

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
2007-2008

**INFORMATION
&
RELEASE FORM**

Welcome to Liberty Evangelical Free Children's Ministry Center.
The following information will help you get to know our program content and our philosophy.

Our Philosophy:

It is our intent to provide each child that utilizes our ministries, with an exciting presentation of the gospel message of Jesus Christ. We believe that children have a greater sense of accepting the gospel at their age than at any other time in a person's life, so we will be taking advantage of this opportunity to introduce as much scripture and bible stories to them as time allows. We will be doing this through several methods including videos, music, puppets, and hands on learning and papers. Your children will be prayed with, prayed for, and encouraged to pray themselves. All of our activities will be presented in age appropriate formats and will be done in a positive atmosphere by a loving attentive staff.

Program Details and Highlights:

Each Sunday children two years old through sixth grade children will meet in the Children's Ministries video room (the first room at the bottom of the stairs). We will be doing music, eating popcorn and having our focus message for the day presented there. Our form of message delivery will vary, but will include puppets, DVD's, drama, and story style.

After we have finished with the message, the children will be separated by age groups; 2-6 year olds and 1st - 6th grade children. Our main focus for this time is to encourage relationships between the staff and the children while educating them about God's word. The younger group will play and talk about the lesson, the older group will participate in various resource activities. We are very excited about the opportunity to get to know your child better.

Additional items that may be implemented during the year are:

- Special event weeks
- Birthday recognition
- Christmas program performance
- Special Feature - singing in Church
- Special Feature - drama in Church

Staffing:

My name is Judy Vinger and I am the Children's Ministry Director this year. I am a mother of five and grandmother of five. I own and operate a child care and preschool center, and have been in the child care field for over 20 years. My Assistant Director is Gina Rosland. Gina is a wife and mother of two. She has valuable experience in working with children's ministries both here and in her previous church. Both Gina and I are Christian women whom not only a heart for the Lord, but a love for children. Our desire is to minister to your children's mind, body and spirit and to do this is a fun, exciting, and loving atmosphere.

Additional staffing for the children's ministries will include the youth, and teams of two adults who rotate in and out every week. We are only interested in staff that has a desire and willingness to work with children, no staff will evolve from a rotating mandatory schedule. All staff will be here because they choose to be here. If you have any concerns in this area please feel free to contact me at any time. I want you to know first hand how God has provided not only excellent workers who have come forward to serve in CM, but their willingness and enthusiasm to serve has been such a blessing to me and will be to your children as well.

Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:30 - 10:00

(PRAYER TIME) VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WHOS PARENTS ATTEND PRAYER TIME

10:00 - 10:15

GATHERING TIME - WELCOME

10:15 - 10:30

OPENING PRAYER - SINGING (CD'S - VIDEO MUSIC - INSTRUMENTS)

10:30 - 11:05

MESSAGE & POPCORN - VARIOUS METHODS (NORMALLY A DVD)

11:05 - 11:20

CONNECTING & REINFORCEMENT TIME - INDIVIDUAL ROOMS

11:20 - 11:30

CONCLUSION & PRAYER PUPPETS

I realize that church will not always get out at exactly 11:30, but we encourage you to leave the sanctuary promptly at its conclusion and retrieve your children to join you for the fellowship/coffee hour. This allows for families to interact and meet each other with their children and also allows those of us in the Children's Ministry area to participate in this activity. Thank you in advance for being sensitive to us in this area.

Parent/Child Connection:

I realize how important the connection between parents and children is, and how vital it is for a child's security. Subsequently, we will not allow a child to be upset about the parent's absence without that parent being notified. At the present time we offer a beeper system for you if you would like to use it, but regardless of the method we agree upon, know that your child's needs are of the up-most importance to us at LEFC and we will work with you to address any concerns you may have.

Medical Information & Releases:

The following card is a sample of the card we need to be completed on each child and returned ASAP. The information is for our records only and will never be shared with any other entity. The reason for birth dates is: so we can recognize their birthday, address and phone numbers: so we can communicate with your children throughout the year other than just Sundays, and the releases: for your child's protection as well as ours. You will be located and notified immediately in the case of an emergency, but, on the rare occasion that there is a need to start medical attention before you can be reached or if we are off the church grounds, your signature and doctor information is crucial. You will be notified in advance of any off the premises outings but having the release in advance cuts down on paperwork and last minute frustrations. The need for allergic conditions is so we can take every precaution to avoid things that may be potentially hazardous for your child. (We will be serving popcorn on a regular basis so please let me know if that is a problem for your child). Finally, the release for your child and/or his/her photo is so we can use your child to advertise events at our church. We will never attach personal information along with that, nor will we use them for profit or solicitation of any kind. If you have a questions or concerns about this form please contact me directly. (Judy Vinger 572-8083) Thank you!

SAMPLE

***Liberty Evangelical Free Church (LEFC)
Emergency Information and Release Form***

Child's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Medical Information: (allergies to food, medication, etc.)\ Other pertinent information:

I, by my signature, give LEFC personnel permission to treat my child\children for minor injuries and if need be, provide for emergency medical care in the event that I cannot be located immediately. I also agree that I will not hold LEFC Church responsible for any accident or injury that may occur while attending an event at LEFC, and / or an event sponsored by LEFC at another location. Finally, I agree to allow my child or their photo to be displayed on the church web page or for other advertising purposes.

Doctors Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____