

your family matters

family ministry

Sherwood Oaks constantly strives to be a family-friendly church. Whether you're newlyweds just starting out, raising preschoolers, sending kids off to college or anywhere in between, life is full of trials and joys and it helps to have others with whom to share those trials and joys.

For years, we have had excellent programs for children and youth. Many have come to church here specifically for what their children will learn and experience. But we care about adults and parents too. We recognize that there are six other days of the week that *you* spend away from here in your marriages and families. We're committed to helping equip you to have the best marriages and families you can have.

There are a growing number of small groups, Bible studies and events geared specifically for husbands, wives, mothers or fathers.

have questions?

Contact Scott Newland, Family Minister for more information:

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Visit www.socc.org for the most up-to-date information on events, programs and other news.

married life ministries

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We have developed two Sunday morning classes specifically geared to young married couples.

young married class

9:30am in the Fireside Room

Led by Mark and Marilyn Kinkead

This class is for relatively "newlyweds," though not strictly limited by age. The majority of participants have been married for 8 years or less and do not have children. Our studies focus on marriage-strengthening subjects like communication, finance and even sex.

married life class

11:00am in R360

Led by Scott and Cindy Newland

This class is geared for married couples in their 20's and 30's (or willing to act like it), whether they have children or not. We will study a variety of topics, but not necessarily focusing on the subject of our marriages specifically. Currently, we are following the topics of the sermon series, "The Story." Members of both classes are also invited to consider becoming part of small groups and participating in social activities sponsored by the Married Life Ministries. Contact Scott Newland for more information.

For couples who are older, there are a number of Sunday morning opportunities that are not limited solely to couples. See the complete listing of Sunday School classes in the SOCC Classes brochure.

wednesday nights

wednesday night is family night

Throughout the school year, Wednesday night at SOCC has activities and classes for all ages.

Check the SOCC Classes brochure for the summer schedule.

solid rock cafe'

Your family can drop in and join lots of others for dinner between 5:15 and 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We do the cooking and cleaning; you do the eating and talking (though not at exactly the same time).

small groups

SOCC defines small groups as any "smaller group" that meets regularly to build relationships with God and with each other while living out Christian "core values" together. They help our church to grow larger and smaller at the same time. For more information on small groups contact Scott Newland at snewland@socc.org.

something for everyone

Children and youth programs begin at 6:30pm (**note the new time**) including multiple choirs for ages 2 through 5th grade, and activities for middle school and high school students.

bible bowl

Children in grades 2 through 12 are invited to check out the Bible Bowl program and its quiz bowl competitions. Practices are on Wednesday nights, and competitions are the first weekend of each month. Contact Brenda Faulkner ∴ 332-3131

families serving

community care club

Throughout the year, families are invited to be a part of SOCC's Community Care Club. After a brief educational time, about a specific service opportunity, we then get to put what we've learned into action as parents and children join forces to make a difference in our community. Contact Jennifer Huff ∴ 823-0686

i2U service opportunities

Serving as a family is a great way to teach children about the value of helping others and to nurture a lifelong servants heart. There are many opportunities in the city of Bloomington to live out your faith through service. For more information see the Community Care brochure or contact Lyne ∴ lbrown@socc.org.

joining God's family

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Is your child beginning to ask questions about what it means to be baptized? This four week class designed for parents and children to take together will help you answer their questions. The teacher acts as a facilitator as parent and child study what the Bible says about salvation and baptism. Classes are held twice a year. Contact Cynthia Parkes (cparkes@socc.org) for more information.