

Second Service

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An Introductory Note

We want to thank our entire church family for your prayers, support, enthusiasm and patience as we venture into the launching of our second worship service. We understand that there are many questions, some of which we will not know about until October. We hope this manual will help resolve any questions that you have about the details regarding the second service, Sunday School and the other Sunday morning ministries.

We know that starting the second worship service will be a huge undertaking and will challenge us all in various ways. However, we are excited about how God has blessed us and continues to show us why we are here as a church family. We are thankful for the support everyone has given us as we prayerfully make decisions that affect all of our church family. We could never do this if we did not lead a truly Christ-centered community that desires to reach our community for Christ!

Please let us know if you have any questions, confusion or concerns regarding the new service. We have diligently sought to gather everyone's questions and to include our whole church in this process. In order for this new service to be effective, we will need everyone to get involved. All of us must be in daily prayer for God to use this service to reach the lost and to get God's Word out to more people. We also need everyone to pitch in and help out. If you would like to help by using your gifts and abilities, please let us know and we will find a place for you!

God bless you and this wonderful church!

NUBC Elders

Sunday Morning Schedule

- ✚ 8:45 – First Worship Service Starts
- ✚ 9:00 – Children in worship service are dismissed to Children’s Sunday School programs downstairs.
- ✚ 9:00 - Sunday School for all ages begins. Adult classes and teen classes are offered. SS children join first worship service children for Sunday School program.
- ✚ 10:00 – Adult SS ends. Children SS ends when the Service is over.
- ✚ 10:00-10:30 – Fellowship time with food/coffee in Hall after SS and before second service. The hope is this will allow for the two services to converge and give people an opportunity to see each other, as they wait for their children.
- ✚ 10:30 – Second Service begins.
- ✚ 10:45ish – Children’s Church begins. Curriculum will be different from SS curriculum (with no teen or adult Sunday School offered unless someone comes forward).
- ✚ 11:45-12:00. Second Service and CC ends.
- ✚ After Second Service – Another fellowship opportunity with food and coffee in Fellowship Hall.

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- ✚ Nursery: Full coverage for both services but with a special 9:00 check-in for the SS crowd.
 - ✚ Worship Team: Play the whole first and the beginning of second service. Periodically some of the team will play at the end of the second service, but they will not be required to be present through both services.
 - ✚ Organ: The Organ will continue to be used in the 10:30 service in the same way. It will be used in the early service only if the organist is available. If he is not, the piano will be used or our worship team will play some more traditional hymns. The idea is to duplicate the service as much as possible. We do not intent to make the services different!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there still going to be Sunday School? Yes. Our Sunday School program will look much like it does now, except for two important changes. First, **it starts at 9 am** instead of 9:30 am. This will give the teachers a full hour and should help the classes be more effective. Second, The children who have parents at the first service will be dismissed from the service around 9 am and join the Sunday school children.

Will there be Sunday School for those who attend the first service? Right now there will be no class for teens or adults during the second service for those who attended the first service. However, in the future we would like to offer that and it will depend on interest and the availability of teachers.

Is there two children church programs? Yes. No matter what service you attend your children will be able to go to a children's program. The 8:45 service will dismiss children at around 9 am and they will join the children who are attending Sunday School. The 10:30 service will have children's church just as it is offered now.

Will the children's church curriculum be the same for both services? No. Your child may attend Sunday School at 9 am and the children's church session during the 10:30 service and have two different lessons.

What ages does the children's church program go up to? Our children's church program (10:30 service) goes up to age 9. Our Sunday School program (9 am) will have classes for all ages. However, if parents attend the first service, we would like to see children over the 4th grade stay in the service.

If we attend the first service, why can't our children over age 9 or teens attend the 9 am Sunday School? Technically they may. However, our church believes it is important for children of that age and teens to stay in the rest of the service. Even if it is boring for them at times, it is good for them to get used to hearing sermons and being a part of the worship service.

What will the nursery schedule be like? The nursery will be open for people to check-in their babies and toddlers before the 8:45 service. Parents attending Sunday School at 9 am may drop off their children then. The nursery will also be open before the 10:30 service.

Will the music styles be different for each service? No. We intend to duplicate the music style as much as possible. This will depend on our musician availability, but we do not intend to make one more traditional and the other more contemporary (as was done in the past).

Will the messages be different? No. Each service will have the same message by Pastor Jamie or whomever else may be preaching that Sunday.

Will there still be fellowship after the service? Yes. Coffee and some type of breakfast food will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. Refreshments will also be served in the Fellowship Hall after the second service (similar to what currently happens). If you would like to help with this please see Karry Violette or Pastor Jamie.

When will the library be open? The library will be open from 10 am until 10:30 am and also after the second service.

Will communion be served at both services? Yes. Communion will be served at both services (typically the first Sunday of the month).

Will there be fellowship greetings at both services? Yes. We plan to make time for that during both services.

Does this mean we have to double the workers who are currently serving in our Sunday morning ministries? No, not necessarily. We certainly need more help. However, we fully expect that many people will be able to serve during one service (i.e. children's church, nursery, Sunday School etc.) and attend the other service. This will allow us to schedule people more frequently because they can now serve and still attend a service. If you would like to serve in our children's programs please see Lauren Bundy or Pastor Jamie.

If I serve in a ministry, is it okay for me to not attend the other service for that week? We prefer that everyone attends a service. Therefore, if you are scheduled for nursery or Children's Church in the second service, you should make every attempt to attend the first service. It is not good for our teachers and leaders to regularly miss services. We obviously understand if it happens once in a while but should not be a habit.

What if the first service does not have a lot of people to start? We believe God can certainly fill the pews with people at both services. However, it is perfectly normal for a new service to start smaller and build over time. We look at empty pews as potential. They are spaces for people out there in our community who need to hear God's Word.

How do we get these people in the church (ok maybe this is not a FAQ, but still a good one 😊)? Church growth always depends on the church family itself. We are determined to advertise, put our sermon's on local TV and get the word out in whatever means possible. However, nothing is more effective than an invite from someone they know. That is us. We must be willing to ask people to come to church and to pick them up and bring them if needed.