

Equip and Children's Ministries

In 2016 our children's ministries continued to grow. This past quarter we had an average of 22 children (babies through 6th grade) attend during the Equip hour. This is a 29% increase from last year's average. During the worship service, we have on average 25 children (babies through 3rd grade) in our nursery and the two KidsWorship classes. It's wonderful to have so many children each week hear important truths from the Bible and learn to worship God.

Having a children's ministry of that size requires a lot of workers. We have about 30 teens and adults that serve in this ministry – that includes a lot of you! Your ministry to the children of our church is greatly appreciated.

One big task we undertook in 2016 was to re-do and update the clearances for all our children's ministry workers. A new law was passed in Pennsylvania in regards to the clearances required for all volunteers that work with children, and it went into effect this past summer. It involved a good amount of paperwork, so thank you to everyone who filled out forms for us, and a big thanks to Kerry for all the work he did on this!

We have about four sessions of Equip for adults and teens each year, with each session running for around 11-12 weeks. Three or four Equip classes with different topics are offered simultaneously, allowing people to attend the class they are most interested in.

Equip Average Attendance for 2016 was as follows:

January:	84	May:	74	September:	73
February:	79	June:	77	October:	80
March:	89	July:	81	November:	84
April:	82	August:	74	December:	81

If you haven't tried Equip yet, the new year is a great time to come check it out!

– Tamim Fenton