

Dear Parents,

We are in the midst of transition as a church, and especially in our Children's and Youth Programming with Pastor Sarah transitioning out of her role. We want to encourage you as parents that we still value the children and youth of this church and in order to continue to offer Sunday School we are seeking your input and your assistance.

Due to COVID restrictions and the loss of teachers and assistants we have scaled back our programming this past year. We are trying to decide how to move ahead with our Sunday School Programming as Pastor Sarah transitions out of her role at the end of April.

We are inviting you to attend a meeting on **April 11<sup>th</sup> after the service** (noon). This is a pivotal meeting, and we hope you will make this a *priority*. In this meeting we will be soliciting your input that will shape the ages/classes for Sunday Mornings.

We have attached 3 different options that seemed like the best possibilities to us. Each option is listed with a few pros/cons. We hope you will take the time to read them over, reflect and prayerfully consider how God is leading you and our church in this area. We invite you to get involved. We want to know what classes **you and your family** would like to see offered, and how you can participate in the discipleship of our children.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or even other ideas or models please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Pastors Nathan & Sarah

# **Sunday School Proposed Options:**

## Option A (current programming):

Preschool Class (Ages 3-7) Clipboards for Ages 7+

#### Pro:

- Provides a class for the younger more restless children
- Average Attendance 5 children (majority in Kindergarten)

#### Con:

- Volunteers less likely to teach this age group
- No Sunday School Class for Elementary children (in- service)
- Requires 1 Teacher & 1 Assistant

## Option B:

Preschool Class (Ages 3-5) Elementary Class (Grades 1-4)

#### Pro:

- Provides age focused class for both age groups
- Elementary Average Attendance 4 children

### Con:

- Requires 2 Teachers & 2 Assistants every Sunday

## Option C:

Mixed Ages Elementary Class (Kindergarten – Grade 4) or (Ages 5 – 10)

#### Pro:

- Larger class size with average attendance of 8-9 children
- Requires 1 Teacher & 1 Assistant
- Majority of children who currently attend fall into this age group

## Con:

- Wider spread of children at different learning levels
- No Programing for children under 5

Grades	# of Children *(currently attending)
Preschool (3-4)	1
Kindergarten	4
Grade 1	4
Grade 2-4	4
Total	13

<sup>\*</sup>Potential to offer clipboards on long weekends or when 2 leaders are not available