

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CLINTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER GUIDELINES

The purpose of church ministry is to minister to the total person. Jesus was once asked to describe the greatest commandment. He replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30, RSV) This verse encourages us to grow spiritually, mentally, physically and socially. Through the use of the Christian Life Center, we hope to:

- Support, strengthen and complement the organizations of the church and its connections with the community.
- Strengthen the relationships of church members of all ages.
- Promote the continuing growth of the family.
- Promote physical and mental health.
- Seek to bring new members to First Presbyterian Church.

These Guidelines have been written to help direct the everyday activities of the Christian Life Center. They should help us enjoy the facility to the maximum and promote safe and fair use of the Center. It is our Christian Life Center; let us use it to bring glory to God.

General

1. The building will be called the Christian Life Center. Hereafter it will be referred to as the CLC.
2. Christian values should be the guide used in all decisions relating to conduct, dress and discipline.
3. The Christian Education Committee and Property Committee will develop and enforce guidelines concerning use of the CLC consistent with the goals and objectives of the church.
4. The Property Committee will review the guidelines at least annually.
5. No application for use of the CLC by a church member will be accepted more than 45 days in advance. A non-church member can reserve the facility no more than 30 days prior to use.

This time limit can be waived as deemed appropriate by a church staff person with consultation of the Property Committee when necessary.

6. The Christian Education Committee will establish hours for use of the CLC.
7. Persons violating the CLC Guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action by an appropriate church staff person.
8. A church staff member, or a designated person, will be responsible for the explanation and enforcement of the Guidelines.

Qualifications for Participation

1. All members of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Clinton, SC and its sponsored organizations are eligible to participate in the CLC.
2. Children of FPC members are also eligible to use the facility. Those 13 years old or younger must have adult supervision other than the front desk volunteer. Youth ages 14 – 18 years old are allowed to use the facility when a front desk volunteer is on duty.
3. Eligibility to participate will depend on an individual's willingness to abide by the Guidelines approved by the FPC.
4. A sign-in/sign-out sheet for members will be maintained at the lobby desk by the volunteers.

Guests and Visitors

1. First Presbyterian Church members may bring guests. The host member will be responsible for the actions of their guests.

Guidelines Governing the CLC

1. The speech, dress, and conduct of all church members, guests and visitors should be in accordance with Christian values.
2. Suggestive or improper clothing or anything that would distract from a Christian atmosphere is unacceptable.
3. Tobacco in any form, anything considered a weapon, any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs are not permitted in or are to be brought on the property of the CLC.
4. Chewing gum is not permitted in the CLC.
5. Shirts and shoes are to be worn at all times.

6. Appropriate athletic wear is to be worn when playing active sports. This includes shirt and shoes.
7. Profanity or coarse talk is unacceptable.
8. Food or drink is not permitted in any area other than the kitchen and the Dining Room except on special occasions such as church suppers, banquets, wedding receptions, etc.

Discipline

VIOLATION OF ANY RULE COULD LEAD TO LOSS OF USE PRIVILEGES.

1. First infraction -- written report and an explanation of the rules.
2. Second infraction -- written report, explanation of rules and notice sent to parents of high school age children and below.
3. Third infraction -- one month's suspension. A conference with parents of high school age children and below will be necessary before the participant will be allowed to use the center again. Any suspension may be appealed by placing in writing the reason for the appeal; this will allow the designated church staff person to review the case and make a decision. The written appeal must be submitted within 48 hours of the suspension.

Liability

1. The use of the CLC and all equipment will be at the risk of the participant.
2. First Presbyterian Church does not assume liability or responsibility for any participant while on church property or within a church building.
3. First Presbyterian Church does not make any express or implied warranty of the ground, facilities, equipment, machinery, fixtures, furniture, etc.
4. All groups/individuals applying to use the CLC must sign the waiver included on the application form.

Fees

1. There may be fees for some activities.
2. All fees are intended to offset the cost of that particular activity and the operation of the CLC.
3. A facility fee schedule is available upon request.
4. No credit is to be extended.

Equipment

1. An individual may check out only one piece of equipment at a time.
2. The person checking out equipment is responsible for the equipment and must pay for any damages.
3. Only age-appropriate equipment may be checked out.
4. Only volunteers on duty according to the schedule are to be behind lobby desk.

Area Rules

Multi-Purpose Areas

1. Team practice must be reserved through the church staff and should not exceed 90 minutes in length.
2. Equipment is to be used only for its intended use.
3. Gym shoes will be worn during participation.
4. Shirts will be worn at all times.
5. The multi-purpose area shall be used only for the scheduled activity.

Walking Track

1. Those 13 years of age and under may use the walking track with adult supervision only. This means that an adult must be on the track with them. Youth ages 14 – 18 years old are allowed to use the walking track when a desk volunteer is on duty.
2. Walkers and slower joggers should stay to the outside of the track to allow passage by one with a faster pace.
3. Racing is not permitted. This is a walking track.
4. No shooting of baskets from the track is allowed.
5. Proper shoes are required.
6. No kicking of any type of ball is allowed in the CLC.

Toilets / Shower Rooms

1. If locked, check with the lobby desk attendant.
2. Permission to use the showers must be secured from the person at the lobby desk.
3. Valuables should be checked at the lobby desk with the volunteer on duty.
4. Participants are requested to help keep the toilets and shower rooms clean.

Other rules may be posted concerning special instances. The Lord has blessed us in allowing us to have this opportunity to minister to the total person, and cooperation by all will enhance our ministry and its effectiveness as well as keep the CLC attractive for many years to come.

Rules to Remember

1. Adults need to be in the same area with children who are 13 years old or under while using the CLC. If you are on the walking track, your children need to at least be in the gym where you can see them.
2. Appropriate clothes (no beer advertisements, etc.) and behavior are expected in the building. Please remember; only gym shoes are allowed on the gym floor or walking track.
3. All food and drink is to be kept in the kitchen and the Dining Room areas. Spills or accidents should be reported immediately to the person at the lobby desk.
4. Sign in when entering the CLC and be sure to sign out when you leave.
5. No roller skating (including roller blades) or skateboards on CLC property. You must not skate, roller blade, or skate board on the side walks or in the parking lot.

Problems or comments about these rules can be discussed with the Property Committee Chairman or the Director of Christian Education. Thanks for helping us make this ministry work.