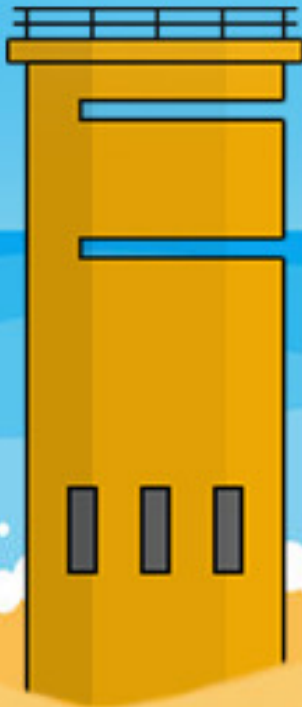


The logo for SCBC Kids features the letters 'SCBC' in a light grey, bubbly font and 'Kids' in a dark blue, bubbly font. The text is set against a stylized background of a blue sky, a yellow sun, and a blue and yellow wave. The entire logo is framed by a white border.

SCBC Kids



PARENT HANDBOOK



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General Information

Dear Parents,

At Sussex County Bible Church we treasure our children because “sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him” (Ps. 127:3). Jesus cherished children and blessed them, saying, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Mt. 10:14). Therefore, it is our joy to serve and pray for the next generation.

We seek to nurture the children of the church in a safe, loving atmosphere by teaching them about God and His world.

The parents of the church are primarily responsible to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Our role in children’s ministry is to support the parents through the offering of children’s classes.

Our Goal is to teach God’s world faithfully and model authentic Christianity for the children. We pray that by God’s grace, all the children in our trust “will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor” (Isa. 61:3) Thank you for giving us the privilege of partnering with you.

This handbook provides you with the policies and procedures that are particular to our children’s ministry. As you read through this information, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

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Purpose

The purpose of SCBC Kids ministry is to glorify God through partnering with parents as we inspire each child to know, love, and obey God for His glory.

Core Values

<p>Biblical Authority</p> <p>The Bible is God’s true and perfect Word and we must obey what it says. John 17:17</p>	<p>Sound Doctrine</p> <p>The Bible teaches us everything we need to know about God, ourselves, our world, and salvation. 1 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:3</p>	<p>Prayer Dependent</p> <p>God desires to hear from us; we praise him, thank him, confess our sin, and request his help. 1 Thess. 5:17</p>	<p>Gospel-Centered Discipleship</p> <p>Jesus calls men, women, boys and girls to follow him and to teach others to follow him. Matt. 28:19-20, Luke 9:23-26</p>
<p>Loving Community</p> <p>All who trust in Jesus are made part of the family of God. Eph. 2:19</p>	<p>Strong Families</p> <p>The church supports and encourages parents as they bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Eph. 6:4</p>	<p>Mobilized Membership</p> <p>All those who follow Jesus are members of the body of Christ and have a role to fill. 1 Cor. 12:12-27</p>	<p>Mission Focused</p> <p>As followers of Jesus we are to share His good news with others. Matt. 28:19-20</p>

*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His Power and the wonders He has done...
Then they will put their trust in God and world not forget His deeds, but would keep His commands.
Ps. 78:4*



General Guidelines

Adequate Supervision

There must always be adequate supervision to ensure the safety of the children: One (1) approved team member must be in the classroom at all times. In the event that the classroom cameras are not working, two (2) approved team members must be in the classroom at all times.

Health and Wellness Policy

Is your child healthy today?

In an effort to provide a healthy and safe environment for everyone, we ask that children and adults not be in the classrooms if they have any of the following symptoms or illnesses:

- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Diarrhea (for any reason)
- Fever within the past 24 hours
- Infection of any type
- Lice
- Measles, Mumps
- Rash
- Vomiting (within the past 24 hours)
- Runny nose with color drainage. (teachers will use discretion regarding clear drainage)
- Cold or Covid related cough

If a child exhibits any of the above symptoms, will will contact you and ask that you remove your child from class.

If a child is being treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the medicine for at least 24 hours before coming to any of the children's ministry classrooms.

Allergies

Please make sure we are aware of your child's serious allergies. SCBC team members will check children's name tags at the start of each class for any allergies. The approved snacks provided by the children's ministry are goldfish, animal crackers, fruit snacks, and puffs.

Children may not bring food from home into the classroom. This protects children and staff from exposure to foods that may cause an allergy.

Diapers

In the event that a child needs their diaper changed, parent/guardian will be paged. A changing table is in the lobby bathroom for parents to change their child's diaper.

Snacks/Bottles/Baby Food

- In the event that a child needs a bottle or additional food, the parent/guardian will give that to their child in the worship center.

Crying

In the event that your child is crying for more than 15 minutes, parents will be paged for assistance. The child may return to the class if the parent desires.



Photography & Video

We want our members and regular attendees to understand that we will, as a regular practice, take pictures and videos of all our events and ministries at some point in time. In the event that a parents/guardian chooses not to have their child's image used, it is the parents/guardian responsibility to notify the children's ministry director. We will seek to honor opt-out requests for images of individuals or small groups, but cannot ensure that the request can be adhered to for pictures or videos of large group events.

Anyone who sees their picture posted on the church website and would like it removed, can send a written request to the church office (please indicate where the picture is located).

Reaching Your Child's Heart

Our desire is to use every teachable moment to help your child come to know, love and obey God and to build the inner character your child needs to follow the Lord in every area of their lives. Those moments happen not only during Bible lessons, but also as we help them to make honoring choices in their words and actions.

More than simply obeying a set of rules, God desires that we live and behave in such a way that others are drawn to Him. The children need to be encouraged and challenged to think of their words and behavior in terms of honoring God, His Word, their leaders, others, and property.

“Trying to change behavior will be fruitless without also rewriting what the child believes and says in his/her heart.”¹

When children make choices that are dishonoring, we will address both the behavior and the heart issue. Specific guidelines are given for proper classroom management, expectations, and consequences.

¹ National Center for Biblical Parenting



Sunday Service

Children’s Ministry is offered Sunday Mornings from 9 - 10:15am for children from birth to 3rd grade. Doors open 15 minutes before each service.

Drop-Off / Check-in

- All children must be checked in at the welcome desk or at the Educational building.
- The children’s unit will open 15 minutes prior to the service for the arrival of children.
- Children’s belongings will remain with parents. This includes diaper bags, bottles, pacifiers, coats, toys. Diapers and wipes are available in the nursery. Parents will be paged to change their child.
- Teachers or the second attendant will walk the child to their classroom. Parents are not permitted in the classroom hallway. *For the safety of our children, no parents/guardians will be permitted to stay with their child or walk their child to the classroom.*
- Each classroom has a camera and parents may watch their child from the TV screen in the lobby.
- Parents must remain on the church premises while their child is attending children’s ministry.
- Please help your child develop the habit of using the restroom before he/she enters the classroom.

Pick-up / Dismissal

- All children will only be released to their parents/guardian.
- All children will be picked up in the children’s wing where they check in.

Contacting Parents

If your child has a need during the ministry hour that we are unable to meet, we will notify you by using the paging / display system on the projection screen in front of the worship center. You will see the first 3 letters of your last name appear on the screen. Please return to the check-in desk for further instructions. If we can not reach you a team member or rover will be sent to get you.

Nursery

Nursing mothers may utilize the nursery for nursing their babies. The nursery is available in the worship center lobby where, with a turn of a dial, the morning worship service can be heard. A changing area is provided for your convenience.

Curriculum

Classroom	Age	Curriculum
Infants	0 - 20 months	N/A
Toddlers	21 months - 3 years	Jesus Storybook Bible with companion coloring book
PreK3 - K	3 years by August 31 of current year	Gospel Project: Older Preschool
1st - 3rd Grade	Students in grades 1, 2 or 3	Gospel Project: Younger Kids

Classroom Guidelines

In SCBC Kid’s classrooms, the children will be taught these three basic guidelines in honoring God. Parents are encouraged to reinforce these at home:

- OBEY
- BE KIND
- SHOW HONOR



Classroom Expectations

PreK3, PreK4, K

- Hands and Feet should be kept to themselves. (wrestling, punching, hitting, touching things that don't belong to you, playing with the light switch etc..)
- Respectful listeners
- Take turns talking. (instilling the importance of raising your hand to speak)
- Respectful friend (sharing, not knocking down towers, scribbling on others papers)

1st-3rd Grade

- Hands and Feet should be kept to themselves. (wrestling, punching, hitting, touching things that don't belong to you, etc..)
- Respectful listeners
- Take turns sharing ideas, comments, and questions. (instilling the importance of raising your hand to speak)
- Respectful towards classmates and teachers (not laughing at others, talking back, arguing)

When a child makes a dishonoring choice we will move through the following steps, progressing to the next only as needed:

1. Clarify expectations and remind the child of a better choice.
2. Ask the child to take a "break- a short, quiet time removed from the group to think about:
 - What did you do wrong?
 - Why was it wrong?
 - What are you going to do differently next time?
3. Encourage the child to "go ahead and try again."

Classroom Consequences

PreK3, PreK4, K

1. In the event that the child has been given **three (3)** directives (an official or authoritative instruction) the child will be removed from group and provided ample time to reflect upon their choices. Upon returning to the group, if the child receives an additional directive, a parent will be paged immediately to pick up their child.
2. The child may return to class if the parent feels the child is ready to listen to instructions.
3. In the event that the child returns to class and fails to follow the classroom expectations, the parent will be paged to pick up their child. The child may not return to class for that given day.

1st-3rd Grade

1. In the event that the child has been given **two (2)** directives (an official or authoritative instruction) the child will be removed from group and provided ample time to reflect upon their choices. Upon returning to the group, if the child receives an additional directive, a parent will be paged immediately to pick up their child.
2. The child may return to class if the parent feels the child is ready to listen to instructions.
3. In the event that the child returns to class and fails to follow the classroom expectations, the parent will be paged to pick up their child. The child may not return to class for that given day.