

about early childhood

The early childhood ministry serves newborn through preschool-aged children. The ultimate goal of our ministry is to equip, reinforce, and support parents as they invest in the faith of their children.

Our goal is to become the greatest friend and best support a parent has ever had.

service opportunities

We encourage all parents to be a part of the early childhood ministry by serving as a volunteer at least once a quarter.

Opportunities include...

- Teaching
- Small Group Leading
- Craft and Room Preparation
- Snack Preparation
- Administration and Guest Services

Contact the office or check out the website to view current opportunities.

http://www.socc.org/outreach/service_ops_1.html

have questions?

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

ministry snapshot

sunday morning 9:30am & 11:00am

In the **Baby Spot** and **Toddler Spot**, toddlers are taught short Bible stories and songs during their time in the nursery.

In the **Tot Spot** and **Preschool Spot** we use *First Look* curriculum to teach these three basic truths:

- **God made me**
- **God loves me**
- **Jesus wants to be my friend forever**

Each week all of our environments seek to:

- **Make it fun**
Activities designed to introduce “the bottom line” (key truth) for the month
- **Make it true**
Large group time with a Bible story, worship and scripture memory
- **Make it stick**
A variety of activities designed to teach “the bottom line”
- **Make it real**
Suggestions for small group time to help three through five year-olds personalize the lesson and provide a time for prayer
- **Provide tools for small talk**
A resource parents can use to help their child learn “the bottom line” by talking about it at home all month

wednesday evening 6:30pm

(on evenings with adult programming during the school year)

We believe children are wired to worship! So, on Wednesday night children worship as they have a lesson and participate in an age appropriate choir.

The Band of Angels Choir is for 2-3 years.

The Praisers Choir is for 4-Kindergarten.

quick facts

where does my kid go?

Main Level

The Baby Spot : located in the Main Hallway connecting the Worship Center and Fellowship Hall, is for newborns up to those just learning to walking.

The Toddler Spot : located in the Main Hallway connecting the Worship Center and Fellowship Hall, is for toddlers who are walking well up to the age of two.

Lower Level

The Tot Spot : located in the green hallway in the Children’s Area (best accessed from the lower parking lot or by taking the elevator or stairs by the nurseries), is for kids 2 & 3 years old.

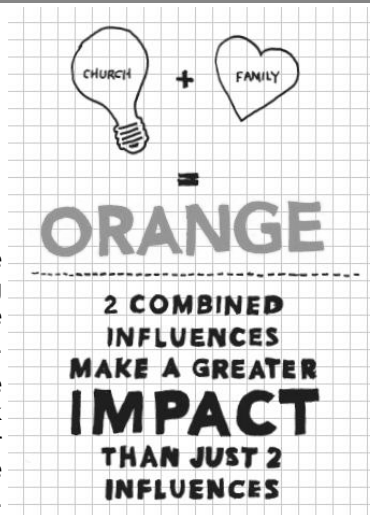
The Preschool Spot : located in the yellow hallway in the Children’s Area (best accessed from the lower parking lot or by taking the elevator or stairs by the nurseries), is for preschoolers 4 & 5 years old. During Wednesday night programming, 4 and 5 year olds meet with the Kindergarteners in the K/1 Spot. Enter through the door directly across from the yellow hallway.

our orange philosophy

**The Yellow of a
Bright Light**
+
**The Red of a
Warm Heart**
=
Orange

The church & the home working together to reach the next generation.

Thanks to Reggie Joiner and his book Think Orange for explaining the concept of Orange.



family commitment sunday

Twice each year we set aside time in our morning worship services to celebrate Christian families. Parents, as the primary spiritual leaders of their child, publicly commit themselves to raising their child according to Christian principles. At this time the church family also commits to support, care for, and pray for these parents and their children.

Parents with new babies or those new to SOCC with little ones up to age 24 months are invited to participate in this commitment Sunday.

For more information please email Jon Pinney jpinney@socc.org or call the church office at 334-0206.

special needs ministry

We want all children and their families to have a warm and welcoming place where they can learn and grow. To help make that a reality, we:

- **Offer a class** during the 9:30am worship service for children with special needs ages 3 to 6th grade. It is staffed by highly qualified volunteers, many of whom are Special Education teachers and therapists.
- **We offer a buddy system** for children who just need a little extra help to participate in a classroom with their peers.
- **Learning Tree**, specializing in meeting the unique needs of all children, is open during the school year. We offer half day morning and afternoon and full day programs. Our teacher received an Excellence in Education award from the Autism Society of Indiana.

If there are other ways we can help support you and your special needs child, please contact

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