

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!

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Waterloo Road Baptist Church believes the parents are the primary disciple makers of their children. Therefore, our goal is to partner with and equip parents in discipling their children.

Waterloo Road Baptist Church believes that a separate Preteen Ministry allows us the ability to focus on the specific needs of fifth and sixth graders. 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 help preteens seek God and serve Him as wholly devoted followers of Christ in an environment that will engage them where they are and prepare them for transition to the Student Ministry when they reach seventh grade.

# **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. Corporate worship is a vital part of the life of a believer and a way for unbelievers to understand their need for a Savior.

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, Children's Church tech, and more.

# Preteen Weekly Ministries

## **Connect Groups - Sundays @ 9:30a**

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 Bible study, games, music, discussion groups, and much more. Preteens are released from their Connect Groups; they are not required to have a parent check them out.

## **Worship Services - Sundays @ 8a and 10:45a**

Preteens 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 @ 6:30p**

Preteens meet in the Preteen room for Bible study, discussion groups, games, and more. The programming of Wednesday evenings is intentionally designed to be more closely aligned to a Student Ministry Wednesday night service. A small snack shack is available for preteens to buy a variety of snacks. All proceeds go toward missions.

# Preteen Special Events

## **Preteen GO Weekend**

In February, our Preteens experience GO Weekend! This weekend is an incredible time of discipleship, fellowship, service, and just plain fun. This is an evening/daytime event - not overnight. Cost includes a t-shirt and four meals.

## **Preteen Summer Camp**

Our Preteens attend CrossTimbers camp with our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.oklahomabaptists.org/crosstimbers](http://www.oklahomabaptists.org/crosstimbers) for more information.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School runs the first full week in June (Sunday through Thursday) from 6:30–8:45 p.m.! VBS is for kids who have completed prekindergarten through 6th grade and 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.

## **BOOTCAMP**

Every July, BOOTCAMP is a missions and fellowship day camp for kids who have completed 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. BOOTCAMP begins the transition for outgoing 4<sup>th</sup> graders to promote to the Preteen Ministry and for outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> graders to promote to the Student Ministry.

## **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.

## **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.



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