



Wednesday Night Sunday School

2018-2019 Parent Handbook

Our WNSS program is open to children 4K through 6th grade. We meet most Wednesday nights from *6:15-7:30pm throughout the school year. * please note time change

How our WNSS program works: At WNSS we teach the same Bible story and Memory Bible Verse for four/six weeks. Each week the kids rotate to different kid friendly stations where the Bible lesson is taught either by participating in Crafts, Drama, Games, Kitchen, Storytelling, and/or Mini Missions.

By rotating each week, the kids will have a different Station Leader, so to help make WNSS more relational, each grade has their own Shepherd. A Shepherd is an adult/youth that rotates each week with their grade, getting to know each child and forming friendships with them.

Besides the different stations, we also gather for Large Group time where the lesson is reinforced though fun, upbeat music, use of short movie clips, a skit and/or object lessons that relates to that month's Bible Story and Memory Bible Verse. We discuss ways to take what we've learned from the Bible and apply it to our everyday lives. The WNSS kids and staff are challenged to be the Hands and Feet of JESUS at WNSS, at home, at school, and at play.

Please note we do not provide supervision on the playground before or after WNSS.

God has blessed BMZ with opportunities to share His Amazing Love with the children and youth in our communities. We take that to heart and want the best for each child/youth that walks through our doors. With that being said, I would like to share this with you: BMZ Church has put into place a Safe Sanctuary Policy, which helps provide protection of your children, youth from possible physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. It also helps protect our staff and volunteers from allegations of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse. Rules have been set in place to help ensure your child's safety and protection. Including:

- ALL volunteers who work with our children and youth MUST fill out an application and attend a Safe Sanctuary Training yearly.
- All adult volunteers will be required to have a background check every 4 years.
- Those who are approved to work with our children and youth will be given a BMZ Children's/Youth Ministry lanyard to wear to help identify them quickly.
- All visitors during a children's ministry event must sign in at the Registration Desk.

We are also acting as a Mandatory Reporter, which means if a child or youth shares with a staff member or volunteer that there's abuse taking place at home we must report this to the Child Protective Services. In our hearts we want to do all we can to help ensure the safety of our children.

If you would like a complete copy of the BMZ Safe Sanctuary Manual or have any questions, please ask or email Miss Nikki @ 608-375-4565 or @ wnss.nikki@bmzchurch.org.

Upon Arrival: We ask that 4K children are walked to their classroom.

- 4K will meet in Room 9 (look for the bright green 4K sign).
- Kindergarteners – 2nd graders are to go directly to the room with their grade sign.
- 3rd-6th graders will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Large Group Time.

Dismissal: All kids are dismissed at 7:30pm.

4K children MUST be picked up in the building and ONLY by the people listed on their Registration card.

Parents of K-6th graders will be dismissed according to the instructions on the child's registration card. Our Shepherds will follow those instructions each week.

- If you want your K-6th to be dismissed to find family, we encourage you to have a meeting spot in place with your child(ren). It gets BUSY at 7:30pm!

No WNSS on: October 21, November 21, December 5,12,19 and 26, January 2, and March 27

Inclement Weather: If Boscobel Area School are closed or have an early release **due to weather**, WNSS will not meet. If unsure, please check our webpage, Facebook page, or call the Church office.

Attendance Incentives: Kids with Pie-riffic (perfect) attendance for the whole year (from September 13th to May 1st) will get to throw a pie in a teacher's face at the Annual Family Picnic.

Illness: If your child is sick or has been sick within the past 24-hour period before WNSS or events, we ask that you NOT bring your child to WNSS. Please adhere to the 24 hour fever rule, which states that a child needs to be fever free without medication for a 24 hour period before attending church.

Children with the following symptoms may be contagious:

1. Fever of 100 degrees or higher
2. Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea
3. Yellow or green nasal mucus
4. Severe coughing, strep throat
5. Any untreated rash, skin infection, or open lesion
6. Head lice or nits in the hair
7. Pinkeye or other eye infections with mucous discharge
8. Flu-like symptoms: chills, sweats, body aches, coughing up yellow or green mucous
9. Any symptoms of infectious communicable childhood diseases

If any of these symptoms occur while in class, the child may be isolated away from the other children while the parent/guardian is contacted to pick their child up.

Theme Nights: To add a little extra fun each Wednesday Night we have different theme nights throughout the year. It could be anything from silly socks to wear your pajamas to western to school colors. Even B.A.R.F. Night! Theme Nights will be posted at www.facebook.com/bmzchurch each week.

Offering: We set a special time aside for Offering during Large Group. The children have an opportunity to place their offering in one or two jars.

- WNSS Offering Jar: the offering helps support the needs of WNSS.

- The Galilee Home offering, an Interhope orphanage. Galilee Home is located in the country, Burma, there are 40 children that live at the orphanage as of now. The 2017 Christmas program's offering was sent to Galilee Home to help purchase livestock, which helps the orphanage to be more self-sustained. The 2018 VBS offering purchased soccer & kickballs, notebooks, pencils, and vitamins for the children and youth that live in the Galilee Home.



WNSS Missions:

- Mini Missions: Our 3rd - 6th grade* students rotate going on Mini Mission trips to the local Nursing Home and assisted living complexes. The kids perform songs, skits, or play games with the residents. Our hope is to teach the kids to reach out in love to others through these mini-missions and to help prepare them for youth mission trips through Sidekick Missions.

*A separate permission slip is required to take part in Mini Missions.

Electronic Devices: To help ensure privacy of others and to avoid kids messing with cell phones/electronic devices before and during WNSS, upon arriving at WNSS all cell phones and electronic devices must be handed over to the registration table until after WNSS.

Third Grade Bibles: Each year BMZ presents our 3rd graders with their very own Bible. Bible Sunday will be held on September 30th at the 9:00 am Worship, Boscobel Campus and 11:00am, Mt. Zion Campus. PARENTS: PLEASE RSVP by September 20th.

Christmas Program: Our 2018 Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at BMZ Church. All grade levels participate in the program. However, only 4th-6th grade children have the opportunity to have roles in the Christmas Play. Play practice will begin October 25th @ 5:00pm. Permission slips will be available in October.

Annual WNSS Family Picnic: The picnic will be held on Wednesday, May 1st from 6:00-7:30pm at the Kronshage Park. The whole family is invited to attend. Please bring a dish to pass. At this time we will also celebrate Pie-riffic (perfect) Attendance. (Thank you WNSS Team for doing "Whatever it Takes"- you're all the Best!)

Photos and Videos:

- Photos and videos will be taken of large & smaller groups of kids.

- Parents and Guardians must give permission for BMZ to post or print your child's photo or video, however, be aware that your child's image may appear in large group photos, even if you do not give us permission. BMZ will NOT put the names of children on Facebook or tag family members.

You can find photos and videos from BMZ Children's Ministries @ www.bmzchurch.org or on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/bmzchurch. Please feel free to tag your child(ren)'s pictures on Facebook and share!

Ways to volunteer @ WNSS:

If you enjoy working with children:

- Station Leaders: which are responsible for teaching different grades each week. *
- Shepherds: are assigned to one grade and rotates with them weekly.*

More of a behind the scenes kind of person?

- Baking is your thing? Our Snack Team is always in need of extra hands to bake extra goodies for the kids!

*All volunteers working with the children must complete a BMZ Volunteer Application, have a background check and attend a Safe Sanctuary & WNSS Training. Some requirements are required to fill these positions.



All kidz from 5 years old – 5th grade are welcome to attend BMZ Kidz every Sunday during the 9:00am Worship Celebration, Boscobel Campus and during the 11:00am Worship Celebration, Mt. Zion Campus.

2019 BMZ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Boscobel Campus

July 28-August 1, 2019



All children 4 years old (& potty trained) through leaving 6th grade are welcome to join the VBS fun! If you would like to volunteer for VBS please contact Ms. Nikki!