

## Children Ministry - Part 2

### Small Groups & Kids

This is a hot topic!!! And, it should be. There are *many* options for what groups may choose to do with and for their children during the adult meeting time. But, two things are important to understand from the beginning:

1. It is the responsibility of each group to decide how to handle the children.
2. The group should be formed before the best final decision can be made.

Several folks have indicated that they don't know about groups because they aren't sure about childcare for the group. The response is simply that you'll never know until you join a group! The dynamics of each group will be so different and the true needs will not be known until the ages of children are known. There may be a group with just one infant ... there may be a group with several older elementary kids ... there may be a group with a large number of preschoolers ... each of those groups will make very different decisions of what to do about the children.

The following list is given as suggestions, knowing that there are even possibilities past these and likely many groups will land on the right answer that is not even listed here.

- \* Small groups pair with another group and exchange childcare services.
- \* Small group members alternate turns to keep all of their own groups children in same home or nearby home.
- \* Group hires their own childcare. (several options within this one, including partnering with Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Winthrop to hire college students in exchange for a missions donation to BCM for their spring and summer mission trips).
- \* No group arrangement ~ couples handle their own childcare.

### Months Beyond September 13

This email (along with the last one that was sent) shares information and a better understanding of how Children's Ministry is impacted by the transition that the Lord is leading us through. What can't be shared in quite as much detail are the months and years that will follow. God does not leave those who are actively seeking Him in a stagnant place. Children's Ministry leadership continues to seek God's best for children and entire families. Know that even beyond the scheduled and calendared, there are plans and dreams "simmering on the back burner."

Our kids grow quickly. When they are ready to cross the bridge from Children's Ministry to Student Ministry, our desire is that each would love God passionately and love others unselfishly. To see this happen, our strategy is becoming even more **orange**!!

What does that mean???? ↓

### **Orange Party 2009**

... come hear even more info on what it means to "partner with parents" ...  
find out what being orange is all about ... see samples of the new Family Pack  
... come hear details on several large events coming up ... be prepared to have  
a fun evening with your whole family

Friday, August 28

6:00-8:00pm

FBC Fellowship Hall

for all families of infants through 5<sup>th</sup> graders