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What is the LOGOS Ministries and Program?

The LOGOS Ministries and Program is a dynamic ministry of Christian nurture, the goal of which is to nurture youth and children into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and live as his disciples.

The LOGOS Ministries and Program is found in approximately 4,000 churches in the United States, representing over 25 denominations. The Program is also found in Russia, Japan, and Canada. Invitations to the national staff have been received from Cameroon, Nigeria and India. As part of this large family we receive the benefit of excellent resources, training, and a wealth of shared experience.

The LOGOS Ministries (all persons in local churches engaged in the LOGOS Ministries and Program) believe that nurturing youth and children into right relationships of faith with God through Jesus Christ is the most important thing the church ever does.

The System

The LOGOS Ministries of Christian Nurture involves the entire congregation. It is only when everyone makes a significant commitment of time, energy and ability to the nurture of young people that the LOGOS Program is most effective. Parents, single adults, grandparents, couples without children, pastors, all join together sharing their talents and gifts.

The LOGOS Ministries unites the efforts of all programs of Christian Nurture in the church. The Church School, Youth Fellowship Groups, Mission and Outreach Programs, Vacation Church School and the LOGOS Program work together to bring a comprehensive experience of Christian Nurture to our young people.

The Program

The LOGOS Program is a Four-Part Program. All youth and children participate in all four parts of the LOGOS Program every week. Adult leaders participate in the part of the Program in which they have agreed to share their gifts.

The four parts of the LOGOS Program are designed to create an arena in which everyone can practice, through their relationships; the theological concepts learned in Bible Study. The Program enables youth and children to experience God's unconditional love, and to learn to share that love with their peers, adult leaders, and their families.

The four parts are designed to reflect the life of the early church as expressed in Acts 2.42:

**“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching
and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”**

“Apostles’ teaching” = Bible Study
“Fellowship” = Activity time
“Breaking of bread” = Family Time
“Prayers” = Worship Skills

Bible Study

The Bible study portion of the LOGOS Program provides the foundation upon which the rest of the Program is designed. To build Christian relationships, and to create an arena in which Christian community can be experienced, everyone must come to know and understand the Bible. Along with regular attendance in Church School and other church programs, the LOGOS Program strives to create biblically literate youth and children who apply what they have learned in Bible study to all aspects of their life.

Worship Skills

The experience of corporate worship is at the center of our life together as a Christian community. To prepare youth and children to participate regularly in worship with the congregation each Sunday, the Worship Skills portion of the LOGOS Program not only teaches about worship, but also provides ways for our young people to lead the congregation in worship.

Activity Time

A variety of activities are offered every week to provide the opportunity for self discovery as young people participate in playing together, doing crafts, or exploring special interests with members of the congregation. In a non-competitive environment, we learn to play and have great fun at the expense of no one.

Family Time

During the dinner hour a unique sense of the family of God develops as LOGOS members and adult table parents share a meal every week. The meal is served family style giving everyone the opportunity to serve one another. A caring “family” is created at each table as table members share important events in their lives and enjoy Family Fun time together.

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Bible Study Courses

We are using The Faith for Life Curriculum, which was produced especially for the LOGOS Program. It has been designed to teach in an ordered, cumulative learning style and gives careful attention to age appropriateness. Because we can assume regular attendance, lessons can build on each other, giving our young people a solid, comprehensive, understanding of the Bible and how it applies to their lives.

Pre-K, Kindergarten– We Belong to God

Wee believe builds foundations to help young children learn about God’s love for them.

Grades 1 and 2 – We Believe!

Through Biblical stories shared in a variety of ways, children learn in a setting that stimulates their imagination and encourages class participation.

Grades 3 and 4 – We Believe!

Through Biblical stories shared in a variety of ways, children learn in a setting that stimulates their imagination and encourages class participation.

Grades 5 and 6 – Faith Questions

Patterned around the marks of membership from the *Book of Order*, these mini-courses are based on faith questions posed by older youth. Young people will be encouraged to look to Scripture and to our faith tradition in relevant, responsive ways. Each Leader’s Guide contains a four- or six-week exploration of a faith question. Intended for older youth, this curriculum is easily adaptable for broadly graded youth programs.

Grades 7 and 8 - Reel to Real Series

Featuring “live” dramas from the Revolve tour in combination with Bible exploration and interactive questions, the Reel to Real Series addresses the questions and issues you face every day. It’s raw. It’s real. It’s reel to real.

High School Grades 9-12 – Reel to Real Series

Featuring “live” dramas from the Revolve tour in combination with Bible exploration and interactive questions, the Reel to Real Series addresses the questions and issues you face every day. It’s raw. It’s real. It’s reel to real.

The Importance of Family Members

The LOGOS Program is an integral part of the Christian Education and Nurture system of the church. It works because of people like you who take seriously the faith development of the young people in our congregation and our community. By registering a young person for the LOGOS Program you have made a commitment to participate in the LOGOS Program with the young people of our church.

It is expected that one adult from every family with a child registered in the LOGOS Program will support their young person and the LOGOS Program by:

1. Facilitating and encouraging the regular attendance of your young person in the weekly Program, as well as worship and Church School on Sunday morning.
2. Identifying your gifts, and using them to participate in the LOGOS Program.

3. Participating with your child every week at home as they complete their Home Study assignments. These assignments are designed to facilitate communication between family members and children and the sharing of your beliefs and faith. If you have a senior high participant in the LOGOS Program, we expect that you will encourage the completion of home study assignments and engage in conversations about what is being studied in Bible Study.
4. Paying a nominal fee, which helps the church cover, the costs of the Program. See page 10 for a detailed accounting of how your fee is spent.
5. Praying for individual young people and adults in the Program. Prayer is essential and central to the Program. Prayer partners, members of the Administration Board, and the congregation, hold up the adults, youth, and children in the LOGOS Program in prayer. Family members are encouraged to pray daily for those participating in the Program.
6. In some situations, there is not an adult family member who can assume these commitments. In such cases permission is asked of the family for a member of the congregation to take on the commitment and responsibilities related to registration and participation in the Program.
7. Children and youth “catch” the Christian faith by entering into relationships with adults who live their Christian faith, and who treat every person as a child of God. Whether you are leading a game, washing dishes, parenting a table, or driving a car-pool, you are demonstrating to children and youth in the LOGOS Program that you love them, and you want them to know God and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. They will know by your participation that you believe the LOGOS Program to be a high priority for them.

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Discipline in LOGOS

There is only one rule in the LOGOS Program:

**Everyone is to treat everyone else as a Child of God.
No one has the right to treat anyone as if they do not matter.**

All relationships in the LOGOS Program are guided by this rule. In the LOGOS Program we believe that nothing is more important to God than our relationships with others and with our God. Every aspect of theology has to do with relationships.

The word Discipline comes from the word Disciple. Christian discipline is the teaching of self control and how to respond as Jesus would respond to unacceptable behavior. This requires risking and making ourselves vulnerable, but it is only in this approach that we can teach what Christian love is about.

We learn from our conflicts. Discipline situations are opportunities for teaching and for the students to take responsibility for their actions. Adults model resolutions that build self-esteem and help young people understand what it means to treat each other as Children of God. We give them tools to build healthy Christian relationships.

Unacceptable behavior will be dealt with as quickly, creatively, lovingly and firmly as possible. Courtesy is expected at all times regardless of the part of the Program in which the student is engaged. We ask that the family supports our approach to discipline, and that cooperation with others in the Program and staff is stressed.

Disciplinary Process

To help maintain order and discipline in the LOGOS Program the following process have been established to help clarify to parents, youth and children what the Disciplinary Process is.

The Leader of each part of the LOGOS Program will attempt to handle all discipline situations in a positive way, without embarrassment to the youth or child involved. They will use loving, creative ways of resolving the situation as quickly as possible; keeping the youth or child involved in their activity. If the Leader is unable to resolve the situation without disrupting the activity they may ask their “Helper” to step in.

The “Helper” will assist the Leader by taking the youth or child aside to try to resolve the situation. Again, in a positive way. If further help is needed to resolve the situation the Helper will take the youth or child out of their activity to a Comfortor.

The Comfortor will remain with the youth or child until the situation is resolved.

If the situation is not resolved or if there is a recurring pattern of misbehavior the Director will be notified so that a meeting with the parent(s) may be set up to discuss the situation.

The Director and parent(s) will discuss and implement an action plan for that youth or child.

Safety at Church

We wish to assure you that we take very seriously the safety of every young person and adult who participates in any program of the church. We have established standards of safety, and policies and procedures that will keep everyone as safe as possible.

1. Before each semester all first aid kits are checked for supplies. All leaders are informed as to the location of all kits.
2. First Aid and CPR training are offered for all adults who wish to take advantage of such classes. All persons accepting a call to the staff of the LOGOS Program are expected to attend the classes.
3. A minimum of two adults is with each group of young people at all times.
4. Adults escort children as they go from one room to another. Adults accompany youth as they move from one location in the building to another.
5. An information form, giving us names and phone numbers to call in an emergency is obtained whenever a visitor attends LOGOS.
6. Everyone is given directions for emergency evacuation of the church. Drills are held during the year to practice safe evacuation.
7. The church building is checked for safety every year.
8. Adults are given the opportunity to attend training in Christian discipline. All those working in the LOGOS Program are expected to attend this training when it is offered.
9. If you have any questions about the safety of your youth or child when he or she is on the premises of the church, please contact the director of our LOGOS Program or our pastor.

Our Commitment

Taking seriously several commitments, which we call the “bones” of the LOGOS Program, provides the skeletal strength of the LOGOS Program. Without them, the Program becomes weak and does not accomplish the goals, which we have set for ourselves. We are committed to keeping these bones in place:

1. Everyone participates in all four parts every week.
2. Everyone attends congregational worship every week.
3. The pastor(s) will participate and provide leadership in the Program.
4. An adult family member will make a commitment to attending the annual Parents’ Meeting and to offering their gifts in service to support the Program.
5. The Program will be offered Midweek.
6. There will be financial participation by families.
7. The Program will be offered to High School youth.
8. People will be called to ministry according to their gifts.

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Registration

Registration is not complete until a parent or a sponsoring adult has attended a Parents' Meeting where they will:

1. Made a commitment to share their gifts to the Program.
2. Complete all registration forms.
3. Pay the fees.

Parental participation is an essential part of the LOGOS Program. Parents are required to sign up each week to participate with some aspect of the LOGOS Program. A list of volunteer opportunities is listed later in this Parents' Handbook.

Fees

Payment of all fees at the time of registration is preferred. However, payment arrangements can be made upon request to pay 50% at the time of registration and the rest of the fee in installments to be completed by November 15th.

The remaining 50% to be paid with; 25% by October 15th and 25% by November 15th.

The following fees have been set to help the church pay for the LOGOS Program. They do not cover all costs; our Session has budgeted funds to cover administrative costs; your fee covers the cost of your child's study materials, meals and the LOGOS Mission Member Fee.

Annual Cost Per Participant

Meals & Supplies (30 weeks @ \$3.00)	\$90.00
*Mission Member Fee	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	*\$110.00

Second child \$105.00 ~ Third Child \$100.00 ~ Fourth Child \$95.00
Maximum per family \$410.00

*We believe strongly that a church's ministry with youth and children is a top priority of the churches ministry, and that the LOGOS Ministries and Program is the best System and Program to fulfill our goals for education and nurture of young people. The Mission Member fee is our contribution to the on-going mission of the International LOGOS Ministries to help them bring the LOGOS Program to as many churches as possible in our country and around the world.

Preschool and Kindergarten fees will be for meal cost only = \$45.00 per child.

Scholarships

No youth or child will be denied the rich Christian experience of LOGOS for financial reasons. Scholarship aid is available. Full or Partial Scholarships as well as Working Scholarships are available. Please contact Paige Nester at the church office (655-7087) to make arrangements for financial aid. All requests and arrangements are strictly confidential!

Dinner Fees

Adults participating in Wednesday Night LIVE!, other than Family Time and Kitchen Ministry volunteers, wanting to eat during Family Time are welcome. We would ask those adults for a \$3.00 donation per person per night to cover the cost of their meal. Please indicate when you volunteer if you are planning to eat with us during Family Time.

Policies

Registration Deadlines

Each year there will be a Parents' Meeting scheduled prior to the first night of LOGOS. Registration can be completed at the Parents' Meeting. If you are unable to attend the scheduled Parents' Meeting, please contact Paige Nester at the church office to arrange for your Parents' Meeting.

Registration will close in the fall the last LOGOS night in September. Registration will re-open in January with the first LOGOS night and will close the last LOGOS night in January.

Registration for High School youth is always open by completing the registration forms and paying the pro-rated meal fee.

New church members may join at any time during the year by attending a Parents' Meeting, completing the registration forms and paying the pro-rated meal fee plus \$20.00 and LOGOS Mission Member Fee.

Visitors

We encourage youth and children to bring their friends to visit the LOGOS Program. However, to avoid confusion we ask that each visitor (except senior high visitors) have a written note from their parent(s) or guardian(s) stating that they are aware that their child is visiting our WNL! LOGOS Program. Please phone Paige Nester at the church office (655-7087) by 5:00 PM each Monday so a place can be set at the table for your youth or child. The person bringing the guest should pay for the meal for the guest. Payment may be given to the Table Parent.

When a guest has attended three (3) LOGOS night, excluding Invite a Friend Nights; the parents will be contacted and invited to register their youth or child in the Program.

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Food

Please no outside food or drinks. If you have a restricted diet please inform the Director so adjustments can be made.

Sign In & Sign Out

Before you go to your first LOGOS activity, please sign in as you arrive. A registration table will be set up in the hall for you to sign in. When signing in a guest please remember their permission slip and \$3.00 for their meal. The registrar will collect the permission slip and meal fee.

If you need to leave before the end of LOGOS please sign out. Also, please sign out your guest, if they have to leave early. However, if you are leaving at the scheduled end of **your** LOGOS night you do not need to sign out.

Leaving the Building

Once a youth or child has arrived at the church for LOGOS they should not leave the building, for any reason. If a youth or child leaves the building they will be asked to “check out” of LOGOS for that night.

Smoking

Our church’s policy is that no one should use tobacco products inside the church building. No youth or child should use tobacco products on the church property, including the parking lot, even if they are of legal age.

Child Care

Childcare is available, at no cost, for children too young to participate in LOGOS on the days when their parents are fulfilling their commitment to serve in the Program.

Absences

If your youth or child is going to be late or absent, please call the Director. If the Director has not been notified about a child’s absence, a call will be made to the home to verify the absence.

Snow Days

If the Canyon School District cancels or dismisses classes early due to bad weather; the Program will be cancelled. If the Program should have to cancel due to bad weather, the decision to cancel will be made by 2:00 PM each Wednesday. You can contact the church office for information about cancellations.

Wearing Hat in the Building

Hats may be worn in the church building. However, no hats should be worn in the sanctuary by any youth or child. Additionally, all hats worn by children or youth should be removed during prayer.

Staffing Our LOGOS Ministry

There are two kinds of staffing. We have positions to which persons are called into ministry, and positions for which persons volunteer. Family members of youth and children enrolled in the LOGOS Program fill many of these positions and persons from the congregation without children or youth in the Program fill others. If you have not been called to be a member of the staff of the LOGOS Program, you are expected to volunteer to participate in some way.

Called Positions

LOGOS Program Director	Activity Time Coordinator
Bible Study Coordinator	Activity Time Leaders
Bible Study Teachers	Worship Skills Coordinator
Family Time Coordinator	Worship Skills Leaders
Dinner Dean	Choir Director
Table Parents	Accompanist
Head Cook	Registrar/Treasurer

Volunteer Positions

Active participation by at least one parent or adult for every youth or child in the LOGOS Program is required. Since the staff is voluntary, part time service by a large number of people is essential to keep the many parts of LOGOS going.

Just as important, however, is the “morale boosting” effect of a parent’s physical presence and visible support of the LOGOS Program. This is a vital element in the success of the LOGOS Program

At the Parents’ Meeting, parents will have the opportunity to sign up for the difference parts of the LOGOS Program. These include the following:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Time Commitment</u>
Bible Study Ministry	
Bible Study Assistant	Weekly
Bible Study Substitute	Weekly as needed
Kitchen Ministry	
Cook Team	Weekly
Clean-Up Team	Weekly
Family Time Ministry	
Set-Up Team	Weekly
Decoration Team	Weekly

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Activity Time Ministry

Activity Time Assistant	Weekly
Crafts Assistant	Weekly as scheduled
Games Assistant	Weekly as scheduled
Hobbies Assistant	Weekly as scheduled

Worship Skills

Worship Skills Assistant	Weekly
Accompanist/Instrumentalist	Weekly as scheduled

Other Support Positions

Car pool	Weekly as needed
Comforter	Weekly
Study Hall Dean	Weekly
Photographer/Videographer	Weekly as needed
Bulletin boards	Monthly
Newsletter	Monthly

Transportation

We will be happy to assist you with your transportation needs if possible.

Staff Support

Those persons called to ministry, as well as those who have volunteered in the LOGOS Program will be supported in several ways:

At the beginning of the year, and several times during the year, there are staff meetings where we will be nurtured through Bible study, fellowship, and training to improve our skills. During these meetings there is also the opportunity for those working in the four parts to do planning and coordinating for their part of the Program.

Each of the four parts of the Program has a coordinator who will be in constant communication with everyone working in their part. They will be supportive and ready to resource and help you in any way.

The International Program offers Leadership Training Schools each year. Every year we send a group of people. Information about these schools will be shared at staff meetings.

2011~2012 Nightly Schedule

	5:15 6:00	6:00 6:45	6:45 7:30
Nursery	Nursery	Meal Time	Nursery
3 Year Olds	Activity/Story	Family Time	Bible Study
4 Year Olds	Activity/Story	Family Time	Bible Study
Kindergarten	Activity/Story	Family Time	Bible Study
1st Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
2nd Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
3rd Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
4th Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
5th Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
6th Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
7th Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
8th Grade	Activity/Worship	Family Time	Bible Study
9th Grade	Study Hall	Family Time	Bible Study
10th Grade	Study Hall	Family Time	Bible Study
11th Grade	Study Hall	Family Time	Bible Study
12th Grade	Study Hall	Family Time	Bible Study

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2011~2012 Worship Schedules

Attendance on Sunday when a choir or other worship skills group is leading in Sunday worship is **VITAL!**

When your youth or child is participating in Sunday worship; the Worship Skills Leader will advise you well in advance. Please make every effort to notify the Leader if your youth or child cannot participate on their schedule date. Having a youth or child scheduled to participate in worship and having them absent disrupts their works skills group participation in the Sunday worship service.

We hope you will also encourage regular Sunday worship attendance. The culmination of all the efforts of the LOGOS Program is to strengthen your youth or child's loving relationship with God. Worship is the expression of that love.

Pre-K thru High School Kids 1st Sunday of Each Month (Except for September and January)

October 3, 2011

November 6, 2009

December 3, 2011 ~ Christmas Pageant
Rehearsal

December 4, 2011 ~ Christmas Pageant

February 5, 2012

March 4, 2012

April 1, 2012

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