



*Northway Church*

**NEXTGEN**

**MINISTRY  
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# *Our Mission*

**NextGen Ministry at  
Northway Church  
exists to partner  
with parents and  
volunteers to disciple  
the next generation.**

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The NextGen Ministry at Northway Church is made up of the Preschool Ministry, Elementary Ministry, Student Ministry, and Compass Kids.





# Ministry Distinctives

## Parents are Primary

We see parents as the primary disciple-makers of their children. As the church, we believe our role is to partner with parents by equipping them with vision, tools, and relationships to carry out the commands of Scripture in their homes. Our desire is to partner with parents at every turn as they walk in obedience to the commands of Deuteronomy 6.

## Teaching

We place great weight on our volunteers to lead and teach in all of our ministries. We believe what is taught in our environments must be theologically and scripturally accurate, gospel-centered, and heart-focused.

## Intentionality

We teach, disciple, and pray for each child that the Lord has entrusted to our ministries.

## Environment

We steward our resources well by creating spaces and teaching tools that reflect the beauty and truth of the gospel while appealing to the visual and creative nature of the next generation.

# Preschool

## For Children

**The Preschool Ministry serves children from birth-preschool by:**

- Providing biblical teaching and quality care during weekend services and other children's programming
- Discipling children through Scripture memorization during Compass Kids (starting at age 3)
- Offering a safe and fun childcare environment during various church-wide events

## For Families

**The Preschool Ministry serves the families of children birth-preschool by:**

- Offering discussion questions and insight into curriculum through weekly take-home sheets
- Providing resources for engaging their children with the gospel
- Ministering to parents directly through classes (e.g., Parent Commissioning Class), forums, family retreats, and personal relationships



# *Elementary*

## **For Children**

**The Elementary Ministry serves children kindergarten-5th grade by:**

- Providing biblical teaching and engaging small group environments during weekend services and other children's programming
- Discipling children through Scripture memorization during Compass Kids
- Offering a safe and fun childcare environment during various church-wide events

## **For Families**

**The Elementary Ministry serves the families of children from kindergarten-5th grade by:**

- Offering discussion questions and insight into curriculum through weekly take-home sheets
- Providing resources for engaging their children with the gospel
- Ministering to parents directly through classes (e.g., *Belong*), forums, family retreats, and personal relationships

# *Students*

## **For Students**

**Northway Students serves students from 6th-12th grade by:**

- Providing biblical teaching and engaging small group environments on Sunday mornings
- Discipling students during Formation in relevant subjects including theology, spiritual disciplines, and evangelism
- Offering events throughout the year to strengthen their connection with Christ, other students, and their leaders

## **For Families**

**Northway Students serves families of students from 6th-12th grade by:**

- Communicating ministry updates, conversation points, and ideas for family discipleship through weekly emails
- Creating spaces for parents to build relationships through regular connect events and support meetings
- Ministering to parents directly through forums, family retreats, resource recommendations, and personal relationships

# Birth



## Parent Commissioning

This one-week class is for parents who have added to their family through birth or adoption and encourages parents to consider how they are discipling their child. After the class, parents participate in a Parent Commissioning Ceremony during a Celebration Sunday.

## New Moms Class

New Moms Class is an opportunity for first-time mothers of babies under the age of six months to gather for a time of community and encouragement. This class meets for four weeks.

## Preschool

### Preschool: Foundational Truths

In Preschool Ministry, we focus on providing a foundation of truth to build on as a child grows. Our curriculum covers the narrative of God's redemptive plan through chronological accounts of Scripture with a focus on five Foundational Truths:

- God Made Everything
- God Is In Charge of Everything
- God Is Good
- Jesus Came to Save Sinners
- God Wants to Talk with Us

### Compass Kids

Compass Kids is a Wednesday night program for ages 3 years old-5th grade that teaches Bible comprehension and memorization. Each semester, the curriculum guides children through memorizing a mid-sized passage of Scripture through auditory, visual, and kinesthetic activities with the aim of reaching both the heart and the mind.

## Elementary

### Elementary: Relationship with God

In Elementary Ministry, we focus on expanding upon the Foundational Truths. Each large group lesson introduces a story from the Old or New Testament and connects it back to an attribute of God. Small group time provides a safe and engaging environment to ask questions, learn sound doctrine, and build biblical literacy. Each semester we rotate through one of our nine curriculums:

- Attributes of God
- Promises of God
- Family of God
- Names of God
- Mission of God
- The Lord's Prayer
- Walk as Jesus Did
- Parables
- Live a Life of Love

### Belong Class

Belong is a three-week class for elementary-aged children and their parents. The hope of this class is to teach children the foundations of Christian faith, equip parents to better discern their child's understanding of the gospel, and guide families toward appropriate next steps.

### Formation

Formation is a Wednesday night program for students in 6th-12th grade. During Formation, students take a deeper dive into theology, spiritual growth, and practical ways to follow Jesus day-to-day.

## Students

### Students: Discipleship

In Student Ministry, we focus on discipling our students to look more like Jesus. Through large group lessons and small group conversations, we equip them with robust theology, biblical content, heart-level application, and practical experience in spiritual disciplines and mission.

### Summer Camp

Each summer, the Student Ministry attends a five-day camp. Our prayer is that this intentional time away would allow students to slow down, seek the Lord, and connect with one another.

### Family Discipleship Retreat

Family Discipleship Retreat is a weekend retreat for families with children of all ages to be intentionally poured into and encouraged as disciple-makers. The weekend consists of time for families to connect, for parents to sit under teaching, and for Northway families to build community with one another.

# Graduation