

Children's Ministry of Riverwood Church

Mission Statement of Riverwood Church.

Riverwood Presbyterian Church exists to praise, glorify, and honor the Triune God and His work by making disciples through Gospel-centered

1. worship,
2. oversight of its members baptized in His name,
3. teaching of wisdom, truth, knowledge, and godliness,
4. initiation and cultivation of Christ-like fellowship,
5. prayer,
6. study of Scripture,
7. and sacrificial service and proclamation of the Good News within and outside the Riverwood community.

Policy Statement of Children's Ministry.

Overview: In alignment with the Mission Statement of Riverwood Church, the Children's Ministry will do everything possible to provide a safe nurturing environment in which the children of Riverwood and the surrounding community will be taught the gospel of Jesus Christ; pray for each other, serve others in our church and community, and engage in Christ-like fellowship through all activities. The following is merely a statement of policy and general guidelines which the church will seek to follow. The church makes no guarantee to any party that all aspects of this policy will be followed in any given situation. The church is not responsible for the individual acts of any employee/volunteer.

Policy Statement:

Staff and/or volunteers working with minors must meet the following criteria:

1. Be actively involved in Riverwood Presbyterian church for 6 months.
2. Complete a background check (DHR Child Abuse and Neglect Database).
3. Be trained in policy and procedures
4. If a minor, the volunteer will have parental approval, will receive training and be supervised.

General Guidelines.

1. All efforts will be made to maintain a check in and out procedure at Children's Events. As part of this procedure, members and visitors will complete a general information form regarding the needs of the child and contact information of the parent/guardian. These forms will be maintained in the Director of Children's Ministry office for future events.
2. Best efforts will be made to maintain two-adult supervision. Staff/volunteers will work to avoid being alone with a minor in a closed (private) room.
3. Staff/volunteers seek to maintain positive interaction with the children under their care. If a child's behavior inhibits such interaction, the staff/volunteer will encourage appropriate behavior verbally, and then, if the behavior does not improve, notify the Children's Director and/or the parent. At no time will staff/volunteer use corporal punishment or verbal threats.