-5th-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.



**Weekend Retreats,
After-Church
Fellowship, and
Service Projects**



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. During this next year, our students will follow *The Biggest Story Bible* curriculum, revealing God's story to them.



Student Ministry (6th-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 6-12 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 small groups & stu-squads.

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

CityStu utilizes a mixed method of youth specific classes as well as encouraging students to engage with adult oriented Explore Hour classes. Stay tuned for updates as to when youth specific classes are offered!

The Student's Journey

Our students will participate in the Student's Journey curriculum. This content is modeled after Cityviews Journey material. Utilizing bible study and informational youtube videos (@TheStudentsJourney-343) to help students deepen their ability to study God's word.

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 C_s 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



Family Equipping Track

The family equipping workshops and classes are meant to help prepare, equip, encourage, and support you as you enter and engage in each new spiritual milestone as a family.

Family Baptism Class | October 25, 2026 & May 2, 2027

Children, teens, and their parents

Come learn about what baptism is and why it's important.

Good News Class | October 28, 2026

Kindergarten through 5th grade students and their parents

Enjoy this fun and interactive night that explains the gospel message.

Parent U: Parenting 101 | November 7, 2026

Parents, grandparents, and disciple-makers

A workshop based on Psalm 101 that will help you think through the discipleship of your children and disciples.

Step Up Class | February 10, 2027

6th-8th grade students and their parents

An evening to celebrate and call students to follow God's design for them in biblical manhood and womanhood.

Parent U: Hope for the Next Generation | March 13, 2027

Parents, grandparents, and disciple-makers

Come hear how we can raise our children and teens so the world cannot ignore them, but is drawn to Jesus because of them.



Family Shepherdding Track

Family shepherding opportunities are available, so we, as a church, can walk alongside you in the important shepherding moments you face as a parent.

Family Foundations | October 25, 2026 & April 25, 2027

Parent Commissioning families or other families new to Cityview
Come learn about our Family Ministries from birth through high school.

Turning 3: A Pivotal Moment | November 15, 2026

Parents with a child who has or will turn three years old this year
Learn about important topics and decisions that should be considered as you raise your child as they reach this critical development stage.

The Education Conversation | January 24, 2027

Parents of children of all ages
Join this conversation on the different schooling options available, including homeschooling, private, and public.

Follow Me as I Follow Christ | March 14, 2027

Incoming 4th grade and 5th grade students or anyone else interested in discipleship
Hear more about our student discipleship initiative and how your student can be discipled by another believer at Cityview.

The Middle School Years, The High School Years, and Preparing to Launch will all take place in the spring or summer of 2027.

Milestones Pages

Here's what you'll find included for all six of Cityview's Family Milestones

As a church, we want to partner with parents in the discipleship of their children. One way to do that is by celebrating spiritual family milestones as a church together. While there are many milestones to celebrate, we focus on the ones that make a huge impact on the spiritual growth of your family. Our church family wants to come alongside you and celebrate with you the faithful work God is doing in your family. We can't wait to celebrate and praise God with you!

Church Celebration

As a church, we want to celebrate the spiritual milestones in the life of our students and your family. Therefore, Cityview will have special classes, workshops, services, and ceremonies to celebrate with your family.

Family Celebration

We encourage your family to celebrate these occasions in your unique way with meals, parties, and other ideas you might have as you thank God for the work he does in and for your children.

Parent & Student Equipping

As a part of our family shepherding plan and milestones, we aim to equip you as parents and your students. Throughout these pages, you will see various classes and workshops offered both for parents only and for parents and students.

Parent Resources

Every milestone will have some resources that are meant to be read by parents to help you prepare for the next "age and stage" of life. All the resources mentioned are provided either in the Parent Resource Hub to purchase or in the library to borrow. If you need other ideas or specific recommendations please contact Kyle.

Questions: Contact Kyle Bjerga | kyle@cityviewcc.net | 630.740.5748



Commissioned

Target Age Range: 0-2 years old

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

Church Celebration

Parents and child(ren) will come up front for a special time in the service. There will be a short challenge for parents followed by a parental and church commitment to disciple the child(ren).

Family Celebration

Mark this occasion with a special time or meal with family and friends to celebrate the important task of making disciples in your home.

Parent Equipping

Before the Parent Commissioning service, a parent workshop called *Family Foundations* is held with the Family Ministries Pastor and other families to discuss parenting and the partnership between the church and home in discipleship.

Resources

Family Discipleship by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin

Parenting by Paul David Tripp

Raising Confident Kids in a Confused World by Ed Drew

Mothers: Disciplers of the Next Generations by Truth78

A Father's Guide to Blessing His Children by Truth78



Called

Target Age Range: 3-8 years old

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

Church Celebration

When children repent of their sins and trust in Jesus, we will celebrate that in the ordinances instituted by Christ, first with a baptism service and then with regular participation in the Lord's Supper.

Family Celebration

Mark this occasion with a special time or meal with family and friends to celebrate that your child has been born again to a new life in Jesus Christ.

Parent & Student Equipping

Good News Class | A one-night gospel class called *The Good News* will be offered for parents and their preschool through 3rd-grade students every year. The gospel will be proclaimed to the children along with an explanation of baptism and communion.

Resources

The New City Catechism by Crossway

Family Discipleship by Matt Chandler and Adam Griffin

Family Worship by Donald Whitney

Helping Children to Understand the Gospel by Truth78

Established in the Faith by Truth78



Welcomed

Target Age Range: 9-11 years old

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

Church Celebration

Children graduate from Kids' City after third grade. We have them come to the front of the auditorium on Promotion Sunday to welcome them into full participation in the worship service as they enter our preteen ministry, CityLink. They are encouraged and challenged while also receiving from the church a Bible, a worship journal, and a resource on helping them study the Bible on their own.

Family Celebration

As a family, celebrate with a meal after church and discuss the importance of Scripture, corporate worship, and hearing God's Word preached.

Parent & Student Equipping

The *What is the Worship Service?* class is offered on Promotion Sunday to all 4th and 5th grade CityLink students and parents. We discuss the different components of the worship service, how the students can get the most out of the service, and serving at Cityview.

Resources

Let the Children Worship by Jason Helopoulos
God Made Me For Worship by Jared Kennedy



Discipled

Target Age Range: 9-18 years old

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

Church Celebration

Relational disciple-making is one of our values at Cityview. So, we often talk from the front about how important it is for our children and teenagers to be in these relationships, and celebrate when our church lives out this value.

Family Celebration

Make it a priority for the child or teen to meet with their disciple-maker regularly. Don't just celebrate the relationship, but also pray for spiritual transformation.

Parent Equipping

Many parent workshops are designed with relational disciple-making in the home in mind. Workshops will also equip disciple-makers so that the church and home work together in the discipleship of children.

Resources

So the Next Generation Will Know by Sean McDowell and J. Warner Wallace

Write It On Their Hearts by Chris and Melissa Swain

Zealous: 7 Commitments for the Discipleship of the Next Generations by David Michael



Challenged

Target Age Range: 13-16 years old

The church and parents challenge boys and girls to take up the calling of biblical manhood and womanhood.

Church Celebration

We celebrate God's good design of people as male and female. In the Step Up class, we continually celebrate how God has uniquely designed and gifted our young men and women at Cityview.

Family Celebration

Parents should have a celebration where they call up the young men and women in their homes to step into biblical manhood and womanhood. Ideas could be trips or special meals where you can talk about the importance of living out God's calling.

Parent & Student Equipping

Every year, our Step Up Retreat will be offered for 8th-grade students and parents to help them understand the calling God has given them in manhood or womanhood.

Resources

Let Me Be a Woman by Elisabeth Elliot

The Titus Ten by J. Josh Smith

Disciplines of a Godly Man by Kent Hughes

Disciplines of a Godly Woman by Barbara Hughes



Entrusted

Target Age Range: 16-18 years old

The church prepares juniors and sends graduating seniors to their college or career to pursue Jesus and make disciples.

Church Celebration

Our church will celebrate in the service with the graduates as they finish high school. We also want to partner with parents in finding a church for their students if they plan to go away to college, or help their student find more ways to engage at Cityview in the College & Career group and serve in other ministries.

Family Celebration

Turn your graduation celebration into more than just a movement from one stage of life to another. Take time to celebrate the faithfulness you have seen from God in your child's life or pray for them if they have still not given their life to follow Jesus.

Parent & Student Equipping

Meetings with the family and the Youth Director and Family Ministries Pastor will be set up during high school's junior and senior years to discuss important decisions regarding college, work, discipleship, church involvement, and more.

Resources

Preparing Your Teens for College by Alex Chediak

Parenting Ahead by Kristen Hatton

Walking With Jesus on Campus by
Stephen Kellough

