

EASTRIDGE

FAMILY MINISTRY



FAMILY HANDBOOK



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A Message from the Family Ministry Team

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Family Ministry at Eastridge Church. We want to equip you and your family members to Love God, Love People, and Reach the World with the good news about Jesus.

Whether you have an 8 month old, an 8 year old, or an 18 year old, our team is committed to creative environments that are safe, age appropriate, and fun to attend while helping kids and students build relationships with peers, ministry leaders, and—most importantly—Jesus.

You have an important calling to make disciples in your home, and the family ministry team is committed to partnering with you in this eternal task. May God be glorified in this effort and magnified in the lives of preschoolers, kids, students, and parents.



Family Ministry Values... think "SCARF"

- **Safety**

We believe that safety is vital as parents entrust us with their children. Therefore, we have secure check in/out procedures and emergency plans in place, and we ensure that every family ministry volunteer has passed a background check.

- **Creative Bible Teaching**

The Bible is the most amazing book ever written! We strive to bring its stories to life through activities, and discussions that keep kids engaged. We want children to love God's Word and understand how it applies to their lives.

- **Age Appropriate Activities**

Our environments and Bible lesson materials are created for kids and students' spiritual and emotional development in mind. The lessons are taught using different forms of media and are reinforced with object lessons, games, etc.

- **Relationships**

We value the relationships built within large and small group settings. Volunteers will help your child connect with peers during "community time" that occurs at the beginning of service. Children will also meet new friends during small group time near the end of service.

- **Fun**

Kids love FUN! Let's face it... it's their love language. We realize that when children have fun at church, they want to come back and learn more about Jesus.

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Social Media:

Adventureland Facebook Group: facebook.com/eastridgechurchga (look under “groups” tab for your campus specific Adventureland group)

E-town Facebook Page: facebook.com/etowneastridgechurch (combine page for both campuses)

The Point Instagram: [@eccthepoint](https://www.instagram.com/eccthepoint)

Student Podcast:

Seek First Student Podcast: Follow on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), or [YouTube](#). Also available at eastridge.church/podcasts or on the [Eastridge App](#).

2021-2022 Family Ministry Calendar

Key:

A-land (Babies to PreK)
E-town (Kindergarten to 5th Grade)
Point (Middle AND High School Service)
MS (Middle School Event)
HS (High School Event)

August

1 – Family Ministry Parent Meeting (All Ages)
1 – Point Kickoff (MS & HS)
8 – Back to School Splash (A-land & E-town)
13 – Back to School Party (MS & HS)
15 –
22 –
29 –

September

5 –
10-12 – ID Retreat (MS)
12 –
19 – Baby Dedication (A-land)
26 –

October

3 –
10 –
17 –
24 –
31 – Point Bonfire (MS & HS)

November

5-7 – Thrive Retreat (HS)
7 –
14 –
21 –
28 –

December

5 –
12 – Point Christmas Party (MS & HS)
19 – NO POINT Service for MS/MS
26 – Jesus' BD Party (A-land & E-town)
26 – NO POINT Service for MS/HS

January

2 –
9 –
16 –
23 –
28-29 – One Life (MS & HS)
30 –

February

6 – Campus Specific Events for A-land & E-town (TBD)
13 –
18-20 – Senior Trip
20 –
27 –

March

6 –
13 –
20 –
27 – Baby Dedication (A-land)

April

3 –
10 –
17 – Easter (NO POINT Service for MS/HS)
24 –

May

1 –
8 –
14 – Senior Night
15 –
22 – Last Point Service for MS/HS
29 – NO POINT Service for MS/HS

Summer 2022 Calendars will be available in the Spring of 2022. This will include camps, VBS, and other connection events.

Please check the Eastridge Facebook page for additions and the latest updates.

Adventureland

Birth-PreK

Adventureland Specifics

Three Main Truths for Preschoolers:

- The Bible is God's Word.
- Jesus loves me.
- Jesus hears me when I pray.

What Your Child Can Bring Each Sunday:

- Babies-Twos: Diaper bag, bottles, food or snacks
- Pre-k: Bible, Offering

What the Ministry Needs (donation items):

- Snacks (Goldfish, Animal Crackers, Fruit Loops, Cheerios, Gerber Puffs)
- Nursery water
- Crayons and Markers
- Playdoh
- Coffee filters
- Dixie Cups

Recommended Resources for Preschool Parents:

- Weekly Preschool Parent Email (email your campus specific director to be added to the email list)
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible*—Sally Lloyd-Jones (Bible resource)
- *The Big Picture Interactive Bible Storybook*—The Gospel Project (Bible resource)
- *Indescribable and How Great is Our God*—Louie Giglio (Family Devotion)
- *365 Bible Answers for Curious Kids*—Kathryn Slattery (Family Devotion)
- *Shepherding a Child's Heart*—Tedd Tripp (Parenting)
- *Sacred Parenting*—Gary Thomas (Parenting)
- *Pray for Me*—Tony Souder (Parenting)

Adventureland Service Schedule

Time	Activity
15 minutes	Welcome/Toys & Centers
5 minutes	Clean Up
5 minutes	Snack
5 minutes	Worship
20 minutes	Learning Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Story & Review Questions• Craft
20 minutes	Playground or Inside Game
5 minutes	Closing Prayer Prepare for Dismissal Dismissal

Adventureland Volunteer Opportunities

For more information, please visit eastridge.church/serve.

Sunday Mornings—Volunteers are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to service beginning.

Ministry Opportunity	Responsibility	Gift/Talents	Time (Pick one Service)	Requirements
Greeter/Check In	Welcome and assist families with computerized check in and answer questions for first time guests. Run attendance report.	Hospitality Administration Computer Skills	9:15-10:30 (First Service) 10:45-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve 1-2 times per month Training through shadowing
Babies & 1 year olds	Being a familiar (smiling) face to children and parents. Provide a loving and safe environment. Care for the needs of each child. Assist with dismissal in the classroom.	Shepherding Nurturing	9:15-10:30 (First Service) 10:45-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve 1-2 times per month Training through shadowing
2 year olds	Being a familiar (smiling) face to children and parents. Provide a loving and encouraging environment while teaching basic truths about Jesus. Assist with crafts , snacks, and dismissal in the classroom.	Shepherding Encouragement Teaching	9:15-10:30 (First Service) 10:45-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve 1-2 times per month Training through shadowing
3 & 4 year olds	Be a familiar (smiling) face to children and parents. Provide a loving and encouraging environment. Be confident in teaching bible story while engaging with children, assist with craft, snack, and dismissal in the classroom	Shepherding Encouragement Teaching	9:15-10:30 (First Service) 10:45-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve 1-2 times per month Training through shadowing
Hall Host	Assists staff in overseeing the hall during service times.	Hospitality Problem Solving Communication	9:15-10:30 (Second Service) 10:45-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve 1-2 times per month Training through shadowing
Craft Team	Prepare crafts for Sundays	Service Creativity	Mondays at the East Newton Campus	Flexible based on your schedule

E-town

K-5th Grade

E-town Specifics

Three Main Points for Elementary Children:

- The whole Bible point toward Jesus.
- I can love and follow Jesus.
- No matter my age, I can make an impact on the world for Jesus.

What Your Child Can Bring Each Sunday:

- Kid's Bible, Bible Homework, Offering

What the Ministry Needs (donation items):

Prize Booth Items from dollar stores

Suckers

Individually Wrapped Bite Size Candy Assortment

\$5 or \$10 gift cards for prize booth

Parent Resources:

- Weekly Preschool Parent Email (email your campus specific director to be added to the email list)
- Celebration Place Service on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (This "Pre-Covery" program helps kids and parents break the cycle of dysfunction destroying many families.)
- *The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden* (Bible Resource)
- *Adventure Bible* (Bible Resource)
- *It's All About Jesus Bible Storybook* (Bible Resource)
- *Shepherding a Child's Heart*—Tedd Tripp (Parenting)
- *Sacred Parenting*—Gary Thomas (Parenting)
- *Mama Bear* (Apologetics for Parents)
- *Defend Your Faith* (Family Devotion/Apologetics)
- *The Whole Story for the Whole Family* (Family Devotion)

E-town Service Schedule

Time

10 minutes

5 minutes

5 minutes

10 minutes

10 minutes

15 minutes

15 minutes

Activity

Pre-Worship Activities & Prayer Requests

5-min. Countdown, Bathroom Break & Clean Up

Bible Homework/Corner Store

Theme Song, Rules, Welcome & Worship

Attention Getter

“Word” Segment (Bible Story)

Wrap Up Activities & Prayer

Dismissal

E-town Volunteer Opportunities

For more information, please visit eastridge.church/serve.

Sunday Mornings– Volunteers are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to service beginning.

Ministry Opportunity	Responsibility	Gift/Talents	Time (Pick one Service)	Requirements
Greeter/Operations	Assist families with computerized check in and answer questions for first time guests. Run attendance report. Assist with dismissal.	Hospitality Administration Computer Skills	9:00-10:30 (First Service) 10:30-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve 1-4 times per month Training Provided
Small Group Leader	Be a friendly face. Shepherd and encourage a small group of children.	Shepherding Encouragement Teaching	9:00-10:30 (First Service) 10:30-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve at least once a month
Room Host	Welcome children to E-town, call for bathroom breaks, and make announcements.	Communication Hospitality	9:00-10:30 (First Service) 10:30-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve 1-4 times per month Training through shadowing
Tech/Sound Booth	Run audio and media equipment (Training Available).	Service, Computer Skills	9:00-12:00 (Both Services)	Serve 1-2 times per month Training through shadowing
Teach Bible Story	Teach the Bible story in an engaging way.	Creative Communication Teaching	9:00-12:00 (Both Services)	Serve 1-2 times per month Training through shadowing
Corner Store	Record when kids bring their Bibles or "homework." Assist kids in redeeming points for prizes.	Hospitality Administration Encouragement	9:00-10:30 (First Service) 10:30-12:00 (Second Service)	Serve at least once a month

The Point

6th-12th Grades

The Point Specifics

Three Values:

- We value community by loving God and one another.
- We value truth found only in God's Word.
- We value serving the church and the world.

What Your Student Can Bring to Point Services on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.:

Student Bible or Bible App, Cash for Café' at Sunday Night Service

What the Ministry Needs (donation items):

Café Supplies: individually wrapped crackers, chips, candy bars, snack cakes, fruit snacks, canned drinks, ramen noodles, coffee, coffee filters, frappe mixes, creamer

Ministry Supplies: AA and AAA batteries, Tape of all kinds, zip ties, pens, sharpies, dry erase markers, cardstock paper, index cards, craft supplies (string/art pads/beads/necklace kits/bracelet kits, sidewalk chalk)

Game Supplies: ping pong balls, basketball

Prizes and Giveaways: \$5 or \$10 gift cards, bags of candy, gas gift cards

Band Supplies: microphone boom stand, drum sticks

Parent Resources:

- *Seek First* Student Podcast: Follow on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), or [YouTube](#). Also available at eastridge.church/podcasts or on the [Eastridge App](#).
- Parent Link Email (from Kurt Petersheim)—email kurt@eastridge.church, or fill out an information card to sign up for this weekly email.
- *Sticky Faith* by Kara Powell—Raising teens with a genuine faith that sticks after high school.
- *The Case for Christ* by Lee Stroebel—Apologetic reasoning for the validity of the Christian faith.

The Point Service Schedule

Programmed Service Time: 5:30-7:30p.m.

5:15 p.m.: Doors Open (Parents are asked NOT to drop students off before this time unless there is a specific reason to do so).

5:30 p.m.–5:50 p.m.: Check-in/Community Time

- All students and leaders must check-in
- Café open
- Indoor/outdoor games and activities available
- Hang out, talk, eat, and play!

5:50 p.m.–6:15 p.m.: Large group welcome, games, announcements

6:15 p.m.–7:00p.m.: Worship/Teaching

- Musical worship (student band and guest worship leaders)
- Worship/prayer stations
- Testimonies
- Teaching by the student pastor or other leaders

7:00p.m.–7:30p.m.: Small Groups*

- Students split by age and biological gender
- Adult leaders facilitate discussion around that night's lesson
- Life-application

*Students who don't want to be in a small group can be picked up at 7:00 p.m. if desired.

Student Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

For more information, please visit eastridge.church/serve.

Sunday Mornings- Volunteers are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to service beginning.

Ministry Opportunity	Responsibility	Gift/Talents	Time (Pick one Service)	Requirements
Set Up (East Campus only)	Set up the Student Ministry room for Sunday nights	Hospitality, Craftsmanship, Helps	9:00-10:30 (First Service)	Serve 1-4 times per month
Promotion Team	Greet students & families of students in the Worship Center atrium. Invite them to Student Ministry service, that night.	Creative Communication, Encouragement, Hospitality, Faith	9:00-9:30 (Before 1st Service) 10:30-11:00 (Before 2nd Service) 12:00-12:30 (after 2 nd Service)	Serve once a month
Middle or High School Small Group	Co-lead a small group of students with another adult. Love students, build relationships, and lead Biblical discussions.	Knowledge, Leadership, Teaching, Mercy, Wisdom, Encouragement, Shepherding	5:00-7:30 (At East Campus only)	Serve weekly
Welcome Team/Cafe	Greet students as they come to The Point, and hand them off to connect with peers and leaders. Serve students at the café.	Administration, Discernment, Encouragement	5:00 – 6:00	Serve twice a month
Special Events	Help plan and execute special events for the student ministry.	Administration, Craftsmanship, Helps, Discernment, Wisdom, Giving	Depends on the event	4-5 events per year. 1 pre-event meeting per event.