

WELCOME!

Centennial offers FaithWalk classes for children from age 3 (as of Sept. 1) through Grade 5. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from September through May.

Sunday Morning FaithWalk begins in worship. All children go to worship with their families at 10:30 a.m. and are excused from the sanctuary following the *Time With Children*. Classes run until 11:45 a.m. giving parents plenty of time following worship to greet friends and visitors, check out the welcome center and bulletin boards, etc. We will dismiss 4th and 5th graders on their own unless parents request otherwise. Younger children need to be picked up at 11:45 a.m. at their classroom.



Safety and Hospitality

Children stop at the Nametag Table

each week before going into worship and pick up their colored clip-on nametag. This identifies their class and helps make it easier to gather following dismissal from the sanctuary. The nametags will enable adult leaders to call all children by name. Adult leaders will have matching nametags.

Grades K-5

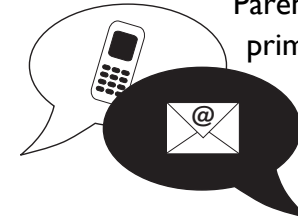
Children in Grades K-5 spend 4 weeks exploring a single Bible story through a variety of hands-on experiences. This Sunday school model is known as Workshop Rotation. Each class has 1 or 2 adult Class Leaders who are with them all year and travel with them to each of the workshops. The Workshop Leaders are visited by a different class each week. Workshops include music, cooking, science, computer, storytelling, art, movies, and games. Check the bulletin board, the display board in the east entry or your copy of *FaithWalk News* for the weekly schedule.

Preschool

Preschool children will explore the same Bible stories as the Rotation but will stay in the same room with the same team of teachers for the whole year. Their activities will include music, art, games, and more. The *FaithWalk News* will tell parents about the current story their child's class is learning.

Questions about FaithWalk for Children at Centennial? Feel free to call the church office and talk with Minister of Disciple Formation, Donna Draeger (651-633-7644) or email ddraeger@centennialumc.org

Communication



Parents are their children's primary Christian educators and we seek to support you in that role. Good communication is

essential! Talk with your child's teachers/class leaders and help them get to know your child by sharing information from home. Check the Children & Family bulletin board for details about upcoming events. Read the *FaithWalk News* (emailed at the start of each new unit and available at the nametag table) so you know what your child is learning. Visit the church website to find out more about Centennial's ministry with children and families.



FaithWalk at *The Well*

Children are welcome at *The Well*, Centennial's worship service at 5:00 pm on Sunday evenings. Following the opening music set children age 3–grade 5 are invited to go to class. Our **Live B.I.G.** curriculum helps children see, hear and live their Belief In God. Sessions include short video segments with characters that model B.I.G. behavior, plus really cool music and fun activities. We will begin the year with one mixed age class and divide as needed.

Expectations for Parents

- ✚ Say YES when asked to help. We need everyone's help to build and sustain our FaithWalk Ministry.
- ✚ Commit to making Sunday attendance a priority for your family. Teachers and leaders work hard to prepare lessons. We purchase supplies and curriculum for every child. We truly do miss your child when he/she is not here!
- ✚ Know what your child is learning in FaithWalk. Take the time to ask questions and engage your child in conversation. You are your child's most influential Christian educator!
- ✚ Help your child become a faithful giver by your example. Remind your child to bring a weekly offering. Talk together about FaithWalk mission projects.
- ✚ Try to visit your child's class for at least one full session during the year. You'll meet your child's classmates and see FaithWalk up close. Your child will feel special. Talk with your child's class leader to arrange your visit.

Expectations for Children

- ✚ Arrive at FaithWalk ready for learning, fellowship and fun.
- ✚ Help to make your class a warm and welcoming place for all who come—children and adults.
- ✚ Help to take care of the rooms and equipment that we use during FaithWalk. This is everyone's job!
- ✚ Bring your FaithWalk offering each week. (Let your teacher or class leader know if you need more envelopes!)
- ✚ 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders need to bring their Bibles every week!



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