# Our Kingdom Care Nursery Ministry

Our Kingdom Care Nursery Ministry is available during our Sunday worship services and Bible study hour in the Academy wing, (classroom 101). We are in need of more care workers for this important ministry. If you are interested in helping our young families, please contact Matt Fischer, Director of Family Life Ministries, at matt.fischer@oslcnashville.org.



# **Children's Ministry**

Kingdom Kids Sunday School typically meets on Sundays from 9:30-10:30AM for engaging lessons, exciting activities, and fun songs that help us to grow and learn about God's love for us! Our kids who are participating in the Christmas program will have their final prep and rehearsal during the Bible Class hour this Sunday, and there will be no regular Kingdom Kids Sunday School.



We will be taking two Sundays off (December 22nd and December 29th) as families and volunteers travel for the holidays. We will resume our regular Kingdom Kids Sunday School on Sunday, January 5th.

Please contact Celia Walkowicz, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at celia.walkowiz@oslcnashville.org with any questions.

## **Youth Ministry**

Our Middle and High School students meet on Sunday mornings for our Student Bible study in the Youth Room from 9:30-10:30AM. We will finish up our series for Advent titled, "A Christmas Story" as we take an in-depth look at the Christmas story and what it means for us today. We will not meet on Sunday, December 22nd or Sunday, December 29th as families



travel for the holidays. We will resume on Sunday, January 5th.

The Upper Room (youth group for 6th -12th graders) meets on Sunday nights from 6:30-8PM for Bible study, games and activities, and small group discussions as we apply what we learned to our lives and catch up. This Sunday (12/15), is our Christmas party and we will finish up our series, "The Kid" as we look at how the kid from nowhere changed everything. We will not meet on Sunday, December 22nd or Sunday, December 29th, or Sunday, January 5th as families travel for the holidays. We will resume on Sunday, January 12th.

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#### 10:45am

Song

**WELCOME** 

Songs

Confession & Forgiveness

Nicene Creed

Children's Message Matt Fischer, Dir. Family Life Ministries

**Prayers** 

Communion

Luke 1:39-56 Brian Wiese

Believing What the Lord Says
Pastor Lane Reuter

Song

#### Flower Dedication

In celebration of our Lord's birth!

To dedicate please contact Betty Baskette at bettybaskette3@gmail.com

Please join us for a new

Young Professionals Bible Study called, Adulting.

Starting Sunday, January 12th @ 9:30AM

You will learn how to glorify God through your career, relationships, and other aspects in life.

It will be led by Ken and Sara Priest.
For more information please email:
Jessica.wilkerson@oslcnashville.org.



## What Families are saying about OSLA:

"OSLA has brought us so much peace and joy from the moment we toured in May of 2019. We have found a community of educators and families who support and love our son exactly where he is, every day. Danny has learned to love Jesus, made friends, and made great growth academically. We have found a community of other families who answer late night



messages about parenting, share the joys of raising kids together, and are always willing to help when needed." - Michelle and Dan Hopton

"We are so grateful to have OSLA as a part of our children's early education! Each day, we witness the genuine love and care that is poured into their lives, all rooted in the Christ-centered values of those who guide them. We are so thankful for this community, which has truly become like family to us!" - Hillary and Spencer York

# Room in the Inn - January Signup Is Underway!

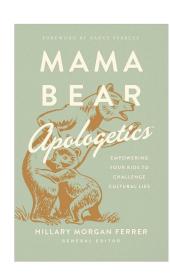
OSLC/OSSH's Room in the Inn Winter Shelter Program is off to a fast start hosting 14 homeless men every Monday and Friday night. We have already hosted 164 men on 12 nights and the men are incredibly grateful for our warm hospitality and fellowship!

We're making good progress filling our January volunteer opportunities, but we still have the following openings:

Innkeepers - 1/6, 1/10, 1/24, and 1/31

To fill any of these openings, use the Signup board in the Narthex outside the Multi-Purpose Room or the Church Center App under the 'More' tab. Finally, our Clothes Closet is running low on Men's XL t-shirts and Men's thermal underwear - all sizes.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Doug Scott at dwscott0215@gmail.com or (615) 887-4521.



# **New Bible Study**



Begins Sunday, January 5th @ 9:30AM in the South Fellowship Hall

Momma Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies By Hillary Morgan Ferrer

This study will provide us with the tools we need to help develop our children's biblical beliefs and knowledge.

#### Welcome!!

We are glad that you have joined us for worship today! We hope that you will be encouraged and refreshed as we join together in celebrating God's love, grace and blessings. Some information you might find helpful is included below for clarity.

#### **Church Elders**

These friendly folks are stationed near each of the main exits of the sanctuary. If you should have a question or need assistance during service feel free to approach one of them.

#### Restrooms

When entering the lobby from the sanctuary, restrooms are to the left, at the end of the lobby on the right.

#### Family Foundations Room (Cry Room)

This is a space for families to come and help their little ones to learn how to be a part of church! If they're having some trouble in the sanctuary, feel free to come in here and cry it out, get some wiggles out, and read a book (rotated and sanitized after every service) to help them be calm and learn more about God and being a part of his church! This room is located on the right end of the foyer when exiting the Sanctuary. It is furnished with rocking chairs, a private restroom, and windows/speakers so that you can still hear and view the service.

#### The Lord's Supper

In Holy Communion our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. The Scriptures tell us we are to examine ourselves before taking The Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:27-32) You are invited to commune with us if you can say "yes" through the gift of faith to the following:

- +. I am a Baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- +. I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
- +. I believe that Christ is truly present with His Body and Blood in, with, and under bread and wine offering me forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.
- +. I will live in the strength of the Holy Spirit to God's glory, in ministry with His people, in mission to His world.
- Non-alcoholic wine is available for those with special needs. It is the white wine in the center of the individual cup trays. We welcome young children who have not yet been instructed about communion to come forward for a blessing.

If you have questions about communing, please speak with the Pastor prior to the service.

### Joining Our Savior as a member

Whether you are transferring your membership from another LCMS congregation or are from a different faith or denominational background we encourage everyone considering membership to take our "Starting Point" class with Pastor Lane. Contact him at pastorlane@oslcnashville.org for more information.

#### **Next Step Class**

This one session class is offered one Sunday each month and provides an opportunity for prospective and new members to learn more about the Our Savior community and the many opportunities for living, serving and giving. Visit Church Center for information.



#### **Guest Digital Connection Card**

Let us know you're here! Visit the link below or scan code. https://oslcnashville.org/attendance/ LIFE GROUPS: These groups meet to study God's Word throughout the week. They meet in homes, at OSLC and on-line.

CHRISTIAN INTEREST SHARING: These groups include Board Game Night, Handbells, Choir, Food & Fellowship, LWML, OWLS (Older, Wiser, Learned Servants), Tables for 8.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: These groups are a way to serve in our church & community. They include Inspiritus, Loaves & Fishes, New Mommy Ministry, OSLC Welcome Team, Police Outreach, Prayer Warriors for HS girls, Room In The Inn, Sensational 6, Singing Rooster Coffee, Stephen Ministries, Worship Service Greeters.

If you would like to get plugged in, start a Life Group or lead a Sunday morning Bible study please contact Jessica Wilkerson at <a href="mailto:smallgroups@oslcnashville.org">smallgroups@oslcnashville.org</a> or check out the Church Center App.

Sunday bible studies (9:30-10:30am)		
Group	Room	Facilitators
1 Year Bible Study	Gym	Pastor Lane
Confirmation	Multi Purpose Room	Matt Fischer
College Bible Study	Fellowship Hall @ noon	Matt Fischer
Men's Group	Fellowship Hall Fri. @ 7	Wayne Wells
Sunrise Sisters	On-Line Tues @ 8am	Nena Schneider
Beloved	On-Line Mon. @ 6pm	Kim Shaw
"Man Up" Men's Bible Study	Every 3rd Thursday	Matt Fischer
Faith On Tap	Every last Tuesday	Celia Walkowicz
SOS (Sisters of Strength)	Every first Tuesday	Lynnea Wiese
Next Step	Conference Room	Pastor Henke
Young Professionals Bible Study	Multi Purpose Room - every 2nd & 4th Thursday	Andy Lahr

#### **Our Savior Staff**

Pastor Lane Reuter - Sr. Pastor
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Pastor Tracy Nelson - Visitation Pastor
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Karen Ponicsan - Business Mgr
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Pastor Gene Henke - Disc. & Outreach
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# Believing What the Lord Says

Luke 1:39-56

# It's Our Joy to Have You With Us

We invite you to continue to join us as we praise God in worship and grow in our relationship with Him and each other. You are encouraged to invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to be part of our Church and Academy family!

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