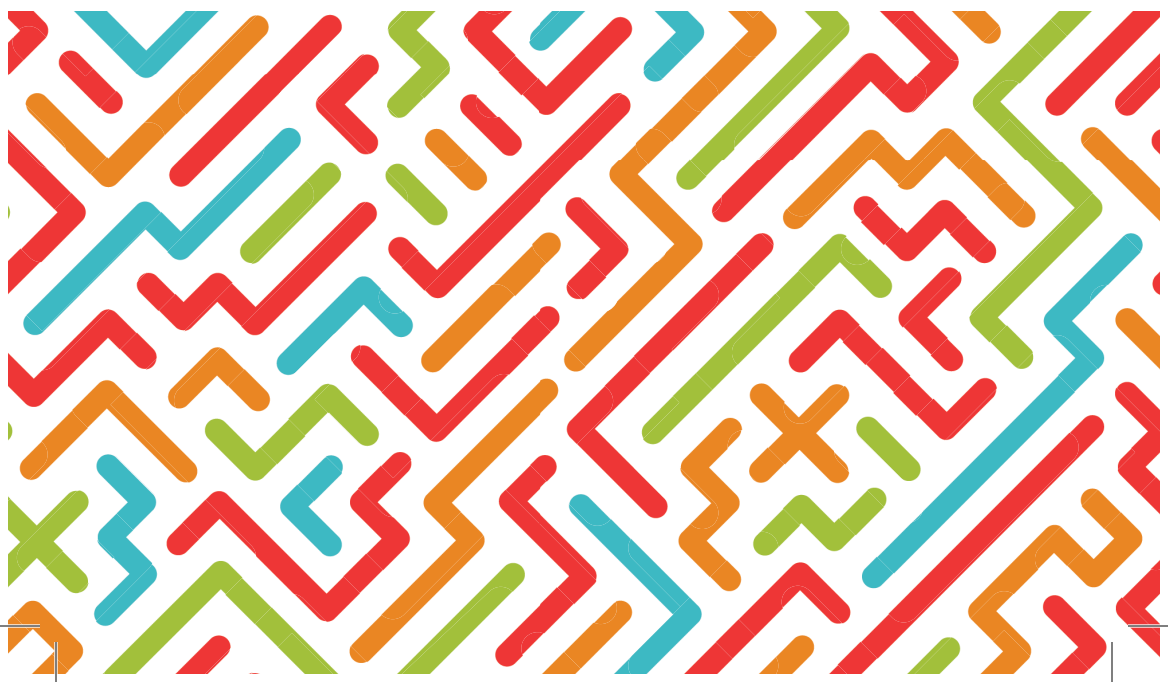


The logo for Oakwood Kids is centered on a teal background with a repeating pattern of light blue chevrons. The word "OAKWOOD" is written in white, uppercase, sans-serif letters inside a black, rounded, bubbly shape. Below it, the word "KIDS" is written in a larger, bold, bubbly font. The letters are colored: 'K' is green, 'I' is orange, 'D' is light blue, and 'S' is red. All letters have a thick black outline.

OAKWOOD KIDS

QUICK START GUIDE



WELCOME

TO OAKWOOD!

We are so glad you and your family have come to see if this is a place you can call home. Here at Oakwood we know how precious your children are to you. That's why Oakwood Kids is intent on caring for every child like they are our own. Security and safety are of utmost importance to us, but so is the spiritual transformation of your child. Nearly half of all Christians made their decision to follow Christ before the age of 13. We know how valuable these years are and we want to make the most of every opportunity God gives us (Eph 5:16).

But more than just your children, we care about the entire family. We believe the family is God's original plan to train up the next generation to know Him (Deut 6:4-9). As reflected in our mission statement, we believe that you are to be the primary disciplers (teaching them how to follow Jesus) of your children. We believe our role is to equip you to that end (Eph 4:11-12).

Throughout the rest of this book you will learn what we do to care for the safety and security of your kids, meet our staff and learn about all we have to offer through Oakwood Kids.

We are so glad you are here!

OUR MISSION

Oakwood Kids exists to equip children to be fully devoted followers of Jesus and equip parents to do the same.

OUR CHURCH

History

Oakwood Church began as a mission sponsored by First Baptist Church New Braunfels. On March 14, 1982 49 people gathered together to form what would be officially known as Oakwood Baptist Church. In October 1983 land was purchased and the first worship center was built in 1985. Since then, Oakwood has expanded and our body has grown. Christ continues to build His church through His people who have been willing to be led, used, and blessed because of Him.

i.e. Statement

We are a community of believers intentionally engaging our world, our nation, and our community with the love of Jesus Christ.

ABC's of Oakwood

Attend Corporate Worship

Belong to a small group

Commit to a ministry





THE LINGO

TREEHOUSE

Our large group area for preschoolers to sing, dance, and watch a video which goes along with our Bible lesson. Located on the 1st floor of the children's building.

OUTLET

Our large group gathering space for K-5th grade. Located on the 2nd floor of the children's building.

FIRST LOOK

First Look is the curriculum we use designed for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. It is designed to make sure all our preschoolers know THREE truths before they graduate into the elementary ministry. GOD MADE ME, GOD LOVES ME, JESUS IS MY FRIEND FOREVER.

GOSPEL PROJECT

A chronological, Christ-centered Bible study for Kinder-5th grade we use on Sunday mornings to examine how all Scripture gives testimony to Jesus Christ.



MDO @ OAKWOOD

Mother's Day Out program for children ages 6 months through Pre-Kindergarten. Registration required, see MDO page (12) for more details.

MARK 9

A ministry that integrates children with disabilities into the life of the church. See Mark 9 page (10) for more details.

BUDDIES

Volunteers that are paired with a child with special needs to assist them with their classroom activities and transitions.

AWANA

This stands for "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15), which is our Wednesday night discipleship opportunity for 3 year olds through 5th grade.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

- | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00a | Childcare for Birth-PreK only |
| 9:30a | Bible Study for all ages |
| 11:00a | Bible Study for all ages |

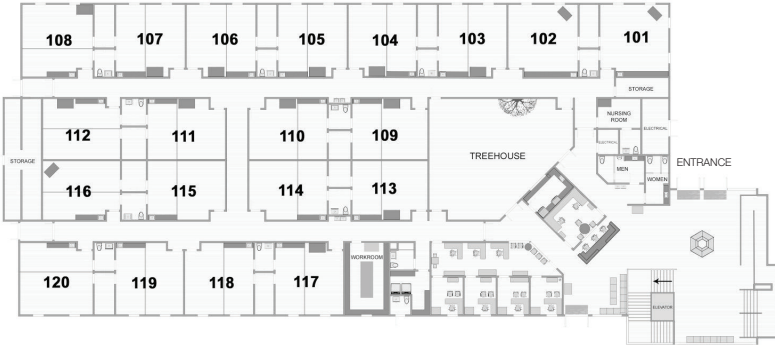
WEDNESDAYS

fall and spring only

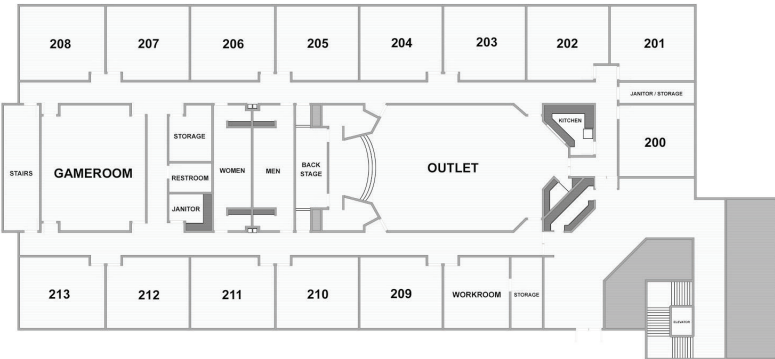
- | | |
|------------|-------------------------|
| 5:30-6:00p | Dinner served for AWANA |
| 6:00-7:30p | AWANA |

BUILDING MAP

DOWNSTAIRS CHILDREN'S BUILDING



UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S BUILDING



THINGS WE DO

BABY DEDICATION

A special time of recognition during our main worship services to introduce our newest kids and their families. Baby Dedications are offered throughout the year. Contact Rhonda Donigan if your family is interested in participating.

AWANA

Our Wednesday night programming for kids, 3 years old through 5th grade, to experience an exciting environment where they can grow to know, love, and serve Christ as they learn Bible truths and memorize scripture. You can learn more about AWANA at awana.org/learn-more or oakwoodnb.com/awana

VBS

Vacation Bible School. We spend an entire week teaching kids God's truth with games, snacks, drama, video and more. We offer this fun, free of charge event to our community for kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade.

FIRST STEPS

A special class for kids and parents to discuss Salvation and Baptism. This class is for those children desiring to be baptized. We offer the class several times throughout the year.

CAMP BIG ENOUGH

An annual Saturday morning event in August to introduce our incoming kindergarteners and their parents to our grade school programs.

PRE-TEEN CAMP

An exciting week of overnight church camp filled with awesome games, amazing Bible teaching, cool worship and lots of fun, just for our 3rd-5th graders.

5TH GRADE CELEBRATION

A special time of fun and encouragement for our oldest kids that will soon be promoted to middle school.

PASTOR'S PICKS

Every few months our Oakwood Kids pastors and ministry directors review a devotional or resource aimed for children and families. We place a copy of these books in the foyer with our reviews to give you direction, as parents, on where to find resources to train up your children to follow Christ.

FALL FESTIVAL

This is our annual event for our community. It is one of the largest in our area and includes inflatables, rides, carnival games, and tons of free candy!

SUMMER SUBBIN'

Our preschool and elementary Sunday small group leaders take the summer off. Our church fills in the gap by serving, loving and teaching our preschool and elementary aged children.

MARK9

OAKWOOD SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

*“Whoever welcomes one of these little children
in my name welcomes me...” Mark 9:37*

What is Mark 9?

Oakwood Special Needs Ministry-Mark 9 exists to meet the spiritual needs of individuals with disabilities. We celebrate each person's uniqueness and provide safe and fun one-on-one support so those with special needs can participate in classes and parents can attend church. Our hope is that those we disciple will be encouraged and learn about Christ's love for them.


Can my child with special needs attend?

We welcome any child with special needs to be a part of our ministry! We require all our families to register prior to attending for the first time. Please visit our website oakwoodnb.com/mark9 and fill out the family profile packet to begin the registration process.

Is the Mark 9 ministry inclusive or self-contained?

We look at each child's individual needs. With the parent's help we figure out the best place for them. Our goal is to always have the child included with their peers as much as possible. If needed, we have a self-contained classroom and sensory room for our Mark 9 Children to receive modified Bible lessons, have reward time, or take a break.





Is there a program for adults with special needs?

We offer a Bible Study for adults with special needs on Sunday mornings at 11:00 called the Sunshine class.

How can I serve in the Mark 9 Ministry?

Volunteers are called Buddies and will provide care to individuals with special needs on a one-on-one basis to help the person learn about God's love in a way that is accessible to them. We ask for a weekly or bi-weekly (Wednesday evenings or Sundays mornings) commitment. Buddies will need to fill out a background check and screening form at oakwoodnb.com/mark9.

Does Mark 9 offer other supports for the families of children with special needs?

Parent's Day Out currently offered one Saturday in December.

Once Upon A Prom is a prom for the youth and adults with special needs in our community. It's annually held on the first Saturday in October.

How can I contact the ministry?

Visit our Mark 9 page at oakwoodnb.com/mark9 or contact our Mark 9 Team:

Katie Powers, Special Needs Ministry Director
Email katie.powers@oakwoodnb.com

Phone 830-625-0267



MDO @ OAKWOOD

Children age 6 months through Pre-Kindergarten

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00a-2:30p

Held September-May

MDO follows the NBISD school calendar for school holidays and inclement weather.

Registration is limited and required prior to attendance.

Visit oakwoodnb.com/mdo for more info

Contact Kim Cloud, MDO Director
Email kim.cloud@oakwoodnb.com
Call 830-625-8748





SAFETY

Security and safety are one of our top priorities at Oakwood. Here is a brief overview of our safety and security procedure:

CHECK IN

All families are required to check in using their last name or phone number at one of our check in stations. Each child checked in will receive a name tag. Children are required to always wear their name tag.

Parents receive a guardian receipt while printing their child's name tags. Each family is assigned a number printed on each name tag and guardian receipt. During pick up, the guardians match the number on their receipt with their child's name tag.

INFO DESK VOLUNTEERS

First time guests register their family at one of our information counters. Children receive a hand-written name tag for the first Sunday and will be put in the system the following week.

Info Desk Volunteers stay in the lobby during each service

to greet and supervise each person going into the classroom hallways.

DOORS

The doors to the classroom hallways stay open during the beginning and end of each service but are closed during the duration of the service.

The entrance doors stay locked and are unlocked only by key or electronic keypad.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Our volunteers are trained in the event of a fire, inclement weather, or any other emergency event. We have direct access via radio to our security team.

VOLUNTEERS

Each volunteer is required to fill out a criminal background check, secondary screening form, and complete a sexual abuse awareness course before they serve with our children.



FAQS

How can I get involved as a parent?

Oakwood Kids has many different opportunities to serve! We would love for all our parents to find one way they can invest in discipling the next generation of leaders. Talk with one of our Oakwood Kids staff members to find out more information. All volunteers must fill out a background check and screening form before they are approved to serve.

What is the process for dropping off and picking up my child?

Parents receive a guardian receipt while printing their child's name tags. Each family is assigned a number printed on each name tag and guardian receipt. During pick up, the guardians match the number on their receipt with their child's name tag.

How will I be contacted if there is an issue with my child?

We will either call or text your cell phone in case of an emergency. Please keep your phone accessible and your number updated with our records.



How young can my children be when they first attend?

We welcome children of any age. Yes, even 1 day old!

What if my child has an allergy?

Please notify our info desk team during initial registration to be added to our system. Allergies are printed on the child's nametag. Please inform your child's teachers as well. Sundays and Wednesdays our building is nut free. Our ministry does provide allergy bracelets for your child to wear while they are at church. Allergy alert signs are posted outside of each door in our preschool ministry.

Should my children go to church with me?

We encourage all of our families to worship together if possible. We recommend children starting from Kindergarten are ready to participate in worship. Oakwood Kids provides Kids' Sermon Notes in the foyer for our children to remain engaged through the worship service.

oakwoodnb.com/kids | 830-625-0267



2154 LOOP 337 | NEW BRAUNFELS, TX

oakwoodnb.com/kids