

## Baby Dedications

Periodically throughout the year, SBC will schedule a service to dedicate children of any age. However, if you are interested in dedicating your child, you can contact Terry Foster and a date can be arranged for any Sunday. We view dedication as an opportunity for family, friends, and the entire church to make a commitment to do everything we can to raise the child to know the Lord.

## Service Opportunities

We encourage all parents to be a part of children's ministry as a volunteer.

Opportunities include:

- Teacher (usually on a team)
  - Music team
  - Assistant
  - Cleaning
  - Administration

Contact Terry Foster for current opportunities.

## Special Events

Special events are held throughout the year for children and their families. A week of VBS is offered every summer for those 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

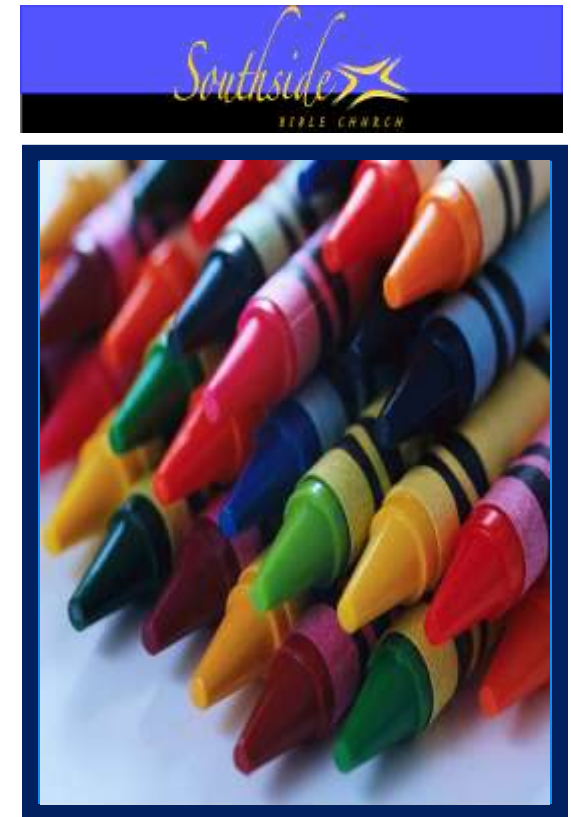
SuperCamperific is an overnight summer camp for those going into 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades (there is also another week for those entering 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>). In addition, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class plan four events throughout the year.

For more information, watch your bulletin.

## Have questions?

Contact Terry Foster – Pastor of Children's Ministry  
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Visit [www.southsidebiblechurch.net](http://www.southsidebiblechurch.net) for the most up-to-date information on events, programs, and other news.



# Southside Bible Church

## Children's Ministry



## Ministry snapshot

Welcome to Southside!

We are glad that you have chosen to make Southside Bible Church a part of your weekend! We know that placing your child in the care of strangers is stressful, so we do our best to make it a positive experience for your child and for you.

Each of our teachers has completed a background check and has been trained to deal with the needs of each age group. Whether you have a newborn or 5<sup>th</sup> grader, our teachers are committed to creating a safe and loving environment for your child as well as a place where they learn the Bible.

Every week we strive to do the following:

1. Make Jesus the focus of each class
2. Equip the children with the knowledge and application of biblical disciplines of prayer, quiet times, worship, service, fellowship, scripture memorization and evangelism.
3. Establish a partnership with parents
4. Provide a safe and appropriate learning environment.

## Nursery (birth-24 months)

We have 2 nursery rooms to serve you (Infants and 1's). Our nursery is staffed with people who have a genuine love for infants and toddlers. Our leaders are not merely providing childcare – they are seeking to extend Christ's love through music and play.

## Preschool (2 years – 5 years)

What a fun age in the life of children! We have 3 rooms (2's, 3's, and 4/5's not yet in kindergarten). Here we start teaching age-appropriate lessons to our children, beginning to give them the foundational hooks of their faith. From 3 on up they will be memorizing Bible verses and learning how the Bible is more than just a story.

## Early Elementary ( K-3<sup>rd</sup>)

Children in these classes are given opportunities to know God personally and grow in Him by studying His Word. All classes begin together for praise and worship and then split out into smaller age level groups. These groups focus on the lesson, scripture memorization, and learning activities. We use a 3-year curriculum that will take kids through the entire Bible over a period of 3 years.

## Upper Elementary (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

Many 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>-graders have questions about their faith and are starting to develop a serious relationship with Christ. Our teaching is specifically geared to helping this age group learn spiritual principles by going through the Bible verse by verse. We also believe in creating an environment where these students can build relationships with one another. The group meets:

- Sunday morning during the 9:00am service
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 6:30-9:00pm
- Quarterly for fun activities (watch the bulletin for dates)

## Children with Special Needs

We want all children and their families to have a warm and welcoming place where they can learn and grow. We welcome any child into our classrooms. The classroom teachers will work 1:1 with you to ensure your child has no problem participating in the class. We have highly qualified volunteers, many of whom are special education teachers and therapist that have offered their assistance to make the class a learning environment for all.

