



KID'S MINISTRY

PARENT LETTER: Term 1

2026



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the new year. This is my first newsletter in the role of Coordinator for the Kid's Ministry team. Mark has been leading this team for many years, and it is daunting to take over from him. He has built up a wonderful team of leaders and helpers which will bless your children this year. If you are a new parent, welcome. I hope this newsletter answers any questions you may have. However, please see me any Sunday if I can clarify anything for you.

WHO IS THE KID'S MINISTRY FOR? Kid's Ministry is for children aged from 2.5 years up until the end of Grade 4. They then progress on to Junior Youth.

WHAT DO CHILDREN EXPERIENCE IN THE KID'S MINISTRY PROGRAM? At Elizabeth Church of Christ, we seek to uphold the Biblical principles of ministry to children. We recognise that while the spiritual nurturing of children is primarily the biblical responsibility of parents and families (Deut 6:4-9), the Church as the community of faith is called to partner with parents and families to ensure every child is nurtured toward a personal faith in which they love God with all their heart and mind and strength. Our time together includes singing, praying, learning a memory verse, hearing a Biblical story and doing craft related to the story.

CURRICULUM: The curriculum for Term 1 is called "**Bible Basics.**" The 8 lessons have as a theme the idea that soldiers train and train in order to find themselves ready for whatever situation they find themselves in. They start out in Basic Training, where they lay the foundation for their career as soldiers. We can use God's word to help us train so that we can live for God. This series will teach kids 8 important Bible Basics to lay the foundation for a lifetime of faith. We are hoping to teach the children the names of the books of the New Testament this term and have provided a song to help them remember them. Our objective is for our kids will learn that we train with prayer and Bible study so that we can follow Jesus better.

MEMORY VERSE FOR TERM 1: "By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing." 2 Timothy 3:17

KID'S MINISTRY FAMILY PICNIC SATURDAY 28TH MARCH: We would love to invite you and your children to a Family Picnic so we can all get to know each other better and so friendships can be developed. It will be at Harry Bowey Reserve in Salisbury from 11:00am. More information will be available soon.

FAMILY SERVICES: At the end of each term, we have a family service which provides opportunities for the whole church to hear from the children and Junior Youth what they have been learning. The children will come up to the stage and perform a song and say the memory verse they have been learning. I have included the links to the songs we are learning this term. It would be wonderful if you would also use these as part of your family devotional times so the children become more confident.

SONGS FOR THE FAMILY SERVICE: The date for the family service is Sunday 29th March.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FrP5Pr0Bn2E> For the Family Service Term 1 **Your way's better - by Forrest Frank**

CHILD SAFE: Just letting you know that all of our adult helpers and leaders have to have a WWCC and have to do Child Safe Training and sign a Code of Conduct. We have a Child Safe policy which is available for anyone to read on our website. We are doing everything we can to make this a safe place for children and young people.

CONCERNS: If you have any concerns about safety please don't hesitate to contact us, we want to know and will do everything we can to make our church safe.

MISSIONS: We encourage children to participate in the spiritual discipline of "Giving." All money given by children goes toward a global mission project for which they can have ownership by voting for which projects to support. This term we are raising money through the Churches of Christ Great Gifts Catalogue to purchase two Bibles pastors and evangelists with Bibles in their native language, enabling them to study and spread the word of God within their communities. and to buy 4 fruit trees. Planting indigenous trees preserves the local environment, fosters conservation, and provides nourishing fruit for the community.

Our target is \$100. The main point of this is to encourage the children to develop a habit of regular giving to God's work.

BAPTISMS: We have had a number of baptisms recently. If your child has expressed an interest in being baptised let us know. We have a short course that we use to teach them about baptism to ensure they are ready to be baptised.

DISABILITIES: If your child has any learning disabilities or physical disabilities or anxieties, please let us know. We would love to work with you to find the best way to support your child. We are happy to organise a home visit which can often be great way to help them feel cared for.

REGISTRATION: Each year the children have to re-register. There will be registration forms on the table as they enter the room. You can also register them online if you go to the church website.

We are so blessed to have so many young families in our church and we love working with your children. Pray for our children that they will come to a saving faith in Jesus and for our Leaders that they will be led and empowered by God's Spirit as they work with the children.

Blessings,

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