

My Grace Church brothers and sisters,

What a privileged people we are to be able to serve together in the house of the Lord! And how blessed we are to have Christ as our King, discipling us in the Way, in all that is good and right.

Certainly one of our most important roles as disciples of Christ is to multiply that blessing, by raising up even more disciples. And for those who call Grace Church home, we are all united in acknowledging this priority.

The Elder Board would ask that we all look on Children's Ministry with a new perspective; from *whether or not* to serve, to how and when and where you could serve. As our children are now beginning a new school year, the opportunities to be that blessing in a child's life are everywhere! These are in all levels of involvement, in varying times and days of the week, that can fit with any schedule, for any believer.

Our Children's Ministry mid-week group, called Breakout, begins Tuesday, September 28th. Currently, there are no male coaches, to complement our few female coaches. Contact Veronica, or the church office if you might be willing to give part of your Tuesday evening to the raising and instruction of our children in the Lord! God meets us all where we are, and any believer can be used mightily for His purposes. You'll melt the first time a six-year old calls you "coach," and you'll know that you are blessed by the service, even more than the children are.

Aside from Tuesday evening, the schedule for our Sunday morning helpers, and for watching over our little ones on Sunday evening, both have many open slots to fill. These opportunities all need a boost of new helpers. Even just a friendly smile and presence from an adult member in the congregation is a huge security and encouragement to our children. It cannot be overstated how even just a regular friendly face can provide enormous comfort to children in these difficult times.

The elders are all encouraged and blessed to see the devotion of this congregation to service, and discipleship of the next generation. Continued blessings to you all,

-Steve Demers, for the Elder Board, and Children's Ministry.  
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