

Application for Children's Ministry

Trinity Baptist Church

We are so glad that you are considering ministry to our children as a way to serve the Lord at Trinity! All volunteers who work with our children are required to fully complete this application. If there is any part of it that you do not understand or feel uncomfortable with, please speak with Associate Pastor Jay Ridenour or Children's Sunday School Coordinator, Kim Fullton.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I prefer to receive information regarding children's ministry via email phone

FAMILY INFORMATION

I am: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Do you have any children? Yes. How many? _____
 No

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

How long have you been a member of Trinity Baptist Church? _____

If not yet a member, have you scheduled an Eldership Interview? _____

What other ministries and activities have you participated in at Trinity?

AREAS OF MINISTRY

I am interested in serving as a (*check all that apply*):

- Nursery caregiver
- Teacher/caregiver of Toddlers
- Teacher of 3-5 year olds
- Teacher of 1st-5th grade

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

Have you taught or cared for children in any church before?

Yes. Please describe dates and places.

No.

In what other church or parachurch ministries have you had significant involvement, including any involvement in children's ministry?

Please describe any gifts, training, education or other factors that have helped prepare you for ministry to children.

PERSONAL COMMITMENT

(Please consider and check each of the statements below. If there are any you need to discuss further, please contact the Associate Pastor or the Coordinator of Children's Sunday School prior to signing the commitment.)

Depending on the Holy Spirit and by God's grace:

- I will seek to learn more about ministering to children, as information and training are made available.
- I will faithfully and regularly pray for the children who are under my care.
- I commit myself to continuing personal spiritual growth.
- I have read and understand the information contained in Trinity Baptist Church's Children's Ministry Handbook.
- I will follow the policies set forth in the Children's Ministry Handbook.
- I will be faithful and dependable in this ministry.
- I commit to knowing when I am scheduled to serve and arriving to serve on time (or early).
- I attended Child Care Training on _____(Date)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Every application for participation in children's ministry at Trinity Baptist Church must provide two personal references. The Children's Sunday School Coordinator or the Associate pastor will contact the references you list.

If you have been a member of Trinity for *less than one year*, one of these recommendations should be from a pastor or other church leader from the last church you attended prior to Trinity, and the second should be from another person with whom you have worked in the past (preferably in children's ministry, if possible).

If you have been a member of Trinity for *more than one year*, one of these recommendations should be from a church leader (preferably *not* the pastor or the pastor's wife), and the second should come from someone else within the congregation who knows you well and can attest to your suitability to work with children.

Reference #1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relation: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relation: _____

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The following questions are designed to help us promote a safe, secure and loving environment for the children who participate in our programs as well as for our volunteers. All information provided in this section of the application will be treated confidentially and will not be disclosed to others outside the staff immediately involved in the children's ministry screening process unless that staff deems that disclosure to the elders is necessary for the protection of the children participating in our programs.

Because these questions are of a personal nature, please do not feel obligated to answer them in writing. If you would prefer to discuss any of these matters further with the Associate Pastor or the Coordinator of Children's Sunday School, please simply indicate that desire below or leave the form blank.

Answering *yes* to any of these questions will not necessarily disqualify you from participating in children's ministry at Trinity Baptist Church

Have you ever been a victim of abuse?

(Many people have experienced abuse at the hands of others. Most victims of abuse abhor such behavior and are especially alert and sensitive to the need to provide a safe and caring environment for children. At the same time, residual effects may remain in some people's lives, including a hesitancy to report suspected child abuse, which is why we ask this question.)

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this.

Comments:

Have you ever been accused of, participated in, plead guilty to, or been convicted of child abuse, child neglect, or any other crime against a minor?

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this.

Comments:

Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to a crime (other than minor traffic violations)?

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this.

Comments:

Have you deliberately and repeatedly viewed pornography in the past three years?

(This includes reading, watching, listening to, or in any other way using pornographic material, including books, magazines, television shows, movies, the internet or telephone services)

- Yes
- No
- I would like to discuss this.

Comments:

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION

The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Trinity Baptist Church to contact any references or organizations listed in this application. Furthermore, I authorize such references and organizations to provide Trinity Baptist Church with any information they have regarding my character and fitness for working with children. I release Trinity Baptist Church, all of its agents, and all such references and organizations from any and all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such evaluations to you, and I waive any right that I may have to inspect references provided on my behalf.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release and know and understand the contents thereof. I sign this release as my own free act. This is a legally binding agreement that I have read and understand.

Signature: _____ Date: _____