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**ecclesia
parent
quarterly**



be real

be kind

be hospitable

seek beauty

seek God

serve others

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about ecclesia

we are a christian community who together are learning how to live as the Church. our hope is that we would reflect, learn from, and serve well the city we call home as we share the love of Jesus, our Liberating King.

about ecclesia family ministry

guiding families and children into a nurturing relationship with God and one another where they feel seen, known, and loved.

ecclesiahouston.org/familyministry



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ecclesia

kids

guiding families and children into
a nurturing relationship with God
where they feel seen, known, and loved.

rhythms

for parents & kids

weekly

weekend gatherings

kid-friendly
small groups

quarterly

family meet-ups

playground hangouts

biannually

family worship nights

parent round-tables

annually

lent & easter gatherings

kids camp

back to school kickoff

art market & community day

advent camp

prologue & christmas gatherings



ecclesia

students

we are a community of middle school and high school students that seek to follow Jesus through discipleship, fellowship, and service.

rhythms for

students

weekly

middle school
morning gatherings

sunday evening
student group

monthly

serve together
student social event

biannually

students worship nights

parent round-tables

family worship nights

annually

high school winter retreat

middle school retreat

high school summer camp



the hoff family's story

spending time together is very important for our family. we enjoy singing, dancing, sharing meals together, being outdoors and planning our next family outing which can always be an adventure in itself!



we love the community and the overall acceptance at ecclesia. we can truly be ourselves and do not feel judged. church helps us recharge and remember to carry forward lessons of brotherly and sisterly love throughout the week. we live nearby so the connection to the city is really conjoined. what makes the downtown campus so unique – with our doors literally open - is that it is a welcoming place where we all have a seat at His table.



upcoming events

ecclesiahouston.org/events

april

14th → student group

21st → student group:
nostoi food prep

28th → student group:
pizza night

28th → family event:
splash day at west side

may

5th → student group:
end of semester party

12th → mother's day

june

2nd → all ages move up

2nd → new 6th graders event

14th-16th → middle school retreat

16th → father's day

23rd → kids camp worship night

24th-27th → kids camp

student group is
back on august 18th



a scripture for parents

consider the lilies of the field and how they grow.

they do not work or weave or sew, and yet their garments are stunning.

even king solomon, dressed in his most regal garb, was not as lovely as these lilies.

and think about grassy fields—the grasses are here now, but they will be dead by winter.

and yet God adorns them so radiantly.

how much more will He clothe you, you of little faith, you who have no trust?

so do not consume yourselves with questions: what will we eat? what will we drink? what will we wear?

outsiders make themselves frantic over such questions; they don't realize that your heavenly Father knows exactly what you need.

seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then all these things will be given to you too.

so do not worry about tomorrow.

let tomorrow worry about itself.

living faithfully is a large enough task for today.



teaching plans

for kids

date	series	topic
april - may	"beyond us"	about the book of acts
june	"friendship"	friendships in the bible

for middle school mornings

date	series	topic
april	"love"	what love looks like and how to love others
may	"and it was good"	we were created to do good works
june	"everyday"	growing in faith

for sunday night student group

date	series	topic
april	"the w's of worship"	about worship and spiritual practices



summer camps



kids camp

family kids camp kickoff

we will gather families at ecclesia to worship and eat together to kickoff a week of camp.

june 23rd

kids camp

we are excited to explore what it looks like to have a friendship with God and with each other.

june 24th-27th



student camps

middle school retreat

we will explore what it means to be near to God and one another while away for the weekend in the houston area.

on friday night, we will go to an astros game, included with registration.

june 14th-16th



high school camp

we will explore what it means to be near to God and one another while having fun at a beach house in san leon, texas.

august 5th-9th





family ministry team



ryan bien
community pastor -
families



taylor macgruder
family ministry
coordinator



danny davila
student director



madeline robinson
student coordinator



rylea villarreal
family ministry
coordinator



jenn minson
family ministry
coordinator



shelby alsbrook
family ministry
coordinator



more ways to engage

**weekend
gatherings**

pastoral care

**kid-friendly
small groups**

**family
meet-ups
group**

**parents of
students group**

**volunteer
together**



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recommended resources

to light their way by kayla craig

“parenting your” phase series by orange

jesus storybook bible by sally lloyd-jones

the beginner's bible

seen: despair & anxiety in kids and teenagers & the power of connection by chinwé williams and will hutcherson