

## Lutie Watkins Memorial Methodist Church

Acts 2:42 "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals and their prayers."

Scripture Theme: Psalms 150:6 1st Semester: Sept. 3 - Dec. 10, 2024 2nd Semester: Jan. 14 - April 29, 2025

# The Purpose of Logos

- To develop genuine and lasting relationships between children and Jesus Christ, their church family, and their peers.
- To create an understanding and desire in children to accept Christ as their personal Lord and Savior
- To develop intelligent, active, and loyal membership and leadership in the Church
- To offer worthwhile Bible study, wholesome recreation, and opportunities for community service, all in a spirit of true Christian fellowship
- To develop the kind of Christians who are able and willing to communicate their faith and assume personal responsibility for the building of God's kingdom

## What is the Logos Program?

Logos enables our church to offer children all of the dynamics of a good Summer Camp/VBS Program on a weekly basis. In the context of a disciplined and structured program, they enjoy Christian fellowship and growth through creative recreational activities, understanding of participation in worship, group Bible study focusing on contemporary Christian living, and through sharing dinner together. Logos is not a substitute or replacement for, but rather a strong supplement to, already existing Christian education programs (such as Sunday School).

The program also provides an opportunity to explore one's identity in a Christian environment. Adults, serving as leaders, will help to develop genuine and lasting relationships between themselves and the children in their care. Not only does Logos meet the needs of our children, this program is a valuable tool for church family involvement, as parents and other members of the church are drawn into active participation.

The Logos program is broken into four distinct parts, all of which are equally important to the overall development of young Christians: recreation, Bible study, worship and family dinner. All four parts of the program are interrelated and work together to promote a strong sense of Christian fellowship. Since the

program requires parental participation, it plays a big role in strengthening individual families, as well as the church family. It shows our children and their families that they have an important place in God's plan and that they are welcomed and loved wherever God's family gathers together.

## The Four Parts

### 1. BIBLE

- a. GOAL: To nurture children and young people into intelligent, obedient, Biblically-informed discipleship
- b. Bible classes are separated by grade level, with a different, age-appropriate curriculum for each age group. This allows children to dig deeper and continue to learn new things as they progress through the program from year to year.

### 2. <u>RECREATION</u>

- a. GOAL: To experience great fun at the expense of no one else.
- b. During rec times, students participate in supervised games, learning to interact with others according to the Main Rule of Logos.

### 3. WORSHIP

- a. GOAL: To develop responsibility for and practice in worship skills, because worship is our primary service to God as disciples
- b. Worship is the part of Logos in which young people explore ways to express their Christian joy and develop an appreciation for the different parts of the worship service. It involves music, scripture readings and applicable lessons, and participation in various parts of the church service. Young people are encouraged to extend their worship into all parts of their lives.

### 4. FAMILY TIME

- a. GOAL: To provide a joyous, inter-generational experience over a shared meal as we become a family of God
- b. Logos dinner is an essential part of the program. By sharing a common meal together, participants develop a unique sense of the family of God. Everyone gets experience in sharing, serving, basic table decorum and communication with others. It is also a time for fun games and activities.

# Logos Daily Schedule

	PRE-LOGOS	KINDER	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
3:30-3:50 PM	SNACK						
3:55-4:15 PM	WORSHIP						
4:20-4:40 PM	BIBLE	BIBLE	BIBLE	REC	REC	BIBLE (Flexible Timeline	BIBLE (Flexible Timeline
4:45-5:00 PM	RECESS	BIBLE	BIBLE	BIBLE	BIBLE		
5:05-5:25 PM	CRAFTS	REC	REC	BIBLE	BIBLE	and Location)	and Location)
5:30-6:15 PM	DINNER (INCLUDES EVENING ACTIVITY)						

## **LOGOS Registration**

Registration for Logos is done online by family. Your children will be registered for the whole Logos year (Sept - April). The online registration link can be found on the church website at <a href="http://www.lutiesplace.com/logos.html">http://www.lutiesplace.com/logos.html</a>

Parents are REQUIRED to sign up for some type of supporting participation in the program for the coming year (at least 3 times per semester). Once your children are registered, parents will be sent a SignUp Genius link to select their volunteer dates and times.

Nursery and Pre-Logos Classes are provided each Wednesday of the Logos program for small children of adult volunteers. You MUST be on campus for your child to be in Pre-Logos.

## **Enrollment Fees\***

Before August 20th		After August 20th (Closes Sept. 9th)		
1st Child	\$150	1st Child	\$175	
2nd Child	\$125	2nd Child	\$150	
3rd Child	\$100	3rd Child	\$125	
4th Child	FREE	4th Child	FREE	
Pre-Logos	\$50	Pre-Logos	\$50	

<sup>\*</sup>The cost of enrollment covers the program costs for both semesters, including study materials, craft and recreation supplies, meals for children and volunteers, and a Logos t-shirt for each participant.

## Scholarships and Payment Plan Options

<u>Scholarships</u> are available and will be granted on a case by case basis. Anyone requesting a scholarship will need to pay a \$25 application fee per child, which can be applied to a payment plan if needed.

#### Payment Plans

Single Payment - Due at time of Registration (By August 21, 2024)

Two Installments - Half Due at Registration; Remainder Due by January 15, 2025

Three Installments -  $\frac{1}{3}$  Due at Registration;  $\frac{1}{3}$  Due by Nov. 6, 2024; Remainder Due by Feb 4, 2025

## <u>Discipline at Logos</u>

The Main Rule of Logos is:

EVERYONE IS TO TREAT EVERYONE ELSE AS A CHILD OF GOD. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TREAT ANYONE ELSE AS IF THEY DO NOT MATTER.

Staff and students alike are expected to follow this rule. We ask that cooperation and courtesy for all participants be stressed by the parents at home. Disciplinary problems will be dealt with as promptly, realistically and consistently as possible. A shepherd will be responsible for administering a time out (area clean-up or kitchen clean-up) when necessary. Typically, a child will get a warning, a time out from the Shepherd, and then a phone call to parents if things don't improve.

# **Common Parent Questions**

### HOW DOES MY CHILD GET TO AND FROM LOGOS?

The church provides a bus and/or van to pick children up from Llano Elementary. This transportation is for Kinder-5th Graders, and typically picks up in two shifts. We will provide a list of Logos students to the school, but ask that parents also let their teachers know that their children will be riding the Logos bus. The school has a designated area out front where students will wait for the bus on Logos Wednesdays. \*Pre-Logos will not ride the bus, but will need to be transported by their parents\*

Parents will pick their children up at 6:15pm from the Fellowship Hall. This is the building with the large windows, adjacent to the sanctuary. We will have volunteers out front to radio in and call your child out to your car, just like the school pick up line.

### DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BE HERE FOR THE WHOLE NIGHT?

We truly believe that the value of Logos is not found in the activities offered, but the total program of growing relationships. Missing even one section on a regular basis means missing out on key learning experiences and valuable opportunities for your child to grow in Christian relationships. Besides, who wants to go home without dinner?!

### CAN MY NEIGHBOR, WHO BELONGS TO ANOTHER CHURCH, JOIN?

Our program is open to all children in the community!

Once a semester, we do ask that you and your child attend morning worship at Lutie Watkins Memorial Methodist Church for our designated Logos Sundays. This is an opportunity for the children to lead and serve the church in worship, putting some of the things they are learning each week into practice.

These dates are included on the Logos Calendar of Events.

### HOW IMPORTANT IS IT FOR MY CHILD TO BE IN CHURCH?

VERY!! We feel the Sunday worship experience is central to your whole family's spiritual growth. We welcome you to join us here at Lutie's, but most importantly, we encourage you to find a church home wherever you feel is the best fit for you and your family. If you are looking to plug in and want some help, don't hesitate to ask!

#### I WORK LATE AND CANNOT EASILY HELP. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

There are many areas where help is needed at different times. The Volunteer Coordinator can help you work out your volunteer assignment. Another family member can also fill in your spot for you, as long as someone is there to represent your child.

#### HOW CAN I BE MORE INVOLVED?

Logos thrives because of our volunteers! We could not provide the program we do without those who willingly give their time and energy to serve these children every week. Please contact us if you feel called to serve in any way. This ministry is a blessing to both its children and volunteers and ALL GIFTS are needed. Not every role looks the same, but we promise there is a perfect one for you!

## Parent Participation

Active participation by at least one parent of every child in Logos is REQUIRED. Since the staff is voluntary, part-time service by a large number of people is essential to keep the many activities going. At least as important, however, is the "morale boosting" effect of the parent's physical presence and visible support of the program on their children. This is a vital element in the successful operation of the Logos program. Before the semester begins, parents are required to sign up for at least 3 volunteer slots per semester. You can scan the QR code below to access the Fall Parent Participation Sign-Up Genius. A link is also available on our website at <a href="http://www.lutiesplace.com/logos.html">http://www.lutiesplace.com/logos.html</a>

## How to Support Your Child in Logos

- 1. Encourage your child's regular attendance in the program on Logos days, as well as on Logos Sundays.
- 2. Assist your child in understanding their weekly Logos Bible Lesson. Ask them to tell you about what they learned. Encourage them to ask follow up questions of you or of another adult.
- 3. Fulfill your commitment to your assigned area of Logos service. By giving of your time, you are rendering a vital service to our children. If you cannot make it, please make sure someone is there in your place. All volunteer positions are important!
- 4. Arrange for prompt payment of Logos fees.
- 5. Stress the importance of courtesy and good behavior at Logos. Emphasis on these matters at home will greatly ease the work of our shepherd.

### IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

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