

First Presbyterian Church

Eaton, Ohio



The LOGOS System Associates

Parents' Handbook

2015-2016

WHAT IS THE LOGOS SYSTEM AND PROGRAM?

The LOGOS System and Program is a dynamic ministry of Christian nurture, the goal of which is to nurture youth and children into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and live as his disciples.

The LOGOS System and Program is found in approximately 4,000 churches in the United States, representing over 25 denominations. The Program is also found in Russia, Japan, and Canada. Invitations to the national staff have been received from Cameroon, Nigeria and India. As part of this large family we receive the benefit of excellent resources, training, and a wealth of shared experience.

The LOGOS System Associates (all persons in local churches engaged in the LOGOS System and Program) believe that nurturing youth and children into right relationships of faith with God through Jesus Christ is the most important thing the church ever does. The program has 4 components: Bible Study, Worship Skills, Family Time and Recreation.

The Program

Bible Study

The Bible study portion of the LOGOS Program provides the foundation upon which the rest of the Program is designed. To build Christian relationships, and to create an arena in which Christian community can be experienced, everyone must come to know and understand the Bible. Along with regular attendance in Church School and other church programs, the LOGOS Program strives to create biblically literate youth and children who apply what they have learned in the Bible study to all aspects of their life.

Worship Skills

The experience of corporate worship is at the center of our life together as a Christian community. To prepare youth and children to participate regularly in worship with the congregation each Sunday, the Worship Skills portion of the LOGOS Program not only teaches about worship, but provides ways for our young people to lead the congregation in worship.

Family Time

During the dinner hour a unique sense of the family of God develops as LOGOS members and adult table parents share a meal every week. The meal is served family style giving everyone the opportunity to serve one another. A caring "family" is created at each table as table members share important events in their lives and enjoy Family Fun time together.

Recreation

Recreation is a time for the youth to play fun organized games where they learn sportsmanship and how to work with each other. It is a time for fellowship and creating relationships with their peers. The games try to mix fun with team building skills incorporated while they build friendships.

The Importance of Family Members

The LOGOS program is an integral part of the Christian Education and Nurture system of the church. It works because of people like you who take seriously the faith development of the young people in our congregation and our community. Children and youth “catch” the Christian faith by entering into relationships with adults who live their Christian faith, and who treat every person as a child of God. Whether you are leading a game, washing dishes, or parenting a table, you are demonstrating to children and youth in the LOGOS Program that you love them, and you want them to know God and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. They will know by your participation that you believe the LOGOS Program to be a high priority for them. Our program is run by the parents/family members of the LOGOS children. When you register, please let us know where you can help.

Discipline in LOGOS

There is only one rule in the LOGOS Program:

*Everyone is to treat everyone else as a Child of God.
No one has the right to treat anyone as if they do not matter.*

All relationships in the LOGOS Program are guided by this rule. In the LOGOS Program we believe that nothing is more important to God than our relationships with others and with our God.

OUR LOGOS COVENANT

Each person:

Has a right to be treated with kindness and respect.

This means that no one will be put down, ignored or have their feelings hurt.

Has a right to be treated as a child of God.

This means no one will be treated unfairly for any reason.

Has a right to have their own opinions.

This means all opinions will be considered in plans that are made and no one will be made fun of.

Has a right to be safe.

No one will do anything to endanger another person. There will be no physical abuse to people or to the building.

Has a right to learn.

Registration

Registration on the first night of LOGOS, September 16, will run from 4:45pm- 5:00pm. You will also be able to get registration forms on line from our website and as attachments to e-mails.

Fees:

Payments will be accepted the day you register.

\$80 for 1 child for the year

\$40 for 1 child for 1 semester

\$130 for 2 siblings for the year

\$65 for 2 siblings for 1 semester

\$150 for 3 or more for the year

\$75 for 3 or more siblings for 1 semester

We encourage the children to invite visitors. A donation of \$3.00 for your visitors' meal will be appreciated.

No child or youth will be denied the rich Christian experience of LOGOS for financial reasons. Scholarship aid is available. Please contact the youth directors for to make arrangements for financial aid. All requests and arrangements are strictly confidential!

Policies

Snow Days:

If Eaton Community Schools are closed for inclement weather, LOGOS will be cancelled.

2015- 2016 Schedule

The LOGOS Schedule has been divided into two 12 week sessions:

Teacher Materials Available September 13 after church

First Session

September 16- December 9, 2015

October 28 Fall Carnival "Canival"

December 12, 2015 6:00 p.m. Carry-In

December 16, 2015 Christmas Caroling

(Logos will not meet November 25th due to Thanksgiving)

Second Session

January 13 – April 15, 2016

No Logos during Eaton Spring Break

April 15, 2016 6:00 p.m. Carry-In