

Waterloo Road Baptist Church

Preteen Information Packet



"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow
the Lord will do amazing things among you."

Joshua 3:5



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We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us and we look forward to growing and learning along with you here at Waterloo Road!

Waterloo Road Baptist Church believes that a separate Preteen Ministry allows us the ability to fully recognize, customize, and focus on the specific needs of fifth and sixth graders as we address the age-appropriate pace and social environment of each child. Preteens are at a key transitional point in their lives where they want to experience God, are interested in service and mission, and are looking for a way to express their spirituality. Our goal is to provide a fun, consistent, safe, intimate, and focused environment that will engage them where they are and prepare them for transition to the Student Ministry when they reach seventh grade.

Preteen Weekly Ministries

Sunday School

Fifth and Sixth graders meet in the Preteen room (PC 103) where they utilize Forge curriculum by Lifeway to study age-appropriate Bible topics through games, music, Bible study, discussion groups, and much more.

Worship Service

Preteens are released from their Sunday School room to head to the main worship service. They are not required to have a parent check them out. They are encouraged to sit with their families or friends and actively engage in the worship service. This is an important time for preteens to become active members of worship instead of merely observers.

Wednesday Evenings

Preteens meet in the Preteen room and are led in live worship, followed by Bible study, discussion groups, games, and more. The programming of Wednesday evenings is intentionally designed to be more closely aligned to a youth Wednesday night service. There is a small snack shack set up for preteens to buy a variety of snacks. All proceeds go toward missions.

Preteen Special Events

Preteen Summer Camp

Our Preteens attend CrossTimbers camp with our 3rd and 4th graders. CrossTimbers is an amazing time of Bible study, ropes courses, target sports, water activities, swimming, worship, missions' opportunities, and much more. Check out www.bgco.org/crosstimbers for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School runs on a Sunday through Thursday from 6:30–8:45 p.m.! VBS is for kids who have completed prekindergarten through 6th grade and it is an incredible time of learning about God and our relationship with Him. The 5th and 6th graders will be in their very own Preteen Week and participate in lots of great activities.

Fall Frolic

Fall Frolic is a great event for families from birth through 101! Fall Frolic is an outdoor family event with multiple stations where kids will receive candy and small prizes. Concessions available for purchase. Costumes are welcome but should be kid-friendly.

Preteen Events

Throughout the year, Preteens get together for days of fun and fellowship. Activities include Pool Parties, Pumpkin Patch, Trampoline Park, and much more. See the Childhood & Preteen Newsletter for the list of current events.

Reducing the Risk Policy

WRBC is committed to providing a safe environment for all children. All teachers and volunteers in the Preteen Ministries Department must follow the Reducing the Risk policy which includes training, background checks, and additional screening. Copies of the Reducing the Risk policy are available upon request.

Guidelines & Expectations

Our desire is to help our fifth and sixth graders grow in their faith and begin to live out their personal relationship with God through Bible study, music, service, and prayer. Because our goal is for the preteens to live out their faith, we have expectations regarding behavior. We encourage them to consider the consequences of their actions (both good and bad) and dialogue with them about the choices God gives us and whether the choices we made were honoring to God. When a preteen chooses not to follow the expectations that are laid out, we correct with love and direction.

We expect and encourage our preteens to actively participate in worship services. We believe in servant leadership and have set up a Preteen Service program where preteens can volunteer to serve in the church by taking on specific assistant jobs in the Childhood Ministry Department. Jobs include greeting at the PC Doors, Check in Assistants, and more.



To learn more about our church and ministries visit

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