



Parent Handbook



2017-2018



Preparing for a Life of Christian Discipleship

Building Christian Relationships

Nurturing Children & Youth

Grace First Presbyterian Church

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The LOGOS Ministry

Our Vision Statement

Growing up in today's world is tough! Youth and children must be able to face this reality and live with purpose, hope, faith, and joy. We believe passionately that these qualities of life are uniquely found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. The LOGOS Ministry exists to help the Church foster this relationship through a proven system of nurturing ministry.



Our Mission Statement

Grace First Presbyterian Church together,
worshiping God,
witnessing for Jesus Christ,
working to meet human needs.

Grace First Presbyterian Church together,
Worshiping, Witnessing, Working.

Grace First Presbyterian Church

The goal for our LOGOS program is to build Christian relationships, nurture youth and children into a committed faith relationship with Jesus Christ, and prepare them for a life of Christian discipleship.

To reach this goal, we will follow the LOGOS Ministry's four part program. The four parts are Bible Study, Worship Skills, Recreation Time, and Family Time. The four parts are designed to reflect the life of the early church as expressed in Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayer."

1. **Bible Study** (apostles' teaching)

This portion of time is devoted to nurturing young people into intelligent, obedient, Biblically informed discipleship using curriculum that is age appropriate.

2. **Recreation Time** (fellowship)

This portion of time is used to experience great fun at the expense of no one else through games, movement, and activities that require everyone's participation, has no winners or losers, and a score is never kept.

3. **Family Time** (breaking of bread)

This portion of time is to provide a joyous, cross-generational celebration of personhood over a shared meal as we experience being the family of God.

4. **Worship Skills** (prayer)

This portion of time is used to develop responsibility for and practice in worship skills because worship is our primary service to God as disciples.

LOGOS Policies

Parents are a vital part of the success of the LOGOS program. Your example of participation and commitment is the best example for your child. Please become familiar with the information in this handbook. Make regular attendance on both Wednesdays for LOGOS and Sundays for worship a priority for you and your child. Respond and commit when you are contacted to work with your shepherd group to provide and share in the LOGOS Family Dinner! Officers may need your help to set and decorate tables, prepare food, clean up and put away chairs and tables. Consider sharing your gifts and talents if you are called to facilitate a special recreation activity for an afternoon.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42

Discipline in LOGOS

The LOGOS program operates on one overriding principle: *Each of us is a precious child of God. Everyone is to treat everyone else as a child of God and, therefore, no one of us has the right to treat anyone as if he or she does not matter.*

Parents are always welcome and encouraged to inquire and visit with staff and facilitators regarding their child or children's progress and participation in the program.

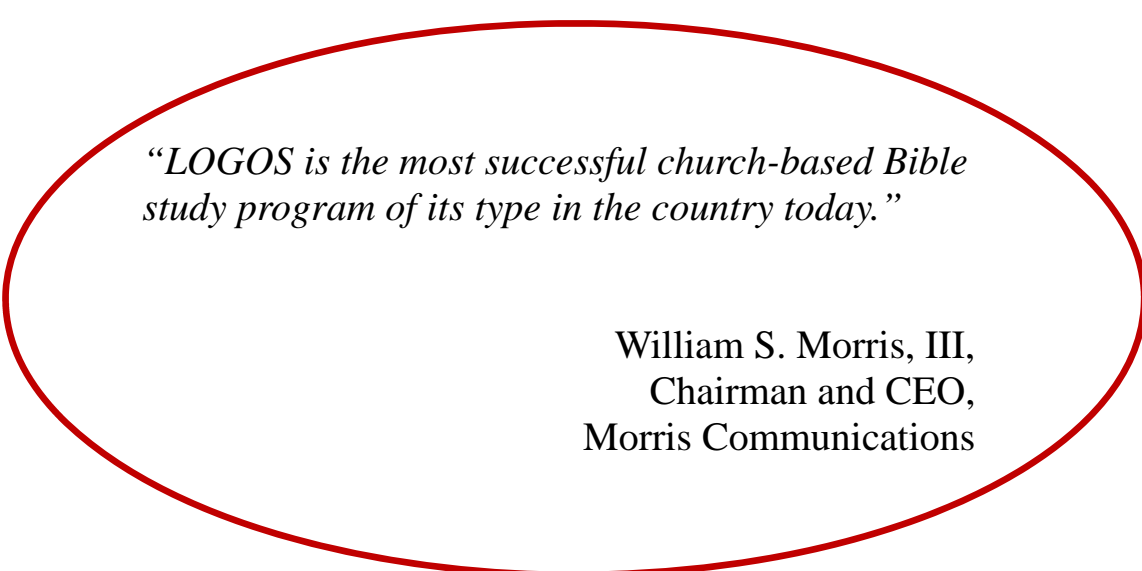
In the rare event where a LOGOS participant's behavior becomes disruptive to the activity or the class, that participant will be offered the choice to either change the behavior or to take a time away from the activity to consider, with an appropriate designated adult, a way to resume participation. On occasion, to achieve full resolution of a situation, it may be necessary to contact the pastor and/or the parents of the participant. In working to follow and model the example of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, children, youth and parents are to be and will be treated with respect and dignity.

Family Time Dinner

Anyone and everyone is invited to join us for our family time dinner. The cost is **\$4** per person, per meal. You may pay this each week or by semester (**\$48** for the fall and **\$56** for the spring) or for the year (**\$104**). Registration fees for the children/youth cover their meals.

NEW: The LOGOS program including the meal is free to all participants, and there will be no charge for the meal for LOGOS Staff and Table Parents. Parents are still required to fill out and turn in a registration form for their child(ren) who are participating in the program.

LOGOS is an inviting place! Guests are encouraged and welcomed to attend. If a child or youth visits twice or more, LOGOS staff will be in communication with his or her family to invite them to register and become a part of this vital aspect of the life of our church.



“LOGOS is the most successful church-based Bible study program of its type in the country today.”

William S. Morris, III,
Chairman and CEO,
Morris Communications

LOGOS Calendar for 2017-2018

Term One

September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27
October 4
October 11
October 18
October 25
November 1
November 8 (*Kids Against Hunger Packing*)
November 15

Term Two

January 10
January 17
January 24
January 31
February 7
February 14 (*Ash Wednesday Service*)
February 21
February 28
March 7
Not meeting on March 14 Spring Break
March 21
March 28 (*Holy Week*)
April 4
April 11
April 18

Wednesday Afternoon Schedule

3-4 Year Olds

5:15-5:55 Class Time

6:00 Dinner

K-2nd Grade

3:15-4:15 Snacks

4:15-4:45 Choir

4:45-5:15 Recreation

5:15-5:55 Bible Study

6:00 Dinner

3rd-5th Grade

3:15-4:15 Snacks

4:15-4:45 Choir

4:45-5:15 Recreation

5:15-5:55 Bible Study

6:00 Dinner

Jr. High

5:15-5:55 Bible Study

6:00 Dinner

Sr. High

6:00 Dinner

7:00-8:00 Bible Study

Table Parents

Table parents will be assigned to each table of LOGOS participants to assist during dinner time, instill good table manners, and lead meal time discussion.

LOGOS Staff 2017-2018

Director	Leslie Goeldner
Snack Team	V.A. Littleton & Margaret Gilbert
Kitchen Coordinators	Leslie Goeldner, Karen Lail & Dawn Kahlden
Music Program	Linda Young & Marialice Parish
Recreation Team	David Slyter & Jamie Mittendorf
Dinner Dean	David Slyter & Jeff Kahlden
Treasurer	Jill Bray
Bible Study Leaders	
<i>3-4 Year Olds</i>	Shantee Siebuhr & Marti Rosché
<i>K-2nd</i>	Jean Thomason & Kelly Baggett
<i>3rd—5th</i>	Jamie Mittendorf & Emily Gonzales & Ashley Furst
<i>6th-8th</i>	Claire Varnon & Jordan & Erin Thiem
<i>9th-12th</i>	David Slyter & Stephanie Eidson
Table Parents	Kelly Baggett, Jamie Mittendorf, KC & Mandy Overturff, Emily Gonzales, Jeff & Dawn Kahlden, Richard & Claire Varnon & Marti Rosché, Stephanie Eidson, Carla Trevino & Erika Trevino