

# LAF (Laying A Foundation) Information

For Parents of Children Age 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*At Des Moines Fellowship we are excited about the LAF children's ministry and feel blessed to have the opportunity and privilege of working with you and your children.*

## REGISTRATION FORMS

In order to provide safety and the best care for children that are involved in the LAF children's ministry at Des Moines Fellowship, we would like parents to fill out information forms for their child(ren). These forms will then be on file at the church so those working with your children have access to pertinent information about them. Included on these forms would be information regarding address, contact phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. These forms will be available in your child's classrooms or at Guest Services.

## TRANSITIONS TO NEW CLASSROOMS

### **Movement from the Nursery to the 2 Year Old Class:**

As soon as a child in the nursery turns 2, his parents have the option to move him into the 2 year old class at any time during the year. This movement simply involves parents contacting someone from the LAF ministry leadership team (Beth Greiman or Vickie Greiman), so they can inform the 2 year old class teachers about their child moving in.

### **Movement from the 2 Year Old Class to the 3 Year Old Class:**

If children in the 2 year old class turn 3 by the first Sunday in September, they have the option to move into the 3 year old Sunday School class. We would highly encourage those children who turn 3 after that date to remain in the 2 year old class until the next September. If however, a child turns 3 before the 1st Sunday in March and his parents feel, after consulting with his teachers and someone from the LAF Leadership team, that he would be better served by moving into the 3's class, they have the option to move their child up the 1st Sunday in March. The LAF team would then communicate with the 3's teachers about the new child moving up. Parents interested in having their child move up should give the LAF team sufficient notice, so additional curriculum materials can be ordered in time. Children turning 3 after March 1 would be asked to remain in the 2 year old class until the next September.

### **Movement from the 3 Year Old Class to the 4's through Kindergarten Class:**

When children turn 4 by the first Sunday of September, they may move up to the 4's through Kindergarten Sunday School class. Again we want to encourage those children who turn 4 after that date to remain in the 3 year old class until the next September. This is especially important because Sunday School curriculum is chosen for each age level to provide foundational content and continuity for an entire year (or longer in the case of combined age group classes). If however, a child turns 4 before the 1st Sunday in March and his parents feel, after consulting with his teachers and someone from the LAF Leadership team, that he would be better served by moving into the 4's-K class, they have the option to move their child up the 1st Sunday in March. Children turning 4 after March 1 would be asked to remain in the 3 year old class until the next September.

### **Movement at the Older Grade Levels**

Children in the 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class move to their next grade level classroom (in accordance with their grade level in school) the first Sunday in September only.

\*\*These policies are meant to be guidelines to help make transitions from classroom to classroom as simple as possible. Special circumstances may arise from time to time making exceptions to these policies a consideration. Please consult the LAF team if you have any questions or concerns.

### *LAF Ministry Vision Statement :*

*Partnering with parents to help children understand the supremacy and grace of God in all things, through reliance on the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and life-giving relationships with other people for their joy and the expansion of Christ's Kingdom.*