

Christian Education Meeting

January 2, 2023

Present: Jason Haldeman, David Leiter, Lynne Hockley, Jo Hershey, Craig Coble

CHECK-INS

Nursery (ages 0-2)

- Access to the nursery should be available starting Jan. 8th -
- We will need to reorganize and find toys and supplies
- We will not be using buzzers any more, we will be using cell phones to call parents if anything

Shine (ages 2-5)

- The shine class is in their permanent place, which is a shared space with the nursery school (ECNS). This shared space is working well.
- We encourage teachers to bring Shine kids up to church for the children's time. We also understand that this might not work every week.

Blaze (Grades K-5)

- BLAZE room is now available on the first floor and must be organized this week
- They are currently using SHINE curriculum
- We need another helper for the third Sunday of the month

Kids Club (formally called children's church)

- Children leave worship after the children's time and go to the BLAZE room
- This is targeted for children grades K-3 but is not exclusive if 4th or 5th graders want to join
- Primarily this group has time to play and build relationships together, there is no curriculum for this time
- We still need volunteers to fill in this schedule

Jr. High/Sr. High

- Currently these groups are combined, which is not ideal

- The room is available again, but it is bare. We want youth input as to what we put in that room.
- There are a number of adults that are willing to participate
- Youth inquirers class will be starting Feb. 5th and run for 8 weeks, everyone will be included

Adult Classes

- We continue to meet in the fellowship hall
- Starting Feb. 5th we will offer a “processed theology” class led by Chris Bucher and John David (newspaper?)
- We hope by March we will be able to have more classroom space available to offer various faith formation options
 - Hybrid/ informational class
 - “Sip and Chat” in Memorial Lobby (community building)
 - Conversational/relational (target younger adults and families) - Ashley Haldeman is willing to help convene this group
 - Curriculum based class that is conversational (There would need to be some preparation by leaders)
 - Bible 101 Class?? - David Leiter

OTHER BUSINESS

Future Goals

- Increase our support of students that have special needs (one-on-one supports)
- Training for teachers

VBS

- Look for curriculum
- Choose a date in Feb.

TO DO:

- **Lynne:** Touch base with Jo and Jason about setting up the BLAZE room and nursery this week
- **Craig:** Check in with John David about what to publish in the paper, Check in with Naomi about publicizing the class at the college
- **Jo:** Touch base with Deb Z. about moving back into the nursery
- **Jason:**
 - E-mail parents of the nursery that we are moving back upstairs
 - Let SHINE teachers know what will be happening in children's time
 - Add to Handbook October – Review contracts with ECNS and ECCC about our shared space
 - Check in with Rachel about the next music CD (Soil and Seed project)

Next Meeting: Feb. 6 at 7pm

For Board:

- We are moving some faith formation meeting locations back to the main floor, specifically Nursery and BLAZE.
- We look forward to offering more faith formation options for adults starting in March (due to classroom availability)
- An adult class on Processed Theology will be taking place in February
- Always looking for volunteers to run children's programs