



Our Commitment to Child Safety

At Crestview Baptist Church, the safety and well-being of every child and student is one of our highest priorities. We consider it a privilege to partner with parents in helping children know Jesus, grow in their faith, and experience the love of Christ in a safe, welcoming, and Christ-centered environment.

Every child who walks through our doors is created in the image of God and has immeasurable value. We are committed to providing an atmosphere where children are loved, protected, encouraged, and given the opportunity to grow spiritually.

Volunteer Screening

Every adult serving in our Children's and Student Ministries is carefully screened before serving. Our volunteer process includes:

- A completed volunteer application.
- Pastoral and ministry approval.
- A criminal background check.
- Agreement to follow our Child Protection and Ministry Policies.
- Ongoing training and accountability.

Individuals who have not completed the approval process do not serve independently with children or students.

Classroom Safety

We have established safety procedures designed to provide a secure environment for every child.

Our safety practices include:

- Two approved adult volunteers in classrooms whenever reasonably possible.
- Appropriate supervision of children at all times.
- Secure child check-in and check-out procedures.
- Age-appropriate restroom supervision.
- Clear expectations for volunteers regarding appropriate interactions with children.
- Immediate reporting of any safety concerns or suspected abuse.

Caring for Every Child

We believe every child is uniquely created by God and deserves to be welcomed with love, dignity, and respect.

We are committed to serving children of all abilities, including those with autism, ADHD, sensory processing challenges, learning disabilities, developmental delays, anxiety, and other special needs. We work alongside parents to provide the safest and most supportive environment possible while helping every child participate in learning about Jesus.

Student Ministry

Our Student Ministry seeks to provide a safe environment where teenagers can build friendships, grow in their relationship with Christ, and be encouraged by caring Christian adults.

Special activities away from our church campus require signed parental permission, and we strive to provide appropriate adult supervision at every event.

Counseling & Communication

We desire to provide biblical encouragement and support while maintaining appropriate boundaries.

Whenever possible, conversations with minors occur in visible settings or with another approved adult nearby. We encourage open communication with parents and seek to partner with families as we minister to children and students.

Reporting Concerns

Crestview Baptist Church takes every allegation or concern regarding child safety seriously.

Any suspicion of abuse or misconduct is reported immediately to church leadership. We are committed to following all applicable Ohio laws regarding mandatory reporting while responding with wisdom, compassion, and integrity.

Partnering with Parents

We recognize that parents are the primary spiritual influence in the life of their children. Our goal is not to replace that role but to come alongside families by teaching God's Word, encouraging biblical growth, and pointing children and students toward a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions about our Children's or Student Ministries, our safety procedures, or our commitment to protecting children, we would be happy to speak with you. Please contact our church office or one of our pastors for additional information.