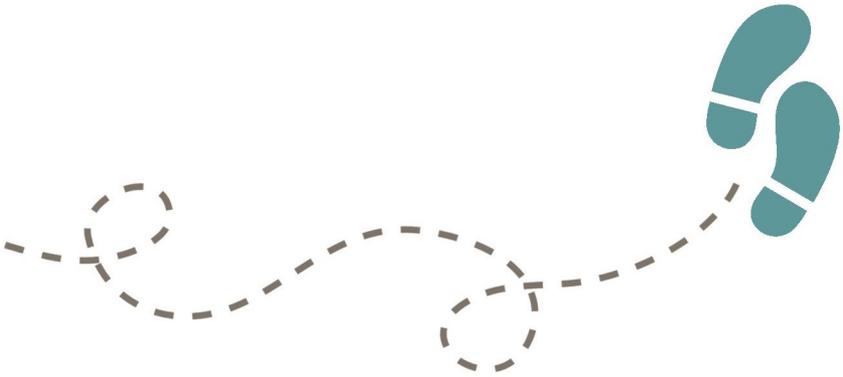


CRIEVEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH



**YOUR CHILD'S
WALK WITH CHRIST**



Welcome to the Creeewood Baptist Church program for children and youth! We feel blessed to have the wonderful responsibility of joining alongside you as you seek to raise your child in a lifestyle that honors and follows our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As the parent, you are the primary role model of faith in your child's life. However, we understand that navigating the journey of faith is challenging and helping a child along this journey is not an easy task. To assist you along the journey our team has outlined the major points of emphasis that build upon one another as your child grows in his or her faith.

Throughout your child's time with us we make the following commitments:

1. To train your child in the points listed below and to help them integrate each lesson into their personal faith journey.
2. To coach and guide you, the parent, in the ways that you can walk alongside your child and help him or her grow into a lifelong disciple of Jesus.

Thank you, again, for inviting us to join you in your child's journey of faith. We look forward to being part of your team as we endeavor together to see your child's life changed by Christ!



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- 1. Parent Dedication:** We, as the church, make a commitment along with you, the parent(s), to raise your child in a Christ-centered home. You and your child will participate in a child dedication ceremony administered by the pastor. You are also invited to meet with the staff members in order to receive some guidance in how to create and maintain an environment that supports your child's growth in Christ.

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2. Prayer: Prayer is a primary avenue for conversing with God. We are committed to supporting you in praying for your family and helping you to be an example for your child by building a firm foundation of prayer in your life. Prayers can be short and simple, and it is never too early for your child to begin watching you pray, or to pray him- or herself.

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3. Family Time: Quality time with your family is an important way to remain connected with your child. This is also an important time for your child to witness biblical truths and your faith lived out. Every situation your family faces is an opportunity for your child to observe how you involve God in decisions and activities. We are committed to the success of your family, and are available to help you plan activities, lessons, or conversations that enrich your family time and encourage spiritual growth.

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4. Life with Christ: Jesus is always present and your child will learn that He is part of everything your child does. We will provide some special environments—such as Sunday School, Worship, Wednesday night ministries, VBS, and others—that teach your child about God’s desire to participate in every moment of his or her life. You are invited to participate in many of these activities, and to meet with the staff in order to receive some guidance in how to build this foundation outside of the walls of the church building.

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5. Bible: The Bible is the inspired Word of God given to us to help us know Him, love Him, and follow Him. Spending time learning to read His Word, understanding what His Word says, and memorizing His Word are important practices in growing spiritually. We will spend time training your child in these skills, helping them to understand the Scriptures we have been given. We present incoming first graders with a new Bible that will be used throughout this journey. Your personal devotion to learning and memorizing the Word of God will greatly enhance your child's growth in this discipline. You are invited to meet with the staff to develop a plan for both you and your child in this area if you desire.

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6. Worship: Worship sweeps us up into God's story. Worship encompasses every aspect of our life of faith and is the way that we give God praise for His infinite blessings. We will teach your child various ways that he or she can incorporate worship in his or her daily life. Additionally, your child will be welcome to participate in worship with the church body, including reading Scripture, praying, or singing. Your example of a lifestyle of worship will add substance to the lessons we are also working to teach them.

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7. Giving and Serving: One of the many blessings we have in Christ is to give out of the abundance of the riches Christ has placed within us. We can give our money, our time, our resources, and ourselves in service to Jesus. We will work to instill a spirit of openness to give and serve in your child. You can encourage a spirit of giving and serving through your own example, and by providing opportunities for your child to give and serve in his or her context—school, home, local community, etc.

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8. Maturity: As your child grows into adulthood, he or she will face many new changes and challenges. He or she will experience physical, emotional, and spiritual maturity at an accelerated rate. New opportunities will arise, new experiences will become available, greater responsibilities and expectations will be placed upon him or her. This time of growth and new opportunity is also a time of many temptations. Throughout this time of maturing, we will work with you to cultivate in your child a life of purity in Christ. We are called to be holy and pure in mind, body, and spirit, and our goal is to help your child grasp what it means to live a lifestyle of purity that continues throughout their lives. As an upcoming adult, your child will begin to own his or her own faith rather than holding onto yours. This is also a time where we will encourage your young adult to begin mentoring a child younger than him or her.

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9. Lifelong Disciple: Your child is now a young adult and is preparing to leave home as an independent person. We will work with you to prepare your young adult for all of the challenges that he or she is likely to face, and to help him or her remain rooted in the Gospel throughout these times. We will connect your young adult to other mentors who can continue to disciple him or her as he or she continues to grow on this lifelong journey of following Jesus.

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