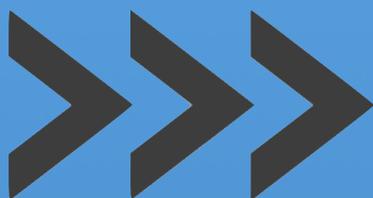


Parent HANDBOOK

NEXT GEN





HEY THERE!

We know being a parent is one of the hardest jobs on the planet, but it's also the greatest thing you will ever do.

We know your job isn't always easy, but here's what we want you to know: we're here to help in any way we can. We may be a children's ministry, but that doesn't mean kids are the only people we care about. We care about you too!

No matter how connected (or not connected) you are with our church, this Parent Handbook will show you some of the ways we're trying to care for your kid and serve you at the same time.

Thanks for letting us be another voice in the life of your child. Your trust and partnership means a lot to us.

We can't wait to see what this year has in store!





SANCTUS
Student Ministry





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THE BASICS

OUR TEAM



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Whitney and Jared have 4 children: Tucker, Piper, Brooks, and Blair. Jared is an avid hunter, when he has the time, and loves food way too much. But mostly enjoys just being with his family and exploring new places and having new adventures together.

So that's us! Let us know if there's anything you ever need. We're here to help!



OUR MINISTRY

OUR WEEKLY PROGRAMS

TSF KIDS PRESCHOOL | SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM

During the Sunday morning services, we offer preschool and nursery ministry.

TSF KIDS ELEMENTARY | SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Our Elementary ministry meets for fun, kid-friendly ministry during the Sunday morning services. They are released from the main service following the music.

SANCTUS | WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM

Our high school & middle school students (grades 6-12) meet every Wednesday for fun, worship, teaching, and small groups.

OUR ENVIRONMENTS

There are three kinds of environments for kids in our ministry. Each one is designed to strategically invite kids and families on a journey into deeper relationships with their peers, our adult team members, and Jesus, and each one is designed with every kid in mind.

EVENTS: Throughout the year, we'll host several big events designed to help kids connect with each other, with their families, and with their small group leaders. Special events will often be the place where kids or families walk into our ministry for the very first time.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS: Our weekly programs happen every single week. They're designed to help kids grow spiritually.

SMALL GROUP: Small groups happen every week in our programs and are designed to connect every kid with a consistent trustworthy adult and community of their peers.



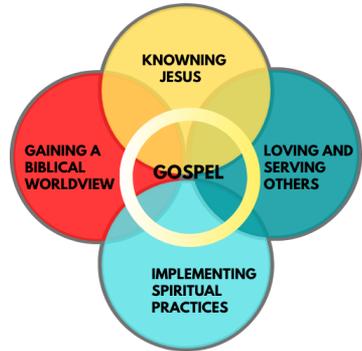
4 CORE VALUES OF TSF NEXT GEN

Partnering with Parents to disciple kids/students toward...

1. Knowing Jesus and His Gospel

(Scripture Addicts, Gospel Saturated)

We want to make sure we are always loving, teaching, and modeling Jesus to the kids/students and parents in our ministry, especially pertaining to the good news of his death, burial, and resurrection and what that good news means to us as sinners in need of a savior.



2. Gaining a Biblical Worldview

(Transformational People)

Kids/students are very impressionable and the enemy seeks to take them for his purposes. We will use the Bible as the foundation for all we do and say. We will teach bible skills, memorization and the importance of all decisions being based on the truth of God's Word. The Word of God transforms us as we are faithful to it and through this transformation we live our lives on mission for Jesus.

3. Implementing Spiritual Practices

A part of growing and maturing in the faith is learning how to implement spiritual practices that cultivate the lives of believers. These involve but are not limited to: prayer, worship, evangelism, serving, stewardship, fasting, silence, solitude, journaling, giving, and learning.

4. Loving and Serving One Another Well

(Community Obsessed, Compassionmongers)

The Bible says the world will know we are Christians by how we love one another. We will model and teach what it looks like to love and serve each other well. We will also teach what it means to love and serve a lost and dying world through the local church.



Why Grow Curriculum?

In Next Gen ministry, we all want to grow. We want to grow in numbers, sure because we want to reach as many for the gospel as we can. But we want to grow in depth and effectiveness, too. It's not easy to grow a ministry, though — especially when you're trying to grow both deep and wide. This is why we chose Grow.

Grow gives us an effective plan to help us disciple the Next Generation using the following areas:

- Annual Planning: Discipleship, Events, Games
- Teaching: 13 Unique Series, Materials, Discussion
- Team Members: Equipping, Communication, Support
- Parents: Equipping, Communication, Support

Grow's Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His death on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return. We believe people



DISCIPLING

Do you know the last thing that Jesus said to His followers while he was on earth? Some people call it The Great Commission: “Go and make disciples.” Duplicate yourselves. Go and make more of you. Take your faith and pass it on to someone else. **When we talk about helping kids begin to own their faith, we’re really just talking about discipleship.** So what is discipleship? Here are three thoughts . . .

DISCIPLESHIP IS ABOUT LIVING, NOT LEARNING

Rather than only asking, “What can we teach a kid about God?” we ask, “How can we help a kid live out their faith?” It’s not just about teaching them about Jesus — it’s about modeling what faith in Jesus looks like. That’s why relationships are such a key part of our ministry. Because discipleship isn’t taught in a classroom — it’s modeled in everyday life.

DISCIPLESHIP HAPPENS IN COMMUNITY

In the Gospels, you don’t really see Jesus doing one-on-one discipleship. That’s because discipleship happens best in a community of people. That’s why we focus so much energy on getting kids plugged into consistent small groups, why we emphasize the role of parents and families, and why we surround kids with tons of Jesus followers. Because discipleship takes all of us!

DISCIPLESHIP IS A PROCESS

Discipleship is never really complete because learning to live out our faith is a life-long process. And because we know discipleship takes time, we want to put people in the lives of kids who are in it for the long-haul. That’s why our small group leaders don’t bail on their groups after a few months, but stick with them for several years — because it’s a process.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL GROUPS

As a parent, you are making a huge impact in your kid's life. The impact you're making is far more significant than any impact we, their church, could ever hope to make. You are the most important voice in your kid's life, both now and for a lifetime.

But in all of our time caring for kids, we've learned something really important. (We drew a picture to help you remember it.) We believe that, in every kid's life, this is true: your best chance at influencing your kid's faith and future is to recruit other adults to influence them with you.



Dr. Kara E. Powell and Dr. Chap Clark, authors of *Sticky Faith*, encourage parents to “develop a sticky web of relationships” for their kids. We love that idea!

Especially during the childhood years, when you're laying a foundation for your kid's future faith and choices, we want to come alongside you by creating a pool of trustworthy adults who can help you influence your kid.

That's why our ministry is so committed to small groups. Small groups are about more than just good discussions. Small groups exist to connect your kid with an adult you can trust so you can better influence their faith and future.



THE FINE PRINT

SAFETY GUIDELINES

The safety of your child is a priority for our ministry, so we wanted to get you in the loop on how we plan to care for and protect them.

WE SCREEN TEAM MEMBERS

Before any volunteer is permitted to serve with us, they undergo a rigorous application and interview process, including a criminal background check and online abuse training.

WE SET BOUNDARIES

We have set a number of guidelines for our Next Gen ministry staff and team members. As a parent, you can help us make sure your child is well-cared for by helping us maintain these boundaries.

- No adult may ever be alone with kids.
- Adults may never be in a bathroom alone with kids.
- All rooms will have the proper ratios of trained adult volunteers.
- All staff members and team members must maintain appropriate physical boundaries with kids at all times. Team members will be trained in appropriate touch.
- To help keep kids safe and healthy, kids will not be allowed to enter TSF Kids if they have any of the following: fever of 100° or greater, vomiting, diarrhea, chills, sore throat, excessive runny nose, bad cough, rash, pink eye, or lice.



WE HAVE STRICT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF POLICIES

Kids are under the care and supervision of their parents until they are checked in to TSF Kids. We require all kids 5th grade and under to be checked in by a parent or guardian and escorted to their class by the parent or guardian.

We encourage parents to make drop-off quick, even with younger kids who may have a hard time. Separation anxiety is normal (and healthy!) but if you want us to contact you after a certain amount of time of crying, let the leader know.

Our check-in and check-out policies are . . .

- Kids must be checked in for services by parents, using our check-in system. When you check your kids in, you will get a claim sticker that matches your child's.
- You must show your sticker with a matching code to the team member in order to pick up your child.
- A child may not be picked up by anyone under the age of 16 years old.
- If you lose your sticker, see a member of our Connection Point team.
- If your child has a special need or medical issue or allergy that we need to know about, let the host team know when you sign your child in.

WE TAKE SAFETY SERIOUSLY

Because we take the safety of your kids very seriously, and we screen and background check all the adults working with kids and we do not allow adults in the children's ministry if they aren't screened. If you want to be in the class with your child repetitively you must follow all screening protocols .



WE CONSIDER ALLERGIES

If your child has a medical need or allergy, let the team member and ministry lead know. We cannot administer any medications.

WE TEXT PARENTS

- If we need to get ahold of you at any point during the service, we will send a text to the number from your sticker.
- We will text parents if children exhibit symptoms of illness, are crying inconsolably for more than 10 minutes, or if a child behaves in a violent manner.

WE HAVE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Our church has emergency procedures posted in every classroom and all team members are trained for weather emergencies, medical emergencies, and evacuations and predator situations. If an emergency occurs, kids will not be released until the area is cleared and the parents have the claim sticker.

WE REPORT DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

Our church policy is to report any signs or suspicions of child abuse or neglect.



CONTACT US

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

This year, we'd love to stay in conversation with you. Here are a few ways we're hoping we can keep the lines of communication open . . .

EMAIL

We send an email just for parents every month. It's packed with information on our ministry and on how to be a more awesome parent of your kid. To be sure you are added to the email send us a message at info@tsf-church.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We will have a variety of social media posts for our specific ministries...

INSTAGRAM: www.instagram.com/sanctus_tsf/

INSTAGRAM: www.instagram.com/tsf_kids/

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Throughout the year, we'll host a Discussion Group or two for parents. If you'd like an invitation, let us know!

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