

LOGOS

Kids in a class by themselves



You are a child of God
And I will treat you that way

Parent Handbook 2009/2010

What is LOGOS?

More than 1500 churches across the country are holding mid-week meetings where young people are finding a new sense of direction, purpose, and dynamic relationships in their local church. The LOGOS ministry has evolved over the past four decades to meet the needs of today's youth. LOGOS is not a substitute for, or a replacement of the standard programs of Christian Education. Rather, it is another area of Christian Education and a strong supplement to already existing ministries, which are enhanced, extended and improved through the contribution made by the LOGOS ministry.

LOGOS

- Enables a local church to offer its young people the positive aspect of relationship building on a weekly basis. In the context of a disciplined and structured program, young people enjoy Christian fellowship through creative recreational activities, participation in worship/choir, group study of contemporary and Biblical values, and through sharing a meal together.
- Also provides an opportunity to explore one's identity in a Christian environment. Pastors and other congregational

leaders can become friends, as well as counselors and teachers. Not only does LOGOS meet the needs of youth, the program is a valuable tool for family involvement and renewal, as parents and other members of the church are drawn into active participation.

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Who leads LOGOS?

LOGOS is only successful because of the people who volunteer their time and their energy to this great program.

Each Presbyterian is asked to make a Baptismal Vow to grow and nurture the children of this church and in

effect the community in a safe and nurturing Christian environment.

So who really leads LOGOS?

Why you do, of course! And here to help you are our staff:

Jan Schuchman - Overall

LOGOS Director

Anita Garr / Ed Highberger -
Worship and Music coordinators

?? - Family Time Leaders

?? - Bible Time Leaders

Ginger Collier - Head Chef

LOGOS is made up of 4 parts

- Family Time
- Bible Time
- Worship Time
- Recreation Time

Each part is equally important. LOGOS @ FPC has been modified to best meet the needs of the children and maximize the leadership from the adults.

The Four Parts

Bible Time - The goal of Bible Time is to nurture our children into loving, learning and following the Word of God.

Worship Time - The goal of Worship Time is to stress the importance of our children's involvement in the worship of God and helping them to learn how important they are in our own worship service.

Recreation Time - The goal of Recreation Time is to experience a lot of fun and learn how to play together where everyone wins.

Family Time - the goal of Family Time is to give our children the experience of celebrating the family of God with persons of every generation.

Our goal with these four parts is to bring a well-rounded Christian Education experience to the student.

Parental and adult involvement is key to the success of each part of the LOGOS Program.

If you feel you have gifts or skills that would benefit any of these areas, please inform a member of the LOGOS staff.



Getting involved!

While we don't require Parental involvement, LOGOS allows parents the opportunity to fulfill their Baptismal Vow of giving their child a Christian Education and Upbringing and therefore **is strongly encouraged.**

How can I help my child get the most from the LOGOS experience?

- Encourage regular attendance in LOGOS, worship and in Sunday

"Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us that we should be called Children of God!"

1 John 3:1

- School.
- Participate in and encourage daily Bible reading and prayer at home
- Discuss what happened at LOGOS with your children and encourage them to think about what they learned.
- Arrange for prompt payment of fees.
- Fulfill your commitment to your child by volunteering your time to the LOGOS program.

The "Bones" of LOGOS

Our bones are our foundation. So too are the **BONES** of LOGOS.

Here are the foundations of the FPC LOGOS Program. LOGOS would be unable to stand without the "bones" highlighted here.

There is an ongoing **PASTORAL** leadership and participation

The process of **CALL** is used to staff the

program.

The program is supported by **FEES** paid by families

MIDWEEK is the time for scheduling the program

Everyone participates in all **FOUR PARTS** of the program, every week.

PARENTS make a commitment to the weekly program.

Everyone participates in Sunday **WORSHIP**, every week.



Where am I needed?

Of course, LOGOS is designed for children but LOGOS doesn't exclude anyone. Parents, adults, teenagers, or anyone who feels called to help with the children of First Presbyterian Church are of course welcome at LOGOS.

Here are some areas where you may feel called to "pitch in":

Overall Director—If organizing FPC's LOGOS Program is something that appeals to you, let us know!

- Kitchen Team
- Table Setting
- Table Decorations
- After dinner clean-up
- Sharing a hobby, craft, or skill
- Assisting in Bible Time



- Assisting in Recreation Time
- Assisting in Choir

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

How can I register my child for LOGOS?

Please call the Church Office or see Jan Schuchman, Director of Christian Education.

What do I need for my child to be a part of LOGOS?

Just a registration form and meal costs.

Who is in charge of LOGOS?

Jan Schuchman and Mike Pacelli are coordinating the Program and all adults involved are LOGOS leaders.

Am I, as a parent, required to be involved in LOGOS?

Its not required but certainly recommended!

What does the payment of fees get me?

Fees are only for helping defray the costs of LOGOS meals

(approximately \$4.00 per meal)

What's new with LOGOS this year?

First of all you will notice that we have extended our meeting times by 30 minutes.

We will have newer and better THEMES this year so keep your eye on the bulletin for more information on that stuff!

We also will have parent sign-in/sign-out sheets so we know who will be picking the children up.

Many more changes will be added in so that we keep making our program better and better. We will keep you posted on these

What is your cancellation policy due to weather?

If Greensburg Salem School Dis-

trict has been canceled due to weather, LOGOS will also be cancelled. Call the office if you aren't sure.

REGISTRATION and FEES

Refer to the Registration Forms included in this brochure and fill them out and return them to the office. Please fill them out completely!

Our fees to help better defray the cost of meals. The fees amount to about \$4.00 per meal per child.

2009-2010 FEES

\$50.00 per child for one semester.

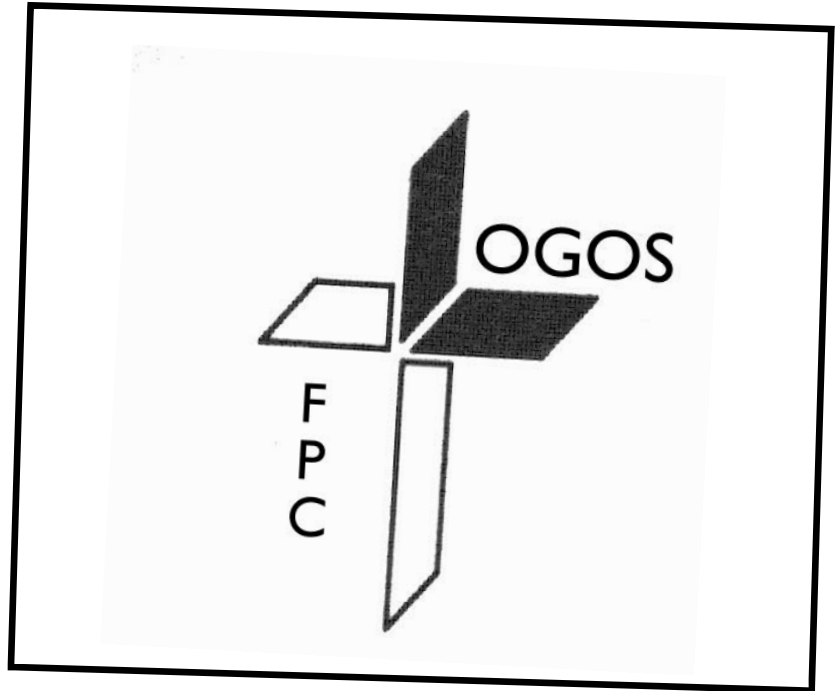
Scholarships are available upon request!

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