

## 10 Things everyone should know about



1. **Always check into KidCheck** on Wednesdays and on Sundays when your child leads in worship! KidCheck stations are located in the Galleria which is most easily accessed from the Washington St. entrance.
2. **To ensure your child's safety**, we have implemented these additional procedures on Wednesday evenings:
  - Please enter through the Hancock Ave or Washington St doors. Other entrances will remain locked on Wednesday afternoons.
  - All Kids Music and Arts (KMA) leaders will be wearing purple lanyards with name badges that also contain emergency procedure information.
  - Each class will have access to the walkie-talkie communication system used by the Children's Ministry in case of incident, accident, or emergency.
3. **Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to gather** in the Hospitality room and the John Wesley parlor anytime from 4:30-6 on Wednesdays. Coffee is provided as well as resources on parenting, devotions, and discussion points. This will also help prevent crowding and noise in the hallways outside the classrooms.
4. **Please make every effort to attend and be on time to weekly classes.** If you need to miss, please let us know by contacting your child's leader or Sarah Lawing, the Director of Children's Music Ministry at [sarah@athensfirstumc.org](mailto:sarah@athensfirstumc.org) or (706) 543-1442.
5. **Communications will be sent primarily via email.** Your child will occasionally receive a postcard or sticker reminder on Wednesday evenings as well.
6. **All choirs wear robes when singing in worship.** Please let your child's leader know if you would like to help with robes when they sing.
7. **Flash photography and videography is discouraged when the children lead in worship and is against church policy.** Dress rehearsals are a great time for the recording of these memories!
8. **The purpose of Kids Music and Arts** is three-fold:
  - **Christian education**
  - **Music and arts education**
  - **Service through worship leadership**
9. **Consistent exposure to music** during the early childhood years and throughout the formative years leads to an increased potential for language development and musical aptitude! It also helps build skills in other areas such as mathematics.
10. **Talk with your child about leading worship!** When we sing, dance, or act in worship it is not a performance, but rather a time for your child to experience first-hand how important they are to the church of today *and* for the whole congregation to hear a fresh and engaging voice leading us to God.  
Once or twice a year groups will participate in both 9:45 and 11:00 worship services on the same day. We encourage your family to use this opportunity to grow in service and leadership by talking about and honoring your commitment to God and the faith community.

"Children are the fingers and toes of the body of Christ. Without them we are incomplete."

***But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Luke 18: 17***