

Ministry of Music – Children’s Choirs

Expectation of Parents

- All parents are expected to help with setting up and taking down of music equipment following a service in which their child has participated.
- All parents are expected to bring and serve dinner for children participating in the Genesis and St. Andrews choirs. This is done on a rotating basis. A schedule will be provided at the beginning of the choir year. It is expected that if parents cannot fulfill their snack duty, they will switch with someone else to be sure that snack is brought and served on their days. It is a very important time for our children to have both fellowship and nourishment.
- Children who arrive at the church prior to the established rehearsal time must be escorted into the building and to the room where the rehearsal is to take place. An adult must stay with their child until the rehearsal begins.
- There must be at least two adults present in the room for supervision. It is expected that parents will not leave their children unattended.
- Following rehearsal, children are not permitted to leave the building under any circumstance unless a designated person is there to escort them. When registering children for choir, there is a place to fill in the person(s) who will be picking up the child following rehearsals.
- It is the responsibility of a parent to inform the director of a choir if a child is going to miss a rehearsal or service. A yearly schedule is published and made available to all parents. When there are changes to the yearly music calendar, parents and children are informed either by letter, written notice, E-mail or a phone call.
- If a child is going to be absent from a worship service or special event, he/she should notify the director(s). An E-mail to the director(s) will serve as notice.

Behavior of Choristers and Ringers

- Children are not permitted to run in the halls or engage in any form of horseplay before, during or after rehearsals.
- Children are expected to exhibit respect for their directors and one another.
- Soft drinks are not allowed in any of the rehearsal rooms.
- Children are expected to treat all of the musical instruments such as the piano, bells, Orff instruments, and the music room in general, with respect. They are not allowed to use any of the instruments without supervision.
- Children are to show respect and proper behavior in our Sanctuary during rehearsals and services.
- For safety reasons, children are not to go to Heritage Hall.

Responsibility of Directors

- Directors are responsible for preparing our children for leadership in our worship services.

- Directors are responsible for teaching our children Christian values through the use of music and instruments to glorify God.
- Directors are responsible for children while in their immediate care at rehearsals and services.
- If it is not always possible for a Director to be present when children are in rehearsals or services, parents will be asked to take turns supervising them. We appreciate anyone who will volunteer to help in the supervision of our children.
- Directors will address any issues and concerns arising from a child's behavior following a service or rehearsal. Under no circumstances will they be expected to address a parent's concern in the presence of other children.
- Directors will meet with any parents, at their request, individually and in private, regarding issues with their child.
- Directors and adult chaperones are responsible for children up to and including the end of a rehearsal, service or event. It is the parent's responsibility to pick up their child immediately following a rehearsal, service or event. We cannot assume responsibility for children who are somewhere else in the building.
- Music Ministry meetings are conducted on a regular basis where any and all issues are communicated. We will try to deal with any problems where we think there is concern.

Other Information

- There must be a minimum of two adults in a room with children at all times. Parents are asked to take their turn with the Cherub/Chimers Choir. Schedules are posted quarterly.
- An adult must escort a child to the restroom from Pre-K through 2nd grade choirs.
- Only one child in grades 3-6 is allowed to go to the restroom at a given time.
- When there are several chaperones or helpers for a given event, it is expected that they will help "keep an eye" on the children and not engage in conversations with each other.
- On a retreat or festival, there must be one adult in each hotel room.
- In church-sponsored events where cars are used, each child must have a seat belt. Children should not sit in the front seat unless his/her own parent is present or parental permission is given.
- On outings, there must be one adult for every four children. Both sexes must be represented.

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