

Wednesday Night Connect

God has a plan for families - a plan where parents are entrusted with the spiritual growth of their children. Deut. 6:6 -7 says: "...these commandments that I give you today...you shall diligently teach to your children, and talk of them when you sit down in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise..."

Wednesday Night Connect was developed to give families a place to learn, worship, and grow together. The first Wednesday of the month is reserved for worship, with a separate service geared toward middle school students, and an off-site serve night for high school students. Other Wednesdays offer classes/programs for children, students and adults. Whether you are married, or single, have children or not, our goal is that you grow in relationship with God and each other.

Family Night Live

Family Night Live is a worship service geared to families with kids 5th grade and under, and one for students grades 6-8. Family Night Live provides the opportunity to worship as a family. During that same timeframe, Expressway will also hold a worship event geared specifically for middle school kids. High school students will be provided off-site serving opportunities that evening. There will be no adult classes.

How a sample month would look: **Some months will have small variations - please see your schedule for details.

	Kidsquest (PreK-5th Grade)	Expressway Middle (6th-8th Grade)	Expressway (9th-12th Grade)	Adult Ministry Classes
1st Wednesday	FAMILY NIGHT LIVE: KidsQuest	FAMILY NIGHT LIVE: Expressway	Serve Night (Off-Campus)	No Class please join us for FNL!
2nd Wednesday	KidsQuest Small Groups	Expressway	Expressway	Class
3rd Wednesday	KidsQuest Small Groups	Expressway	Expressway	Class
4th Wednesday	KidsQuest Small Groups	Serve Night (Off-Campus)	Expressway	Class

Things to know about Family Night Live (FNL)

NO CHILDCARE is provided for FNL. Families will stay together for a shared worship experience!

THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE PROGRAMS WITHIN FAMILY NIGHT LIVE. One for 5th grade and below (FNL: KidsQuest), and one for middle school students (FNL: Expressway). In both cases, parents should attend with their children. If you have children in both groups, you will have to choose which one to go to (sorry!). Younger students are welcome at the middle school version of FNL if accompanied by their parent(s). Please make a choice that is best for your family.

PARENTS MUST ATTEND WITH THEIR CHILDREN 5TH GRADE AND BELOW. Students are not to be simply dropped off. The whole idea is to have a "family night." Middle school parents are highly, highly encouraged to join their children that night, but middle school students may attend without parents.

FAMILIES MAY ATTEND FNL WITHOUT BEING A PART OF THE WEEKLY PROGRAM. As long as parents attend with their children, anyone can attend. (Middle school students may invite their friends – but again, parents are highly encouraged.)

Family Night Live Dates

Wednesdays, October 7, November 4, December 2
6:30-8:00pm
Arts Center

FAQs, Clarity, and Further Information about Wednesday Night Connect

This is our first try at Wednesday Night Connect with a family focus, so please excuse us while we work out some of the bugs in clarity and communication. Some questions have come up, and we would like to do our best to answer them and clear up any confusion.

KidsQuest (PreK-5)

I'd like extra books to do the curriculum with my other children, or just to know about it myself. Can I do that?

Sure. Anyone who wants extra PreK-5th grade binders should contact Cindy Vandermause. She will give them the website address so they can go online and order them.

Why are the groups closed? Doesn't that just exclude people?

The groups are closed because we feel strongly that the best way to create small groups that encourage spiritual growth and developing relationships is having the same kids connect with the same leader every week. If groups were open, the lack of consistency would be detrimental to the entire group. Two things to remember, though: 1) Weekends are open to any kids, any weekend and are not closed. We welcome all children in KidsQuest on the weekends. 2) It's possible new groups may form next semester.

Can KidsQuest kids invite friends to their Wednesday small groups?

No. However, they may invite friends on the weekend.

What are the times?

6:15 - Students may start checking-in at the computers (no earlier please!)

6:30 - Small groups start

8:00 - Small groups end; please pick up your child.

Expressway (Grades 6-8; 9-12)

Can parents see the curriculum the students are going through?

While we don't work through a pre-packaged curriculum, summaries will soon be available online at gbcommunitychurch.com. Find the Student Ministries page and click on the parents tab. Also please see our Checkpoint for an overview of what we teach each year.

Can students bring friends?

Yes please! If attending a Family Night Live: Expressway event, parents of the invited student is highly encouraged to attend, but students may attend without parents.

What are the times?

6:15 - Students may start checking-in at the computers (no earlier please!)

6:30 - Expressway starts

8:00 - Expressway ends

8:00-8:30 - Hang out time (Parents must pick up students between 8:00 and 8:30)

Did you know that there is FOOD...

...every Wednesday for families that want to share a meal together without having to rush or hit the drive through to the golden arches? It's true! If you would like to share in the meal with your family, please sign up by the Monday prior to the Wednesday meal. You can either sign up on paper each week for the following week, or you can contact Cindy M. in the office (cindym@gbcommunitychurch.com, 593.3471.) Tables are set up in the West (front) lobby. Donations are appreciated and will keep this program alive! Thanks.

PLEASE NOTE: The meal is available starting at 5:00 and ends at 6:15. However, kids may not go to their program (K-12) before 6:15pm. Parents, please stay with your kids until that time.