

Christian Education | Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Committee Description & Responsibilities

To nurture lifelong faith formation by creating meaningful, accessible and relational learning experiences for all ages to engage in worship, grow in understanding and build community

We are living out our love for God in worship, study, and service by being:

Welcoming: Every person is a valuable and special child of God.

God Centered: We aim to teach Biblical truths that will inspire us to grow in knowledge and relationship with Jesus

Joyful: We have fun and strive to inspire real joy in the lives of all members

Family Oriented: We are committed to honoring families and being connected to our entire church family

Safe and secure: We are committed to maintaining a safe environment in which children, youth and vulnerable adults are protected from any form of abuse.

Mission oriented: We aim to provide opportunities to demonstrate and take Jesus' love out into the world

CE Committee Member Expectations

- Attend worship
- Support Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry
- Be prepared and participate in monthly CE meetings
- Attend and volunteer at committee-planned events as able
- Support PCB through time, talent and treasure
- Lead or assist with various committee areas of responsibility:

Committee Area of Responsibility			
Sunday school planning & lessons	Adult Education class planning and execution	Intergenerational Event planning and execution	Nursery Volunteer Coordinator
Time with Young Disciples	Welcome Center Management	Confirmation Class assistant / mentor	Teach Faith Formation Classes
Worship Committee liaison	Communication Liaison	Help manage learning spaces and library	Mission Committee liaison

2025 SMART Goals - Review & Update

To follow are the goals we focused on in 2025:

Specific Goal 1

Develop programming to create intergenerational faith formation opportunities for PCB, including but not limited to:

- Children and youth attend worship or part of worship service, sitting with their families and / or as a class
- Education Hour offering parallel learning for children and adults
- Create space so all are comfortable in the service
- Host quarterly / monthly opportunities — be it service, prayer, sharing meals, learning
- Develop Pew Pal program (a la mentors)

Measurable: Establishment of programs starting in late August / early September

Attainable: Absolutely by working in synergy with other committees

Relevant: Programming based on “industry” research

Time-bound: Summer - Review, Renew, Revise (starting with parent meeting); Fall - Programs begin

2026 Update: Achieved and will continue programming with enhancements and / or modification based on learning

Specific Goal 2

Create meaningful connections and spiritual growth for youth (grades 6 - 12) by planning bi-monthly social and service meetings, retreats, mission trip and expanding group by partnering with other churches

Measurable: Attendance / participation and feedback from youth

Attainable: Events will be planned with creativity, commitment and with fostering connections in mind

Relevant: Connecting members fosters a stronger community

Time-based: Summer - hosting various Summer Of Service events and planning for school year; Fall - program kicks off

2026 Update: Achieved and will continue programming with modification based on learning. Still accessing.

Specific Goal 3

Develop spiritual growth / faith formation of children kindergarten - 5th grade through establishing age-appropriate curriculum and learning environments

Measurable: Participation in church and at-home opportunities

Attainable: Yes, we can develop this programming with parent input

Relevant: Faith formation is important in the lives of our kids and families
Time-based: May - August - planning; August - May - programming

2026 Update: Achieved and will continue programming with modification based on learning

Specific Goal 4

Enhance communications strategies for families and teens

Measurable: Number of eMails, newsletter articles, and online content created. (Teens prefer texting.)

Attainable: Process in place to send weekly family emails and include content in PCB communications vehicles

Relevant: Important to keep families and teens informed

Time-based: Completed each week (Plus monthly communications to congregation)

2026 Update: Achieved and will continue with weekly church-wide and family-direct communications

Specific Goal 5

Develop new curriculum and program for Confirmation including a confirmation retreat

Measurable: Completion of program planning and participation of 8th grade and older youth

Attainable: Yes

Relevant: Important milestone in the Presbyterian church and official step to becoming member of PCB

Time-bound: Program kicks off in September

2026 Update: Achieved and will continue programming with modification based on learning

2026 Goals

In addition to continuing the programming outlined in 2025, the Christian Education committee will work on the following goals in 2026:

Specific Goal Strengthen Faith & Biblical Literacy

Increase participation in Christian education and strengthen faith and Biblical literacy by engaging a broader cross-section of the congregation in consistent learning opportunities that build understanding, confidence and the ability to discuss and apply scripture in daily life.

Measurable: Growth in number and diversity of participants, increased repeat participation and participant feedback

Attainable: Yes, by offering consistent and accessible opportunities

Relevant: Supports deeper understanding of faith and equips individuals to engage meaningfully with scripture

Time-bound: Ongoing opportunities offered

Specific Goal: Increase Engagement in Worship

Increase active engagement in worship service by establishing three key supports — Worship Resource Center, Nursery Redux and Prayground

Measurable: Demonstrable growth in participation, utilization and perceived accessibility of worship for families

Attainable: Yes - three supports is realistic

Relevant: Supports engagement and participation in worship, particularly for families

Time-bound: Worship Resource Center and Nursery to open in January and Prayground to be completed by September 2026

Specific Goal: Deepen Faith Formation

Expand faith formation opportunities by creating consistent, relational and intergenerational experiences that encourage families to practice and live out their faith with at least 50% of families attending more than once per quarter through establishment of Pre-School Sunday School, all-church Messy Church and family-led worship on the 5th Sundays

Measurable: 50% of families engaging more than once quarterly

Attainable: Yes with support of other committees and members

Relevant: Directly supports faith formation through shared experiences and practices

Time-bound: Messy Church to kick-off in June; Pre-School Sunday school (Ages 2-4) to kick-off in September

Specific Goal: Strengthen Culture of Belonging and Invitation

Strengthen connection and belonging among families by offering consistent monthly and weekly gatherings, ie Family Breakfast on the first Sunday of each month and weekly parent coffee opportunities on the second, third and fourth Sundays

Measurable: Increase in engagement and sense of belonging

Attainable: Yes, we can easily establish the programming but it's up to members to take advantage

Relevant: Yes - Research shows that families are joining churches as they are seeking meaning and community. Also our members have asked for opportunities to gather.

Time-bound: Family Breakfast to start in February and Parent Coffee to start in September

Planning Calendar

May 30: 5K Youth Group Bake Sale

June: Pentecost Messy Church

June 20-28: Mission Trip

July: Social Outing / VBS Pop-up?

August 16: Blessing of the Backpacks

September 20: Church Picnic

October: Messy Church (Pumpkin-related or Day of the Dead)

Nov: Youth Retreat - date TBC

Nov 22: Advent Messy Church

Dec 20: All-Church Christmas Pageant (and Potluck?)

Feb 16: Pancakes & Messy Church