

FM KIDS

Our Mission Statement: To know, love, and follow Jesus

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Praising God:

- Hard to believe that we **moved the classes inside** from COVID for the kids just a year and a half ago (November 27, 2022) - Since that time we have opened the nursery downstairs, then opened Millie's House, and seen the PreK class double in size.
- Stefanie Williams is leading the **Baby and Toddlers in Millie's House** and Ashley Ochi was her co-director for most of the past year. Ashley just had a new baby! So grateful for their service and teamwork!
- **Fall Family Festival** was a great success again this year - huge outreach to our community and a blessing to the children of CDCC and the church.
- **New service times** has increased children's attendance by 25%
- **Connecting Families** continues to flourish after the 10:15 service with families often hanging around until almost 1:00.
- **Supper Club** - This monthly gathering with dinner and fellowship continues to be a fruitful time for families. We have been focusing on how to pass on faith to our kids this year.
- God has been providing **new volunteers** for Sunday mornings - people approaching me on their own to volunteer! The FM Kids Leadership Team is full of amazing and faithful volunteers who are serving our children.
- We also have 3 very reliable teens for **childcare** and to provide substitutes for Sunday mornings. Estefany Can continues to lead that team with fun and grace!
- **Babies** on the way or recently born (I have been praying for 5 babies this school year and we are at a count of 4 so far!)
- Over 25 children were at **Parent Night Out** with a mix of CDCC and church families.
- We had childcare and **FM Kids during Easter service** this year for the first time in a long time and we had a great time dropping jelly beans in buckets while standing on chairs, doing crafts, and hearing the greatest story of all!
- Started an **Instagram** account @fm.kids.sb

Looking Ahead:

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- **Parent Seminar** on April 25th - Suzy Hermes, an excellent speaker and gives talks at large events around the world, is coming to share on a powerful tool to improve relationships: Attunement
- **BIG Week for CDCC** in July will be on “GOD IS GOOD - ALL THE TIME”

Looking Ahead (cont.):

- **Sunday's Cool** - Summer series on “Who is God?” with a detective theme with attributes of God's character
- **Thursday Night Service** - will we need children's programming for it?
- I would love to see a younger family group start for the families with PreK and babies in the fall.

Ministry Needs:

- Part-time Millie's House Lead to work with Stefanie Williams (willing to work 2-3 Sundays per month)
- 2 volunteer classroom aides for PRE K
- 2 -4 volunteers to help in Elementary (4 1x/ month volunteers or 2 2x/month)
- Next year we will need new childcare workers - teens / young adults who are paid to provide childcare for our events - Tyler and Ryan are graduating!

Prayers for:

- Children making decisions to follow God for themselves with Baptism class coming up this Spring
- Families to grow in community with each other and their love for God
- Training for the teachers on how to approach the Bible and talking to the kids about God
- Continued outreach to CDCC families to have them come to church
- Stamina for Sandy with a lot of moving pieces in life (parents just moved here from out of state, housing needs in the next year, husband Don working on a start-up, school, parenting / launching her own children)

Other Ministry Items...

- Lay Delegate to General Conference in Florida for SoCal Conference - Went to Florida for GC 2023 - amazing time!
- CDCC Board Member - Still working on grants and supporting CDCC

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- Started at Fuller Seminary this Spring pursuing a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy