

Volunteer Team Information Sheet

Children's Program

Meeting Information

Where: St. Paul's United Methodist Church
2423 W. 26th Street, Joplin, Missouri 64804

When: Every Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sessions begin: 6:30 p.m.

Recommended: Arrive early in order to organize and become familiar with the evening's material before dinner is served at 6:00 p.m.

Children's Program Overview

Building Bridges has 5 groups for children who attend on Thursday nights and participate in programming while their parents participate in adult classes and discussions. The children's programming includes:

1. **Basic Child Care** for infants and toddlers
2. **Curriculum Group One** is offered to children ages 4 to 6 years
3. **Curriculum Group Two** is offered to children ages 7 to 9 years
4. **Curriculum Group Three** is offered to children ages 10 to 12 years
5. **Bridges' Teens** is discussion based, partially on items from the Adult Bridge Builder program and also character development topics.

Building Bridges' Curriculum topic modules are four sessions in length. We schedule four weeks of curriculum and use a fifth week as an activity night. Activity nights can be holiday themed, games, crafts or field trips.

Our Curriculum also includes children's books, commercial and You Tube videos, games, and activities. Module themes include character development topics as well as skill building topics similar to those in the Bridge Builder training program.

Volunteer Scheduling

Volunteers will share their availability and confirm their schedule by emailing Theresa (Terry) Wachter @ Terry.wachter@att.net

If possible, we encourage volunteer hours be provided in **consecutive week units**. This provides continuity for the children. Volunteers are welcome to sign up in pairs for specific age groups. Please provide an e-mail address so the curriculum may be sent to you in advance of the sessions you schedule.

Clean Up

Materials are stored in the lower cabinets at St. Paul's in "The Hub." Please place unused material in the provided topic folder and return all art supplies to designated containers.

Children's Program Contacts

For questions or to confirm scheduling call **Terry Wachter** at **417.850.6302**

If you cannot reach the above contacts, please call Program Coordinator **Adrienne Weston** at **417.483.1871**

Thank you for your assistance with the Building Bridges' Children's Program!
Please let us know what we can do to help make this process better for you and future groups.
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