

Child Safety Policy

The Lord has blessed us as a church with many children. It is wonderful to have them around, and exciting that they have the opportunity to grow up as part of a loving church family. This policy will address a few important issues regarding keeping our children safe.

Responsibility for Children

1 - TBC assumes responsibility for watching over the children's safety while they are involved in our programs (such as Sunday School, Bible Clubs, Nursery).

2 - Children in grades 1 and higher will be dismissed at the end of their programs. Parents are then responsible to meet them and oversee their well-being.

3 - Children under grade 1 (generally 5 years old or younger) will be held in their classrooms until parents or their teenage (or older) siblings come to pick them up. It is important for parents to be prompt in picking up their children.

4 - Children and teenagers who consistently refuse to cooperate with those leading our programs, or who consistently create distractions for others, put their own safety, and the safety of others, at risk. If ministry leaders determine that a child or teenager can no longer participate in a program for these reasons, the parents will be notified and asked to keep their children or teenagers with them during these times.

5 - Parents are responsible for overseeing their children and teenagers at all other times. They should know where they are, and what they are doing.

6 - In order to prevent injury to children and teenagers, and to minimize the promotion of ungodly values or activities, and to prevent damage to church property, children and teenagers should not be allowed to roam the building freely before, during, or after services.

7 - In order to prevent serious injury, or possibly even death, children and teenagers are not allowed to play, or "hang out" in the parking lot before, during, or after services. If their parents allow them to leave the building, they may play in the front yard, the field behind the parking lot, or in any other designated play area (parents are responsible for all such activities of, and the safety of, their own children and teenagers).

8 - In the process of carrying out this policy, all adults are encouraged to view both children and teenagers as a genuine and important part of our church family, and to sincerely show each of them the kind of love and respect they are due as members of our church family.