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Dear Parents,

As a parent of a child at Christ Community Church, we have a great opportunity for you to invest in our CCC Kids ministry! The safety and security of your children is our top priority. Our classroom sizes have grown significantly, and we have been challenged to provide an appropriate adult-to-child ratio. Because of this rapid growth, we currently do not have enough consistent CCC Kid's volunteers to maintain safe adult to child ratios within our classrooms. The number of children attending CCC Kids continues to grow, while our volunteer team numbers have not.

To alleviate this need, in September we will begin requiring parents that utilize our kid's ministry to serve on a rotational schedule as a Parent Assistant in our Nursery-Preschool rooms. We will designate a required number of Parent Assistants assigned for each service based on need. *Parent Assistants will be required to serve once per quarter. We are requiring one parent per family to serve, but of course we would love all additional help.* The parent assistants will be assigned a classroom upon arrival to their designated service. They will help with things like rocking babies, playing with toddlers, prepping supplies, or assisting with activities in our preschool rooms. Background checks are required and will be conducted at the expense of the church. We trust that you will do your part in filling out the background check, following up with communication, and show up when you're assigned to serve.

If you are currently serving in CCC Kids, thank you! You will keep serving the schedule you have.

Your presence as a Parent Assistant is critical. If a class doesn't have enough leaders, we will unfortunately be forced to shut that class down for that service. This is not what any of CCC staff or elders want to do, but it is crucial that we are able to provide a safe environment for the kids we serve. We hope this will also help all parents learn even more how to engage their children in faith-based conversations and incorporate the things they learn on Sundays into their everyday lives. We believe you play the most important role in discipling your child!

As you spend time in our ministry, you may discover a favorite area of serving and want to become more involved! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to serve on a rotational basis in the area(s) you enjoy most. To fill out a background check, access the Parent Assistant sign up, or sign up for rotational service (once or twice a month), please scan the QR code here to fill out our kid's volunteer application. Feel free to reach out to our Kids' Ministry staff with any questions through phone/email or stop by the kid's desk on Sunday morning! We look forward to having you join our team, and we will be in touch when it is your turn to serve as a Parent Assistant.

Please head to our website, <a href="https://www.cccsumter.com/ccc-kids-parent-assistant.html">https://www.cccsumter.com/ccc-kids-parent-assistant.html</a>, and check out a short video from Mark to talk about our vision for this, as well as an opportunity to sign up for specific dates ahead of time to help better fit your schedule. And thank you in advance for helping us make this ministry to your children even better!

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