

Thanks for checking out Christ Community Church and Genesis, our middle school ministry. We've worked hard to put together a program that students love and that parents find simple and supportive. Below you'll find answer to a bunch of frequently asked questions and even a few that you might not think to ask. And if you think of anything that we've missed, please don't hesitate to visit us at [www.ccclife.org/genesis](http://www.ccclife.org/genesis) or by emailing [jmartin@ccclife.org](mailto:jmartin@ccclife.org).

**1. What is Genesis?**

Genesis is the middle school program of Christ Community Church. Genesis is open to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. Friends and visitors are always welcome!

**2. When is Genesis?**

Genesis happens most Wednesday nights throughout the school year from 6:30 to 8:30. Students are permitted to check in at the Hub as early as 6:15 and stay as late as 8:45. Please help us keep our environments safe and secure by being punctual regarding drop-off and pick-up.

**3. How does drop-off and pick-up work?**

There is no need to walk your student in to check in or enter the building for pick-up. The entry ways do get pretty packed with students alone. Instead, please make arrangements with your son or daughter concerning an appropriate pick-up location.

Door "A" is the best location for Genesis drop-off and pick-up. Appropriate pick-up locations also include the turn-around by Hub door "P" and the North parking lot if you are picking up Awana kids. Please do not leave your car parked in the turn-around (P) or a fire lane (A) at any point in the night.

**4. Are parents allowed to stick around and observe?**

Parents are always welcome in the middle school ministry. However, we ask that you have a specific purpose for your visit. Visits for observation, exploration of volunteer opportunities and facilitation of your son or daughter's experience are acceptable. Since we consume nearly every square foot of the building for small groups and programming, there is no space available for parents to gather in and wait for the program to conclude. We prefer that parent visits take place on normal or non-event nights.

In order to ensure a safe and secure environment, we have established a visitor process and security plan. All visitors must fill out an adult visitor card and will be given a visitors tag. Only ministry staff, volunteers and approved visitors (all with name tags) will be allowed in the Genesis facilities between 6:30 and 8:30.

**5. What should students bring to Genesis? What should they not bring?**

We encourage students to bring a Bible, notebook and pen each week. If your son or daughter prefers to use their phone or a digital device to read the Bible and take notes – that’s fine too. We do ask that students refrain from texting, web surfing and gaming during both large group and small group times. Students can also bring a few dollars (no more than \$5) for the vending machines and Kyoo (our snack bar).

Please do not bring large quantities of money, your own video games, drugs of any kind and anything that might be construed as a weapon. We also ask that students refrain from wearing clothing that would be offensive, distracting or immodest in a church environment.

**6. What happens at Genesis?**

Genesis is a mixture of hang time (snacks, games and socializing in the Hub), large group programming (music, videos, games, teaching) and small group discussions. Students select their small groups based on gender & grade and are encouraged to connect with friends from their school or neighborhood. This way, each student will be in an adult-led small group with students they already know. There are usually multiple group options and we are determined to find the right fit for each student.

**7. How do I register my son or daughter for Genesis and get him/her into a small group?**

Preregistration is not required to participate in our weekly Genesis program and there is no cost. New students are always welcome and will be asked to register on their first night of participation. After checking in, our welcome team will help each new student find the right small group for them and connect them with friends from their school or neighborhood.

**8. Besides the weekly program, what else does Christ Community Church provide for middle school students?**

The middle school ministry hosts four major events each year and three one day events during the summer. Major events include the UpRoar (an outreach event) over Columbus Day weekend, The Naked Truth (a parent/student growing event) on President’s Day weekend, Project 678 (a serving event) during spring break and SBR Summer Camp (a belonging event) in early July.

**9. How do I find out about and register for special events?**

Our primary means of communicating information about programs and events are e-mail and our website. Program updates and event announcements are posted and e-mailed regularly. To receive our updates and announcements please e-mail [jmartin@ccclife.org](mailto:jmartin@ccclife.org) and title your e-mail “MSM e-mail request.” Registration for most events can also be found on our website at [www.ccclife.org/genesis](http://www.ccclife.org/genesis).

**10. How can I get involved with or volunteer in the middle school program?**

It takes a large and diverse team of adults to pull off the Genesis program. Some roles are more task oriented and some are more people oriented. Participation can range from weekly to monthly and event quarterly for special events. Needed skills include everything from teaching to tech and security to shepherding small groups. To get involved, e-mail Jess Martin at [jmartin@ccclife.org](mailto:jmartin@ccclife.org).