

Cityview Family Ministry Plan

2020-2021



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Welcome to Cityview Family Ministries

BIRTH THROUGH 12TH GRADE

We are so excited that you have decided to take a minute to learn more about Family Ministries at Cityview Community Church. Whether your child is in our ministries for eighteen years or eighteen months, we will equip them in the Christian faith. At Cityview, we will help them

- **ENCOUNTER** Jesus through the story of Scripture.
- **EMBRACE** the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in repentance and faith.
- **EXPAND** their view of the Triune God.
- **ENGAGE** in the study of the Bible and other spiritual disciplines.
- **EXPLORE** the depths of the gospel and how it transforms everything.
- **EMBARK** on their journey to make disciples of all nations.

We know, though, that Family Ministries plays just one part in God's work. Each child that enters our doors has someone who wants them to know about Jesus. So, we partner with what you are already doing in the home, and we join with you in prayer to our gracious God for our children's souls.

Our Family Ministries are also committed to equipping you, the parents, with the gospel tools and resources necessary to take up the call you have to make disciples in your home.

Continue reading the Digital Family Ministry Packet to find out more about Kids' City, CityLink, CityStu, and more!



If you have questions or want to discuss Family Ministries further, please contact Kyle Bjerga, Pastor of Discipleship and Family Ministries

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COVID-19 IMPACT

How Covid-19 Impacts Cityview Family Ministries

It is no surprise that Covid-19 has had and will continue to have an impact on all Family Ministries at Cityview during the 2020-2021 school year. While we don't know what 2021 will bring, we are confident of the following cancelations and alternate plans for the rest of 2020.

Family Ministry Events

- Cityview Kick-Off Picnic – **Canceled**
- Overflow – **Canceled**
- Advent Kick-Off: The Manger Project – **Alternate option**

Kids' City | Birth-3rd grade

- Kids' City Classrooms Closed – **Opening TBA, until then Family Room options will be available for families with children 4 years and younger.**
- NYE Bash – **Alternate option**

CityLink | 4th-6th grade

- This new ministry has been pushed back until sometime in 2021.

CityStu | 7th-12th grade

- Fall Retreat – **Canceled**

As the semester unfolds, there may be some events or activities made available for families to participate in outdoors with other Cityview families or that can be done as a family in your home. An elective class for parents is also being considered for later in the fall via Zoom.

In His service,



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4 Cs of Family Discipleship



Consider



Create



Capture



Celebrate

Family Ministry Overview

MISSION:

TO PARTNER WITH AND EQUIP PARENTS TO BE THE PRIMARY DISCIPLE-MAKERS OF THEIR CHILDREN AS THEY HELP THEM MOVE FROM SEEKING JESUS TO SERVING JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL.

KIDS' CITY

BIRTH - 3RD GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9a and 10:30a

Nursery | 6 weeks - 1 year old

Toddler | 2-3 years old

Preschool | 4-5 years old

Elementary | 1st-3rd grade

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CITYLINK

4TH - 6TH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9a

Regularly scheduled events and ongoing relational discipleship training.

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CITYSTU

7TH - 12TH GRADE

Sunday mornings | 9a

Sunday evenings | 6-8p

Regularly scheduled gatherings, events, trips, service events, and ongoing relational discipleship-making.

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COMING FALL 2021

Family Focus

2020-2021



"When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too, and Jason has welcomed them. They are all acting contrary to Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king—Jesus."

Acts 17:6-7

Throughout the book of Acts, we see two responses to the apostle's message about Jesus; either people responded in faith and followed Jesus, or there was opposition, which led to persecution. What we don't see in the early church, though, were the disciples and churches ignored.

What does our church look like now, and what will it look like in the future? We believe as Cityview parents point their children to Jesus Christ, we will see revival in the culture because when our children live as Jesus lived (1 John 2:6), they cannot be ignored.

Let's join in prayer that our children...

- Repent and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- Are disciplined in the home and by other mature and equipped Cityview believers.
- Are known more for what they are for rather than what they are against.
- Deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus.
- Turn the world upside down for the sake of the gospel.



CITYVIEW FAMILY MINISTRIES EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

TEACHING THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

CITYVIEW VALUES
IN FAMILY MINISTRIES

Cityview's values drive our family ministries. We take the values of God's Word and Gospel-Centered Ministry seriously when selecting our curriculum.

ENCOUNTER AND EMBRACE



Children will encounter the living God by studying the Bible's one storyline of redemption, God's rescue plan for humanity, the gospel message of Jesus Christ. As children encounter God, we pray they embrace the truth of Jesus Christ through God's Word and begin to see real and true transformation through the work of the Holy Spirit.

CURRICULUM: EXPLORE THE BIBLE & THE GOSPEL PROJECT

EXPAND AND ENGAGE



Students will expand their knowledge and understanding of the truth of Scripture and engage with other students in comparison to the biblical worldview. The goal at this stage is for the students will find their place within God's story, and live out their identity and purpose as given to them by Jesus Christ.

COMING FALL 2021

CURRICULUM: FORGED & NEW CITY CATECHISM

EXPLORE AND EMBARK



There are three main teaching components to CityStu:

Explore, Gathering, and The Student Journey

Explore | A six-year curriculum that walks focuses on studying whole books of the Bible.

Gathering | During the Gathering, there will be an evangelistic message for non-believers that also seeks to equip students to engage their friends with the gospel.

The Student Journey | Discipleship groups focused on gospel-centered teaching, equipping, accountability, mission, and prayer.

CURRICULUM: WRITTEN BY CITYSTU TEACHING TEAM

parent equipping

HOW WE PARTNER WITH YOU



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education & training

Parent U

Parent U workshops equip parents with the knowledge and tools necessary to engage in discipleship around essential issues like family worship, teaching biblical sexuality, gospel-centered conversations, pursuing purity in a digital age, and more.

Elective Classes

We have regular family, marriage, and parenting classes scheduled during our Explore Hour, 9a on Sundays.

Parent-Pastor Chats (PPCs)

The primary purpose of PPCs is to provide an opportunity to connect and discuss the spiritual state of the children in your home and at Cityview.

resources

Family Resource Area

At the entrance to Kids' City, you will find resources for each of the 4 Cs of Family Discipleship as well as a resource library of books you can borrow, purchase, or take.

Family Ministry Blog

It is updated regularly with articles, books, resources, and other thoughts that equip parents in the discipleship of their children.

Family Ministry Newsletter

Every month you will receive a newsletter that contains important news, announcements, resources, calendars, and more that will keep you up to date on everything in Family Ministries.

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special worship services

Parent Commissioning

As a church, we will send you out as missionaries in your home as you make much of Jesus Christ to your children in word and deed.

Family Worship Sundays

Once a quarter, we have all Preschool through Elementary children join the rest of the church body in the worship service.

Milestones

At Cityview, we want to celebrate God's grace at work in the lives of our children and students - what we call milestone moments.

The milestones shown in the chart are vital to the spiritual formation of our children and students. While these are moments we celebrate, they must be followed by continuing instruction and discipleship.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."
Colossians 2:6-7



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FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



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Mission Statement:

To partner with and equip parents to be the primary disciple-makers of their children as they help them move from seeking Jesus to serving Jesus through the gospel.

Vision Statement:

We envision fathers and mothers living out the roles for which God created them, faithfully leading their families as they disciple their children, pray for and with them, and study the Word and worship together at home. To that end, we will equip parents to do this well, and encourage our God-given singles to participate actively in this through community living and relational disciple-making.

Discipleship Framework:

We believe the Bible calls parents to be the primary disciple-makers of their children (Deut 6:6-9; Ps 78:4-8; Eph 6:4; 2 Tim 1:5, 3:15). We also realize that family dynamics, culture, age, life change, etc. can all have an effect on the way discipleship happens in the home. Therefore, we have provided what we feel is a helpful framework that can be used in all contexts as parents seek to disciple their children. There is a lot of flexibility within this framework that can help you tailor it to the needs and spiritual development of you and your children. It is our hope that if you focus on these 4 Cs (Consider, Create, Capture, and Celebrate) then you will be a much more effective disciple-maker of your children as you seek to help your children know, love, and serve Jesus.

THE 4 C_s OF FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP



Consider

Consider your own life and how you are growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. If we are calling our children to consider Jesus and give up everything to follow him, then they must see us doing the same.

"Train up a child in the way they should go but be sure you go that way yourself."

C.H. Spurgeon



Create

Create discipleship opportunities right into the everyday rhythm of life where your family can be grounded in the gospel. Families must worship together by reading Scripture, singing, and praying.

"A Christian home must be centered upon Christ, and if it is centered upon Christ, then it will be filled with worship."

Jason Helopoulos



Capture

Capture those teachable moments that occur daily where gospel-centered conversations can take place. These are unplanned but can be the most impactful, formative, and remembered times for your child.

"You never know when God will give you an opportunity to imprint His values on your children."

Dennis Rainey



Celebrate

Celebrate the work of God in the big life and spiritual milestones of your family. It is important they see the priority and excitement placed on the right things and know all the glory and praise are God's.

"We transmit what we treasure. We pass on what we're passionate about."

Josh Patterson