

Sunday School and Children's Ministries

Many of you, our church family, serve in children's ministries here at Bethel, and we are so thankful for you! Your service enables us to teach and minister to the children and young people that God has placed here at our church, as well as minister to our families and those who might come as guests.

Over the past year we have implemented some different procedures in our children's wing. Those check-in and sign-out procedures help us to offer a secure and welcoming environment to the children and their families. The transition over the past several months has gone well, and we appreciate your continued help in keeping the children's wing limited access.

We will continue over the coming year to evaluate and improve different aspects of these ministries, in order to give God our best effort, and give Him all the glory.

Our Sunday School classes that we offer for children change from year to year, depending on the ages of the children that are currently attending. This fall we were excited to start a second school-age class for children in 1st and 2nd grades, giving us a total of four age appropriate classes for young people.

The way that the attendance is counted changed this year to include only those who are actually in classes on that Sunday. In the past, anyone who was in the building during the 9:30-10:30 hour was counted, even if they were not attending a class. This difference may affect comparison to past years, but the counting method will stay consistent from now on.

Sunday School Average Attendance for 2013 was as follows:

January:	88	May:	82	September:	80
February:	82	June:	78	October:	77
March:	82	July:	78	November:	74
April:	86	August:	75	December:	81

I am looking forward to a new year of serving along with you! – Tamim Fenton