

STUDENTS & KIDS



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KIDS AND STUDENT MINISTRIES

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 ***Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.***

Our vision for Kids and Student Ministries here at The Bridge is rooted in our commitment to warmly welcome and love each child and teenager in the name of Jesus. We aim to shepherd their hearts so they may come to understand that they are a unique child of God, loved by Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit.

We aim to help each person develop a sincere, lifelong relationship with Jesus, loving Him fully and following Him every day. Our goal is for them to rely on Him as their constant source of strength, knowing He will never fail them, no matter what challenges they face.

We are committed to modeling and teaching the servanthood exemplified by Christ to each child and student. By doing so, we hope that each child and teenager will naturally live out their calling to glorify Christ in the world around them, sharing the love of Jesus with others no matter what age or stage of their faith journey they are in.

Our ministry is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment that aligns with the vows affirmed at baptism. Here at The Bridge, children and teenagers will grow in Christian friendships as part of the Body of Believers, the knowledge of God's Word and Jesus as Savior and Lord, while also engaging in service to God's world through the Holy Spirit at work within them.

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KIDS AND STUDENT REGISTRATION

All infants through 12th grade students who desire to attend programming or classes at The Bridge must register (for the first time) or re-register every August to ensure records are up to date and students are assigned to the correct groups and classes. Use our quick and easy registration form [here!](#)





CHECK-IN MINISTRY

Programming Registration—Infant through High School Students

- First time users who desire to check in a child or student need to visit our main lobby desk upon arrival. Once the child or student's information is in the system parents or adults will be able to check in their children on the self-serve kiosks from week to week.
- First time users can also visit **thebridge.org/ministries/kids** to pre-register. Pre-registering will allow parents or adults to independently check in on the kiosks the first time they arrive at our church.



Scan the QR Code!
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Check-In Locations and Friendly Faces

- Kiosks are located in the main entryway, and are stationed as part of the lobby.
- Each week we have volunteers stationed to help families check in. If you encounter a problem, these friendly faces will be glad to help you!

We kindly ask that only adults or those older than 6th Grade operate the kiosks

- This helps to ensure that our records are as accurate as possible for Check-In, and that no child accidentally checks in to the wrong class or location.
- This helps keep younger children as safe as possible by ensuring that the numbered security badge is in the hands of the parent or adult.
- Students in 6th grade through high school are welcome to check themselves in for programming. No numbered parent/security badge is necessary for our middle and high school students.

Name Tags and Parent Security Badges for 5th Graders and below

- A name tag for each child will print along with a matching/numbered parent security badge. This number changes each time a child is checked in.
- For younger children, place the name tag on their back so they are not tempted to remove it.
- Each name tag has an individual number on it that matches the parent security badge.
- Kids Connection volunteers have been instructed to match the number on the parent security badge with the number on the child's name tag before releasing the child. This ensures that children are released to the correct person.
- We love our kids and we desire to keep them safe! Even if you as a parent know the volunteer, and the volunteer knows you and your child belong together, we still ask that you show your parent security badge. This helps to establish and maintain sound protocol and best practice in our Kids Ministry.



KIDS NURSERY MINISTRY

Where Even the Smallest Are Seen, Loved, and Known by God
At The Bridge, we believe every child is a treasured creation of God—deeply known, fully loved, and inherently valuable. Even in the earliest months of life, we have the sacred opportunity to reflect God's love by caring for each child's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Our nursery is more than just childcare—it's a place where babies and toddlers begin experiencing the love and presence of God through calm voices, safe arms, and intentional care.

We show little ones they are valued by:

- Gently speaking their names
- Reading books that tell them of Jesus
- Singing songs about Jesus
- Thanking God aloud for their presence
- Patiently responding to their needs



Nursery care is provided during:

- All Sunday morning worship services and some special services throughout the year.
- Other church events when nursery is noted in Bridge communications

Well Baby Policy - To help keep our nursery safe and healthy:

- The Bridge maintains a "well baby" policy—children who are ill (fever, rash, thick/runny nose, signs of infection) must remain with their caregiver until fully well.
- Toys and surfaces are cleaned and sanitized regularly to the highest standards.
- Children in this age group explore with their hands and mouths, so preventing the spread of illness is a shared responsibility. We appreciate your partnership in this.

What Parents Should Know

- Safety and Communication Are Our Priority.
- A parent or guardian must remain in the building while their child is in nursery care.
- Each child must be checked in and wear a name tag on their back. (See our check-in section for details.)
- Parents must present a matching security badge at pickup.
- Parents are welcome to drop off children before or anytime during worship and should plan to pick them up promptly after the service ends.
- Please share any helpful info at drop-off (e.g., potty training, allergies, or specific needs). Our Early Childhood staff is here to partner with you.
- Label all diaper bags, bottles, pacifiers, and sippy cups clearly.
- A space is provided for diaper bags and coats. Name tags for bags are available.

Volunteer Care & Ratios

Infants: 1 volunteer for every 3 children

Toddlers: 1 volunteer for every 5 children

All volunteers are trained, background-checked, and equipped to lovingly care for each child entrusted to us.

Whether it's a baby's first time in church or a toddler's regular Sunday routine, we are honored to care for your little ones with the love of Christ. We look forward to partnering with you in helping every child begin their journey of being known and loved by Jesus.

NURSERY ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Infants & Toddlers (newborns to 3-year-olds): Room 105

KIDS SUNDAY MORNINGS

PRESCHOOL – 5th GRADE KIDS CONNECTION CLASSES

We want our kids to love the church they are part of! During Sunday Morning Kids Connection, children experience the love of Jesus through faithful volunteers, their friends, and awesome learning opportunities. Each week, children walk through the Bible learning foundational stories and Biblical truths. Jesus Christ is always at the center of each and every learning activity!

Check In – 9:45 AM – Use our self-serve kiosks to check in! Check-in begins 15 minutes prior to each worship service. If you are a first-time guest, visit our front desk located in the main entrance and speak with a check-in volunteer to get started!

Family Worship – 10:00 AM – Families worship together in the worship center for the first 15 minutes of the worship service. We deeply value the presence of our children! We love their energy and the life they bring to the Body of Christ. Sunday mornings are a great opportunity for children to experience part of our intergenerational worship service. Children see their parents, grandparents, and other important people in their lives living out their faith in tangible ways as they worship together as a family.

Dismissal to Kids Connection classes – Preschoolers–5th graders are dismissed to their age-appropriate classrooms for Bible story and application after the music and prayer time at the beginning of the service. *A parent or adult must drop off their child(ren) to their assigned classroom and pick them up with their check-in badge after service.

KIDS CONNECTION ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

It is expected that parents will drop off and pick up children in the assigned rooms. Don't forget to bring your parent security badge when you pick your child up.

3 years–Kindergarten: Room 113–119 (first floor triangle)

1st–3rd Grades: Room 225 (second floor)

4th–5th grades: Room 219 (second floor)



Sunday Morning Acolytes (4th Grade)

Being an acolyte is a special opportunity for this year's 4th grade students! The acolyte helps us to remember Christ's presence in our worship and in our lives by ushering in Christ's light as they light the Christ candle on the altar at the beginning of each worship service. At the end of the worship service they once again carry out the light of Christ as a symbol to be his light in the world around us. Acolytes are scheduled on a rotating basis throughout the school year.



KIDS Wednesday Nights



ADVENTURE CLUB

1st–3rd Grades

Wednesday Nights from 6:30–7:30 pm.

8-week sessions in the Fall and Spring semesters – See calendar insert for full list of dates.

Adventure awaits! Dive into an action-packed hour of fun and faith at Adventure Club, and get ready to see what's in store as we explore the heroes of the Bible. Designed for 1st to 3rd graders, this program is loaded with:

- **Large-Group Games:** Enjoy thrilling and interactive games with friends.
- **Engaging Activities:** Participate in crafts and activities that make learning about the Bible exciting and fun.
- **Exciting Bible Lessons:** Discover the incredible stories of the Bible's greatest heroes through age-appropriate lessons that capture the imagination and heart.

The goal of Adventure Club is to build a strong foundation of faith, equipping children with essential building blocks that will guide them throughout their lives. The program aims to ignite a deeper sense of identity, belonging, and purpose in each child. Kids are encouraged to bring their neighbors and friends to join in the adventure every Wednesday night. It's a vibrant community where faith, fun, and the inspiring stories of Bible heroes come together for an unforgettable experience!

SALT AND LIGHT

4th–5th Grades

Wednesday Nights from 6:30–7:30 pm.

8-week sessions in the Fall and Spring semesters – See calendar insert for full list of dates

"Be Salt! Be Light! Alright!" Hey 4th and 5th graders! Salt and Light is a program designed just for you, sparking wonder and curiosity about who God is and how He's a part of your everyday life. With our awesome two-year curriculum rotation, there's always something new and exciting to look forward to—so much so that you'll be saying, "I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this!" Check out what Salt & Light on Wednesday nights is all about!

- **Fun!** Get ready for epic games that will get you moving, laughing, and teaming up with friends... and don't forget about snack time!
- **Bible Application:** Dive into exciting Bible devotions and lessons that reveal God's amazing love and His plans for you.
- **Grow Groups:** Make new friends, grow closer to the ones you already have, and strengthen your relationship with God. We're all about spreading the fun, so feel free to bring your neighbors, school buddies, or anyone who wants to join in the adventure.
- **Discover the Bible:** You'll learn how to take what you discover in the Bible and use it in your daily life, making a real impact at home, at school, or on the soccer field!

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ALIVE – MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

6th–8th Grades

Wednesday Nights from 6:30–7:30 pm

See the Student Ministry calendar insert for a full list of dates throughout the year.

Alive, is the perfect place for unforgettable experiences where faith, fun, and friendships come together. We've designed an engaging and dynamic program specifically for middle schoolers to have their own space to have fun with friends while growing in their faith. At Wednesday Night Alive get ready to...

- **Get Your Game On!** Unleash your energy with our action-packed games! From messy challenges to high-energy team competitions, our game times are designed to fuel the fun.
- **Grow!** Dive into the Word of God with engaging and relevant Bible teachings from our Student ministry staff and volunteers.
- **Live It Out!** Spiritual learning and growth is focused on life application to help middle schoolers better understand how the Bible's truths apply to their everyday life.
- **Make Friends!** Build meaningful friendships and a strong sense of community with other kids!



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ELEVATE – HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

9th – 12th Grades

Wednesday Nights from 7:30 – 9:00pm

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Elevate is a dynamic program designed specifically for high school students who are eager to grow in their faith and navigate the challenges of high school with a Christ-centered perspective. Through interactive discussions, personal stories, and practical insights, you'll find a supportive community where you can deepen your relationship with God and each other. Elevate is more than just a program—it's a community where you can belong, believe, and become who God created you to be. What to expect:

- **Games and Hangout:** Enjoy fun and interactive games that help break the ice.
- **Bible Teaching:** Experience solid biblical teaching that provides a strong foundation for your faith. Our sessions are designed to equip you with knowledge and understanding to navigate life's challenges with a Christ-centered perspective, building a foundation that will last.
- **Discussions:** Dive into meaningful conversations about faith, life, and the hard questions you face as a high schooler. Our goal is to help you apply biblical principles to everyday situations and grow in your personal walk with Jesus.



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COMMUNITY YOUTH NIGHTS

Middle School: 6:30–7:30 pm

High School: 6:30–7:30 pm

See Student Ministry calendar insert for exact list of dates.

Community Youth Nights are the perfect opportunity for both middle and high school students to bring their friends to church and have an unforgettable time! Anybody is welcome to attend on any given Wednesday night of course, but on these special nights there will be an intentional focus on welcoming newcomers. These nights are all about having fun, making new friends, and experiencing the love of Jesus in an exciting and welcoming environment. Whether you're new to church or have been coming for years, this is a night you won't want to miss. Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Build Your Own Snack Bars:** From DIY nachos to create-your-own gummy candy potlucks, the snack bars are always a hit.
- **Raffle Prizes:** Win cool prizes just for showing up and participating!
- **Themed Activities:** Each month brings a new theme with activities and games that are larger than life - from glow-in-the-dark dodgeball to inflatable sumo wrestling... you won't want to miss it!
- **Hangout Hub:** Hangout with your friends where you can get to know other people and just be yourselves.



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PROFESSION PROGRAM

Geared for 8th grade students and older

Meeting Time: Once a month / 11:00 AM (or directly following the worship service) – 1:00 PM (Lunch included)

See the Student Ministry calendar insert for exact dates throughout the year.

The Profession Program is designed for students in 8th grade, with an open invitation to high school students up to 12th grade who have not yet participated in a previous year. The program starts in September and runs through May each year. This monthly class aims to guide young believers in their journey of faith, offering a deep dive into understanding and living out their commitment to Christ and his church. During the program students discover more about:

- **Faith Development:** Encourage students to explore and solidify their beliefs, fostering a personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ.
- **Christian Values:** Equip students with a clear understanding of Christian values, helping them to articulate what they believe about the Trinity, God's Word and his church, discipleship, and other Christian platforms of faith.
- **Active Discipleship:** Inspire students to see themselves as active members of the Body of Christ, understanding their roles and responsibilities within the church community.
- **Leadership and Service:** Students have the opportunity to actively volunteer in a church role on the production team, classes for kids, or on a hospitality team.
- **Group Discussions:** Safe spaces for students to share their thoughts, ask questions and learn from one another.
- **Mentorship Opportunities:** Connecting students with church leaders and spiritually mature Christians for guidance and support in their faith journey.

Why Participate? The Profession Program is more than just a class; it's a transformative experience that equips young believers to stand firm in their faith for the rest of their lives, understand their identity in Christ, and actively contribute to the life of the church.



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