



— LEGACY CHURCH —
PRETEEN MINISTRY

Preteen Ministry FAQ

What will a typical Sunday morning look like?

Preteen Ministry will meet in **Legacy Hall** at **10:30 a.m.** on the **2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays** of each month.

Our mornings will be intentionally designed for 5th and 6th graders and will include:

- Fun games and activities
- Engaging biblical teaching
- Worship
- Small group discussions

While the structure will feel similar to Student Ministry, every element will be created specifically with preteens in mind. This won't feel like a mini version of Kids Ministry. It will be a ministry designed to meet students where they are in this unique stage of life and help them grow in their faith and relationships.

On the **1st Sunday** of each month, as well as any **5th Sunday**, our preteens will attend the worship service together as a group, giving them opportunities to participate in the life of the church while building community with one another.

What curriculum will the Preteen Ministry use?

Our teaching will follow **The Gospel Project** timeline so that it stays aligned with the overall teaching strategy of our NextGen Ministry.

However, the content, teaching style, and discussions will be specifically designed for preteens. The Gospel Project offers curriculum written specifically for this age group, allowing us to teach God's Word in ways that are engaging, age-appropriate, and relevant.

There will be a strong emphasis on biblical teaching, meaningful small groups, and practical application. This won't be a "mini Kids Ministry." It will be a ministry intentionally created to help preteens take ownership of their faith and continue growing in their relationship with Jesus.



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Can sixth graders still participate in Legacy Students Worship on Sunday evenings?

We recognize that this is a significant transition, especially for our current 6th graders. Many of them have been looking forward to moving into Legacy Students, and we understand they haven't had much time to process this new change.

Our hope is that 5th and 6th graders will fully embrace the new Preteen Ministry. We want this preteen group to become *their* community—a place where they build friendships, invite classmates, grow spiritually, and develop a sense of ownership.

As we move forward, our ministry pathway will be clear:

- **Kids Ministry:** Birth–4th Grade
- **Preteen Ministry:** 5th–6th Grade
- **Student Ministry:** 7th–12th Grade

Our goal isn't to take something away from our 6th graders. It's to give them something even better: a ministry designed for their stage of life. We believe discipleship happens most effectively when students are surrounded by peers who are navigating similar experiences and are taught in ways that specifically connect with them.

Can sixth graders participate in other Legacy Students events, or will there be activities just for preteens?

We are excited to create experiences specifically for our Preteen Ministry throughout the year.

Some of these will include:

- A Preteen WKND event
- A Preteen Spring Retreat type event
- Christmas Party
- Friendsgiving
- Create opportunities for preteens to serve throughout the year
- Other fun community-building events throughout the year



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We also recognize the value of helping students look ahead to Legacy Students. Throughout the year, we'll create connection points with Legacy Students through shared experiences, student leaders serving with preteens, and other opportunities that help make the eventual transition into 7th grade feel exciting and familiar.

How will Family Worship Sundays impact the Preteen Ministry?

Family Worship Sundays will primarily affect the Preteen Ministry during the month of December.

Throughout the year, preteens will attend the worship service together on the **1st Sunday** of each month and on any **5th Sunday**.

December often includes additional church-wide events and schedule adjustments, so we're still finalizing exactly what that month will look like. Our goal is to provide as many opportunities as possible for preteens to gather together while also participating in the life of the church through Family Worship.

What will Promotion Sunday look like?

For this year, we will continue with our normal promotion schedule in **August of 2026**. Beginning Summer of **2027**, Promotion Sunday will permanently move to **the start of summer**, allowing students to transition into their new group based on the grade they will be entering.

Here's what that means for the summer of 2027:

- **2026-2027 6th graders** will promote into **7th Grade Student Ministry in May of 2027**. They will begin participating in Student Ministry events, including Student Camp in Summer 2027, MDWK throughout Summer 2027, and other student activities. They will also have the opportunity to serve at Vacation Bible School in June 2027.
- **2026-2027 5th graders** will remain in the Preteen Ministry for 2027-2028. They will continue participating in Kids Camp in Summer 2027, enjoy their final year as VBS participants in Summer 2027, attend Wacky Wednesdays in Summer 2027, and take part in all other 5th-grade programming before promoting into Legacy Students in May 2028.



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What will Small groups look like?

Small groups will be divided by gender and will stay together throughout the school year. We believe consistency is one of the best ways to help students feel known, valued, and connected. By staying with the same group and leaders each week, students have the opportunity to build lasting friendships, grow in their faith, and develop trust and accountability in a safe, supportive environment.

Who will lead this ministry?

This ministry is part of our NextGen Ministry and is led by Lauren Van Hoy and Josh Case, who work together to provide vision, direction, and support for both students and leaders. We're also excited to have an incredible team of dedicated small group leaders who have committed to walking alongside students throughout the year, investing in their lives and encouraging their spiritual growth.

Starting this August 2026, our new Ministry Resident, Zach Gray, will provide direct oversight and day-to-day leadership for the ministry. Together, our staff and volunteer leaders are committed to creating a place where every student is known, cared for, and encouraged to take their next step in following Jesus.