

Ministry of the Month

So many ministries just happen or so it would appear. As we looked at the blessing this church has in each and every ministry we recognized God at work. So each month through the coming year we will celebrate one ministry. In every ministry there are ways we are blessed and ways that we bless other.

Be Blessed... Children's Church

Children's church is an option for the younger children (kindergarten to 3rd grade) to leave church after the Children's Chat until the Benediction. This provides an outlet for youthful energy to explore crafts and age-appropriate learning. We have had such activities as learning about and drawing various types of fish, reptiles, and insects. Examining the countries the Olympic torch visited and creating a torch using a paper-towel tube and colored tissue paper was a well-liked activity/lesson. In a later session, we drew those countries' flags. Videos such as *Veggie Tales* (biblical stories told by vegetable characters), *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and old cartoons (*The Tortoise and the Hare*) have been used.

Be A Blessing... Children's Church

A volunteer team of two individuals or a couple could expect to run the children's church approximately 4 – 5 times / year, each session lasting about one to one and a half hours. This time is a wonderful opportunity to interact with the youthful portion of our congregation. Facilitating an activity (lesson, craft, or activity), serving a snack (graham crackers, Cheez-Its, vanilla wafers, apple juice, are favorites), and cleanup afterward are all that is involved.

A wonderful way to serve — interacting with the youthful members of our congregation.