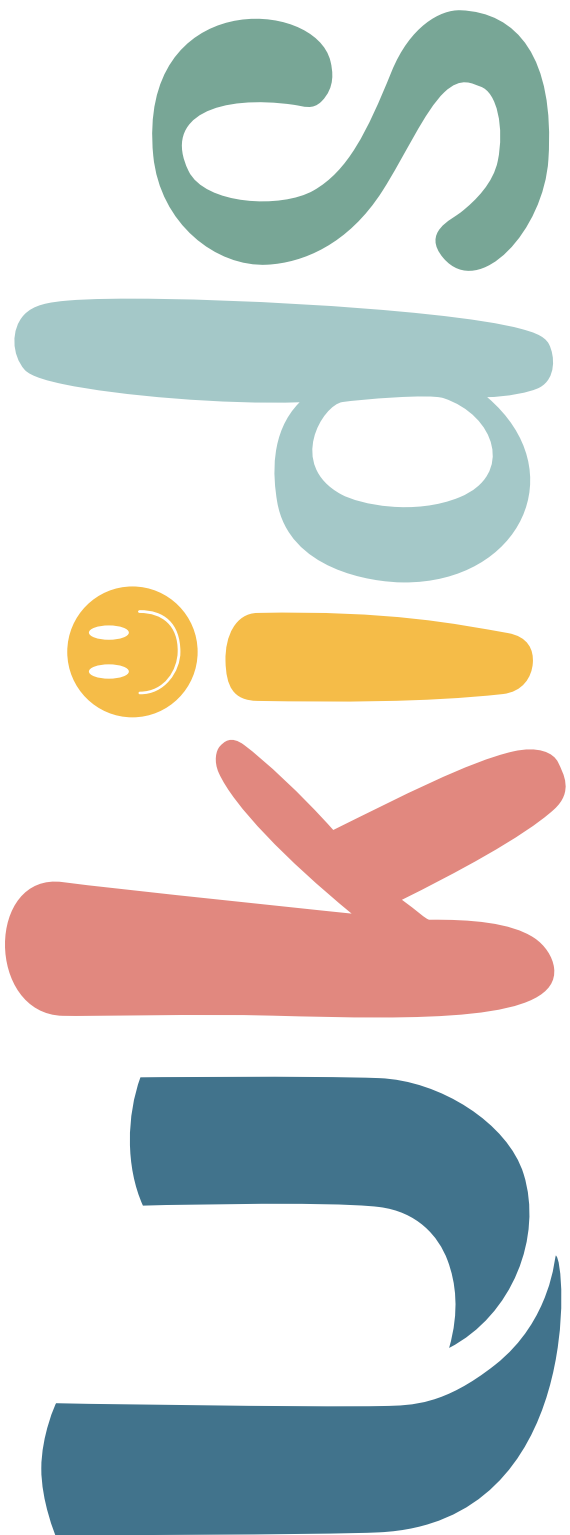




Ukids

Handbook





Welcome to the University Baptist Church UKids Ministry

UKids Ministry exists to partner with parents in the spiritual development of their children. We want to create a unique partnership that will produce true disciples of Christ who learn to look and think like Christ more and more every day. It is our joy to walk with children through every step of their faith journey and to provide parents with the tools and resources needed to lead their family. Our prayer is for every child to come to know God, grow in Him and learn to share His love.

Safety & Security

The safety and security of children is extremely important to us. Through the use of check-ins and state-of-the-art security, children will be safe during worship and Bible study. In addition, all UKids Leaders and volunteers go through an application process that includes background checks and training to best serve children.

FOLLOW US ONLINE

Keep up with what's happening with UBC Kids on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram (@ubcfwkids) where you'll find all the latest news and photos from our events!

Facebook



Youtube



Insta



UKIDS EMAIL LIST

Parents can stay up to date with our UKids ministry through our email list!

Newsletter



LEADERSHIP



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Preschool and Childrens Director

The Director of Children and Preschool Ministries provides leadership for all ministries serving babies through 5th grade. This role recruits, trains, and schedules volunteers; equips leaders; and implements the vision of the pastor and church within children's ministry. The director plans major events throughout the year—including VBS, Kids Camp, holiday and family while managing the ministry budget, and the upkeep of 17 classrooms in partnership with the ELC. Responsibilities include overseeing Sunday and Wednesday programming, and all related communications. The director ensures safety and excellence through volunteer screenings, tech systems, curriculum oversight, and classroom support, while also walking with children and families through faith decisions, baptisms, and pastoral care. Beyond administration, this role centers on building relationships and modeling a wholehearted love for the Lord, reflected in every aspect of ministry to children, families, and volunteers

Maddie serves at University Baptist Church as the Director of the Early Learning Center. She has lived in Fort Worth and attended UBC since 2017. Maddie and her husband, Matt, have 5 children, Lucy, Alice, Penelope, Francine & Jude, via foster care, adoption and bio. Prior to landing in Fort Worth Maddie attended UTA and received her Bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in sociology and psychology. She has always found her way to be involved in children's ministry of different aspect since she was a young teenager. She has a heart for children and helping shepherd them to the Lord.



Melissa Scott

Children's Ministry Assistant

Melissa serves as the Children's Ministry assistant at UBC as well as teaches the Ladybug class in the ELC. Before moving to Fort Worth in 2021, she worked for 20 years teaching Mother's Day Out at Spring Baptist Church, Spring Texas. Melissa and her husband worked with littles weekly in Sunday School at Spring Baptist for 15 years. Melissa has been married to Ed for 26 years and they have two children, Edison 21 and Madison 18, whom they love and adore. Melissa resides in Aledo, Texas. She loves walking the trails, having family time and checking out new restaurants. Proverbs 22:6

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Hour | 9:30am

At UBC, we have Family Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

An optional prayer time begins in the chapel at 8:45 a.m. where children are also welcome

UKids Family Worship

All Kindergarteners - 5th graders will join the church for the entire worship service. We believe families worshipping together is so important and incredibly formative for children. To help parents and kids we provide "Worship Bags" each week for kids to make and enjoy as they follow along in the service, located outside the side entrance to the sanctuary.

Little's Church

Little's Church is a ministry to our littlest ones and their parents. It is provided for babies-PreK children during the Sunday Worship Service. Little's can be checked in at the Preschool Suite as early as 9:15. At check-in parents can add any additional instructions for the care of their child (ie: bottle feeding, potty training, allergies, etc). Each child will receive a name tag sticker to be worn on their back and parents will receive a matching security sticker to show for pickup.

In Little's Church, the children will attend the beginning of the worship service with their class and then come back to the classroom for a Bible story, activity, snack and play. If the child also attends Enriched Kids at 11:00am, we transition them to their new class for pickup. Parents must note what room their children will be in for pickup after Enriched Kids as some children transition to different rooms for Little's church.

Parents

Each week all children are given take-home materials. One is for the child and one is just for parents. We want to provide resources for all families to continue the conversations from church in their home. We believe the partnership of church and home can make an incredible impact on a child's spiritual formation.





SUNDAY MORNINGS

Enriched Kids | 11:00am

After the service, all children (Babies–5th grade) are invited to stay for age-specific Bible classes designed to help them grow in faith and friendship. All preschoolers and children are assigned to a class with other children in their same age or stage of life.

Preschool

In the preschool years a child will form their first impression of God's love. We want every "Little" to know that God made them, God loves them and that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. We engage Littles in Bible stories, scripture memory, music, crafts, games, and play based learning. Check in Babies-PreK at the Preschool Suite check-in station. Check in opens at 9:10 and preschoolers can be dropped off as early as 9:15. Babies- PreK classes are in the Preschool Suite (downstairs and upstairs). Babies-PreK can continue to stay in their classes through Enriched, which begins at 11:00AM with pickup at 12:00 p.m.

Kids

In the elementary years, a child will grow in wisdom, faith and friendship. We want every child to know that they can trust God no matter what, they should treat others the way they want to be treated, and learn to make the wise choice. We engage kids through Bible study, Scripture memory, weekly devotionals at home, games, crafts, and worship. Check in K-5th graders at the UKids Hallway check-in station. Check in opens after the main worship service (around 10:40 a.m.) K-5th Graders classes are upstairs. Pickup for K-5th is at 12:00 p.m.

Parents

Each week all children are given take-home materials based on the LifeWay curriculum they'll be using on Sunday morning. One is for the child and one is just for parents. We want to provide resources for all families to continue the conversations from church at home. We believe the partnership of church and home can make an incredible impact on a child's spiritual formation.



SUNDAY MORNINGS (CONT.)

MyFaith Class

The MyFaith Class is for a child who is curious about what it means to be a Christian. Or maybe they have made the decision to follow Christ and they are ready to take the next step to be baptized. If a child is ready to take the next-step in their faith journey then the MyFaith Class is a great option! MyFaith is a class offered twice a year. It meets for an entire month on Sunday mornings from 11:00am-12:00am during the Enriched Hour. Children will be given a workbook to complete at home with parents. It is very important that children attend all 4 sessions of this class.

This 4 week class covers:

- How to become a Christian
- A deeper understanding of Salvation
- Baptism
- The Lord's Supper
- What it means to be a church member
- The importance of Bible reading, prayer, worship, service and giving
- How to tell your testimony
- Going on mission
- And continuing to grow as a Christian in difficult times



MIDWEEK MINISTRY

Wednesdays Evenings

We believe parents play a very important part in the discipleship of their children. Youth surveyed nationwide say their number one source of spiritual truth is Mom and Dad; not the pastor, children's minister, youth minister or church leader. We believe in the family and provide materials that help families grow together and learn a Christian worldview. It is our desire to partner with parents in the spiritual development of their children. Midweek Kids is for children Babies-5th grade and meets on Wednesday nights during the school year.



Midweek Littles

Midweek for Littles is a weekly program for Babies-PreK. The program provides preschoolers with foundational truths about God, the Bible, and salvation. It features Scripture memorization and basic Bible truths preschoolers can understand. We recognize that parents are the primary spiritual influence of the home and we want to partner with parents to work as a team in spiritually nurturing children.

Midweek Littles time is broken down into four areas: Crafts, Missions, Music, & Bible Story Time.

This is a fun and loving environment to help your little one learn about God.



Midweek Kids

The Purpose of Midweek Kids is to see boys and girls grow in their walk of faith and to support families in the process of discipling their children. Each week Kindergarten-5th grade kids will experience a time of DGroups (Bible study, scripture memory and prayer), Worship, Missions, and serving in a Ministry Team. Children are awarded badges each year for their participation in Ministry Teams, service projects, scripture memory and at home discipleship.



MIDWEEK MINISTRY (CONT.)

Midweek Kids (cont.)

Through this ministry, adult leaders work with the children to:

- lead any of them who are lost to a saving knowledge of Christ
- help them discover their identity in Christ
- disciple them in spiritual disciplines
- equip them for sharing the Gospel and doing ministry
- help them find places of service in the church and in the community
- assist parents in the process of disciplining their children
- teach children the spiritual discipline of having a regular devotional life
- teach them how to apply God's Word to their daily lives
- teach them how to pray and spend time alone with God
- help those who have received Christ discover their spiritual gifts and use them to build up God's church
- help them find places of service in the church, in the community, and on the mission field

Midweek Parents

Parents play a vital part in the discipleship of their children. Midweek Kids provides resources for at-home daily devotionals & prayer guides for children as well as weekly parent-talks to have at home. We strongly encourage parents to make time for this in the home, although it is not required. K-5th graders should bring their binder with them each week to Midweek Kids. .



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FAITH @ HOME

Partnering with Parents and Caregivers

3000 vs 125. That's the average of hours children spend with parents each year vs the time spent at church. At UBC we believe scripture commands parents to be the primary disciple-makers of their children. We know that no one has more influence in a child's life than their parents but also, a parent is not the only influence a child needs. In UKids we want to leverage that time at home and church and work together to partner in the discipleship of children. We want to create a unique partnership that will produce true disciples of Christ who learn to look and think like Christ more and more every day. To help navigate the crazy world of parenting and disciple-making, we strive to offer age-appropriate resources for each phase of life. Below are items available each week in UKids. Remember that the things that form us the most are small consistent things. So when bringing faith into the home, parents can play the long game. Normal is better than novel, and small consistent things make a huge impact over time. Let's make discipling our kids the greatest joy in our hearts.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
3 John 4

UKids Resources

- Parent Cue App
- Enriched Kids Take-Home Devotionals
- Parent Cue Cards
- Little's Monthly Placemats
- Midweek Discipleship Devotional Binders
- Seasonal Family Devotionals
- Weekly Emails: Bible story lessons, worship videos & scripture memory
- Fam Jams Spotify Playlist
- UKids Youtube Channel



Faith @ Home Library

We offer FREE Phase books to all parents as well as additional parenting resources for all seasons of life. We encourage parents to stop by the Family Room, located off the Preschool Suite Lobby and check out the Faith @ Home Library!

UKIDS EVENTS

We value families at UBC, and we value families being TOGETHER. Throughout the year we create intentional moments to come together and celebrate those God given relationships we have with one another. Each year families can look forward to events like:

Fall:

- Campus Candy Rush (TCU outreach)
- Baby Dedication (Sunday after Thanksgiving)

Winter:

- Enriched Kids Christmas Party
- PJs & Pancakes

Spring:

- Daddy-Daughter Date Night (Royal Ball in 2025)
- Mommy-Son Date Night (March/April, rotating theme such as Laser Tag or Night Under the Stars)
- Easter Family Event

Mother's Day & Father's Day:

- Muffins for Moms + child-made gifts
- Donuts with Dad + child-made gifts
- Additional Baby Dedication if needed

Summer:

- Vacation Bible School
- Kids Camp at Camp Riverbend
- Optional summer family events;
- August- Promotion Sunday parties, Kinder Bible Presentations, and Littles Parade



CURRENT PARTICIPATION & SERVING

Children and Preschool:

Total Roster: 120-140 children

- Babies-Preschoolers: 75
- Kinder-5th Grade: 50-60

Weekly Attendance (Average):

- Babies-Preschoolers: 40-50
- Kinder-5th Grade: 30-45

Volunteers:

Total Volunteers: ~80 (teenagers through adults)

- Sunday Programs:
 - Littles Church – 21 weekly (rotational) volunteers led by a Littles Coordinator + Assistant who prepare teaching materials. About 75 total volunteers.
 - Enriched Kids (Bible Study Hour) – 18 volunteers serving babies through 5th grade.
- Wednesday Midweek Programs: - 20-30

Staff:

- Support Staff: Two part-time assistants (Melissa and Lucia) provide vital week-to-week leadership and administration.



SERVE WITH UKIDS

UKIDS VOLUNTEERS

All UKids Volunteers and Staff have been background checked and trained to serve in their various positions. We take the safety and care of children as a top priority at UBC. We consider it a privilege to get to be a part of a child's spiritual formation.

Available Positions often include: Enriched Kids Leader, Littles Church (rotational) Volunteer, Various Midweek Littles and Midweek Kids Leadership Positions



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