

FBC REDWATER 2020
PreK-6th Grade
Wednesday After School Program

PARENT PACKET



Due to COVID-19 and the ever-changing needs of our community, First Baptist Church Redwater is updating and changing the policies and procedures for our WASP program in order to insure the continued safety and well-being of our students and workers.

Read the following information carefully.

1. The Wednesday After School Program (WASP) for Children will continue to be for Pre-K through 6th Graders.
2. The time for WASP will now be from 3:40-6:10pm with Car Rider pickup from 6:10-7:00 during which time we will provide a Worship experience.
We are changing the time in order to line up with the new school schedule and allow children time to do their homework when they get home.
3. We will continue to provide a free meal and opportunities to experience God's Word, God's Works and God's Desire for us to fellowship with Him and one another.
4. We will continue to coordinate with Redwater ISD to bus students over from the Elementary and Middle School.
5. We will change to doing only car-rider pick-up at the East awning, in the same location as last year. Parents must drive-up to pick up their children in order to maintain social distancing. Parent pick-up will begin at 6:10pm and continue through 7:00pm. Students will be engaged in worship in the main sanctuary during Parent pick-up time.
6. No parents will be allowed in the building during WASP time. Any pick-up prior to car rider times, for whatever reason (unless discussed otherwise on a case by case bases), will occur at the double door location. Please wait there till your child is brought to you.
7. We will continue to have game time, bible study, and worship for kids of all ages.
8. Please, do your best to follow the guidelines we are setting in order to help us maintain the health and safety of all of our students.
9. Our General Health Policies, Procedures, and Parental Responsibilities are listed below and COVID updates are highlighted.
10. Please be aware, we know that you can require your child to wear a mask/shield while they are in attendance at FBC Redwater, but not all children or staff/volunteers will be wearing masks at all times.
11. Please also be aware, that FBC Redwater staff nor volunteers can make your child wear a mask or shield at all times.
12. Please encourage your children to be obedient and to follow the rules of behavior at FBC Redwater and help them understand that not following the rules will result in consequences.

FBC REDWATER Children's Ministry

General Health Policy

In order to ensure a safe, healthy environment for our children, we request that parents take the responsibility for making sure their children are well before coming to church. This includes the COVID-19 considerations which will be listed below. If a child is found to be ill or injured while in attendance at First Baptist Church Redwater a parent/emergency contact will be notified and measures will be taken to ensure that child is cared for in the appropriate manner, ie. injury treated, isolated, sent home, hospital contacted.

We will encourage frequent hand washing and providing hand sanitizer to use throughout our time together. We will also encourage social distancing.

General Health Procedure

1. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Control of Infectious Diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a child should not be taken from the home when any of the following exist:

- A. Fever (100.4 or higher rectally or taken in the ear or 99.4 or higher if taken under the arm or orally). We ask that a child be free of fever for 24 hours before coming back to church.
- B. Vomiting or Diarrhea
- C. Any symptom of childhood diseases (Scarlet Fever, German Measles, Mumps, Chicken Pox or Whooping Cough).
- D. Common Cold (from onset through one week).
- E. Runny nose with green drainage
- F. Sore throat
- G. Croup
- H. Any unexplained rash
- I. Any skin infection (boils, ringworm, impetigo, etc.). A child can return once he/she has begun treatment and the sores are kept covered.
- J. Pink eye and other infections (child can return to church when treated at least 48 hours and improving).
- K. Any communicable disease (such as head lice, scabies, mouth sores with drooling, etc.)
- L. If they are diagnosed with COVID-19, they may return after 72 hours has passed from recovery (resolution of fever without use of fever-reducing medications). Also 10 days since symptoms first appeared and improvement in symptoms (i.e. cough & shortness of breath that is unusual to the child's regular routine/allergy/asthma)

If your child does contract a childhood disease following a session in any part of the Children's Ministry Division, please inform the Children's Ministry Coordinator so the other parents can be informed to take preventive care.

We will work to diligently and continually clean all areas/items in which children come into contact.

2. Should a child become ill or injured while in attendance at First Baptist Redwater the following guidelines will be followed:

- A. If a child becomes ill or injured, an adult volunteer will take them to the office or designated first-aid area to be assessed by a coordinator, director or other ministerial staff. If a serious injury occurs, adult volunteers may be asked to submit a written statement of the occurrence for the church files.
- B. Parents are asked to inform the Children's Ministry Staff of any medical conditions that might need to be addressed while in the care of our staff or volunteers. Information will be kept confidential and will be made known only to those teachers/volunteers on a need to know basis.
- C. For safety reasons, parents are asked to be responsible for giving medications to their own children. Volunteers are not permitted to give medications. The only exception to this policy will be on church trips or at Church Camp. In these cases, a nurse, health care professional or first-aid certified individual will be responsible for dispensing medication.
- D. If a child becomes ill, they will be isolated away from other children and taken to the office or designated first-aid area to be assessed and sent home.
- E. If a child is injured, they will be sent to the office or designated first-aid area to be assessed and treated for the injury. A parent/emergency contact will always be notified as soon as possible about an injury.
- F. In the handling of bodily fluids, teachers and volunteers are asked to immediately inform the Coordinator, Director or Ministerial Staff that assistance is needed and so that the location may be properly cleaned. If necessary, children may be relocated temporarily.

- G. In the event there is a child suspected of having COVID-19 symptoms, we will immediately isolate them, call parent/emergency contact, & hospital if symptoms are severe. If we have an individual who has been lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, we will notify local health dept. We will close off the areas that were heavily used by the individual until non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected or more than 3 days have passed since the individual was present in our facility. We will notify all volunteers, children's families, adult attendees to Wednesday night services, and staff who are identified as having had close contact. The lab-confirmed individual will be presumed infectious at least 2 days prior to symptom onset or for asymptomatic individuals, 2 days prior to lab confirmation. ("close contact" refers to
- A. being directly exposed to infectious secretions of being coughed/sneezed on while not wearing a mask/face shield and/or
 - B. being within 6 feet for cumulative duration of 15 min. While not wearing a mask/face shield.

Parent Information

Parents are encouraged to:

1. Get involved in our church programs.
2. Encourage your child to obey their teachers.
3. Periodically ask the teacher about your child's behavior when your child is NOT present.
4. Make the teacher aware of changes and/or problems at home that may affect the child's behavior. This will enable the teacher to minister more effectively to your child's needs.
5. Bring your child to church regularly.
6. Remember that consistent discipline at home directly affects your child's behavior at church.
7. Take responsibility for making sure your child is well before attending any church program or function.
 - a. If the child is coming from school, they will have had temperature checks.
 - b. If they are coming from home (as well as volunteer workers), we ask that a temperature check be done.
 - c. If a parent becomes aware of their child having come into contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, please notify the church staff, please keep your child at home, isolate them from others, and follow protocol procedures.

CHURCH BUS PROCEDURES:

All students riding on a bus belonging to or on loan to the First Baptist Church Redwater must have written or digital parental permission to ride the bus on file with the church.

While on the church bus, students and adults must:

- Follow the driver's directions at all times.
- Enter and leave the vehicle in an orderly manner at the designated stop.
- Keep feet, books, instrument cases, and other objects out of the aisle.
- Not deface the vehicle or its equipment.
- Not put head, hands, arms, or legs out of the window, hold any object out of the window, or throw objects within or out of the vehicle.
- Observe all usual church rules.
- Be seated while the vehicle is moving.
- Fasten their seat belts, if available.
- Wait for the driver's signal upon leaving the vehicle and before crossing in front of the vehicle.
- Follow any other rules established by the operator of the vehicle.
- Upon entering the bus, will go to the very back and be seated from back to front. Upon exiting the bus, will exit front to back. This will eliminate passing one another on the bus. Also masks/shields will be required on the bus.

If a student does not respond to the driver's or bus monitors directive to stop the misbehavior, if the misbehavior is considered a serious offense, or if the misbehavior is considered violent and dangerous to the safety of other riders as determined by the church, the church reserves the right to deal with the misbehavior in a manner in which the church staff deems appropriate. This may include immediate suspension of bus riding privileges, as well as additional disciplinary consequences.

Discipline Policy:

God's Word shows us a very fair, consistent Father who loves His children and wants them to stay within healthy boundaries. Our church wants to do the same. Our goal during any church program is to provide a safe place for children to come where they can be reminded of God's Word, taught what it means to have faith in Jesus Christ, learn to be more comfortable using the Bible and practice making good moral choices. In order for us to accomplish this goal, we must all agree to stay within some fair and consistent boundaries. Disrespecting the church property, leadership, and/or any student in a verbal or physical manner will not be allowed and may result in dismissal from that church program.

Parents need to be aware of the rules and guidelines, and agree to help us uphold these boundaries. Children must agree to know the following rules and follow them. Children attending this program need to understand that when they do not follow these rules there will be consequences.

Physical discipline, such as spanking, is never permitted. Using physical restraint to prevent a child from doing something disruptive or dangerous is permitted and may, in some instances, be necessary. Affirmation and encouragement is however the preferred method of correction.

RULES

1. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." John 15:12

2. BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER.

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

3. BE A GOOD FRIEND.

"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24

4. SHOW GENTLENESS.

"Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand." Philippians 4:5

5. KEEP MY WORDS PURE.

"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." Ephesians 4:29

Regarding Language and Disrespect: "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14 Any child who uses crude or rude language, whether it be considered profanity or disrespectful language directed toward another child or an adult will be asked to write Psalm 19:14 twenty-five times if they are in Kindergarten through 2nd grade and fifty times if they are in the 3rd-6th grade. The sheet of verses must then be signed by a parent and returned the following week. Any child who does not return this sheet completed will be put on a one week suspension from the Children's Ministry program. Repeated failures to return this sheet may result in full dismissal from the program.

Regarding Damages to Church or Personal Property: Any child who willfully damages church property and/or another child's or adult's personal property will be asked to perform a character building exercise where they help to restore the damages and/or clean or repair another part of the church. These character building exercises will be age appropriate and will follow along the lines of the following activities: sweeping or mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, cleaning black marks off the gym floor, crushing cans, cleaning the church bus, etc. A parent will be contacted or a child will be sent home with a note concerning the incident that required the character building exercise and the note must be signed by a parent and returned the following week. Any child who does not return the signed note will be put on a one week suspension from the Children's Ministry program. Repeated failures to return this sheet may result in full dismissal from the program. If the damage to church property is something that requires the church or person whose property was damaged to replace an item, the parents of the child who damaged the property may be required to make restitution.