

The Faithwalk Experience - What You Can Expect On Sunday

If you are new to Kanata Baptist or considering attending a service for the first time, this overview will give you an idea of what happens at our Sunday morning children's ministry.

Sign In

Faithwalk officially starts 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the worship services (8:50 and again at 11:05). From the foyer, walk up the ramp to the sign in table.

Regular Attenders:

1. At the top of the ramp, have your child pick up their name tag and clip it to their clothing in a visible spot.
2. Proceed to the Sign In table.
3. Show your Family Registration Card (it is helpful if you say your Last Name, followed by the child's first name).
4. Once the child is signed in, please drop them off at the appropriate doorway, and proceed to the sanctuary for the service.

Please Note: Your Family Registration Card has a unique family ID number on the bottom of it. If your child requires your immediate attention (due to sickness or significant upset) we will contact you in the sanctuary using this ID number. If you do not see your number, rest assured your child is well looked after.

Visitors and Newcomers:

1. Proceed up the ramp to the Sign In table
2. Ask for a Visitor's Registration card
3. Fill out the card and return it to the Sign In table. You will be given a temporary ID number which is your 'claim ticket' for picking up your child following the service. This ID number is what we will use to call you from the sanctuary should your child need you in an emergency.

Following the Worship Service:

Please pick up your child within 5-10 minutes of the end of the service. Your child will be with their small group in one of the classrooms in the CE wing. Please show your family ID card to your child's small group leaders.

The Faithwalk Experience for Children:

Once your child is signed in, she/he will be invited to an active play time in Cawfield Hall where they will find an assortment of games and activities: crafts, active and quiet games; construction and creative play activities.

After a while, the children gather in their small groups for a quick huddle time. From there they will move with their small group to a large group time where they will be involved in active worship followed by a story time (using creative storytelling

techniques such as drama and puppets).

Following the large group time, the small groups move classrooms where they focus on integrating the lesson learned, helping the children apply the lesson to their daily lives.

At the end of the small group time, the children are ready to be picked up by their parents/guardians.

Please be sensitive to the leaders when picking up your children. The worship service may have ended early and so the leader may need to finish up the small group time before releasing the children to you.

FAQ

Why register families?

Registration serves many important purposes. It enables us to allocate classrooms based on the number of children registered. It allows us to have name tags and Family ID cards ready to expedite the sign in process. It gives us written permission to release the children to authorized adults.

Why name badges for kids?

The name badges are used to help the leaders speak to the children by name. They are also helpful in case of clarification at the sign in desk (connecting family ID numbers to children).

Why do I have to show my Family ID card every Sunday?

The reason we use a Family ID card is to quickly and conveniently identify that the adult has written authorization to retrieve the child following the service. This process is for the safety of your child(ren) and we greatly appreciate your help and cooperation.

What happens if I forget my Family ID Card, can I still sign in my child?

You will be asked to fill out a temporary registration for that one Sunday.

Can my child sit with me in church?

As parents, you are free to take your children with you into the service. Some parents prefer to have their child(ren) sit with them for the first portion of the service. You may sign your child in at any time.

You are free to make your own choices. We would ask, however, that if your child is starting to become disruptive in the service that you kindly sit in the foyer area in fairness to the other worshippers. We have invested significant time and energy to make Faithwalk inviting, creative, spiritually nurturing and good clean fun. We would

love to have your child take part in this ministry.

What if my child needs me?

Your Family ID number (or visitor's ID number) is your link to your children during the service. If you are needed, you will be called to the Christian Education wing using that number on the main projection screen in the sanctuary.

If you would like to stay with your child during the Faithwalk hour, you are welcome to sign in as a special visitor/volunteer. Or, better yet, register as a regular volunteer so you can help out and see why your child enjoys coming week after week.

What if my child has special needs?

We do our best to accommodate children with special needs. We have a number of mature, sensitive volunteers who work one on one with special needs children.

What if my child has allergies?

We do our best to provide a clean, safe environment for all children. We cannot guarantee an environment that is completely clear of contaminants, but we keep the children's rooms free of milk, eggs, flour, nuts ... and dogs and cats.

If your child has an epipen, we would ask that you give instructions to the teacher on how to use it. Children with allergies have a special sticker on their name badge.

What about if my child is ill?

If your child is ill, we ask that you keep them home in order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

Who can I talk to for further information about Faithwalk?

You can speak to the Faithwalk Director, Mrs. Martha Marentette, or to our one of our pastors: Pastor Jonathan Mills, Pastor Bob Davies or Pastor Doug Ward.

Can my child attend Faithwalk at both services?

Yes they can though both services have the same content.