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## Next Gen Handbook

**Ministries:** Thrive Kidz & One Youth

**Teams:** Thrive Kidz [Operations, Small Groups, Creative], One Youth [Operations, Small Groups, Creative]

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### What to Remember about being a part of the Next Gen Ministries of Thrive Church.

**1. Jesus is alive!** That's a pretty big one. We worship a God who is alive, ruling and reigning today.

A lot of people have done great things in this world, but our God was dead and is now alive.

**2. We are redeemed.** Before we met Jesus, we were slaves to sin...that's not a pretty word picture. But, we're no longer lost, now we are found.

**3. Every Sunday or Wednesday is someone's first time.** Someone has been praying for weeks and months. Someone has gone out on a limb and invited that coworker or neighbor. And this is the Sunday or Wednesday that they are coming.

**4. People are hearing about the grace and goodness of God and deciding to follow Jesus.**

One of my favorite things about Thrive Church is that it's a place where people meet Jesus.

**5. What we are doing here matters.** The church is God's plan A and there is no plan B.

There's nothing like the ministry of a local church when the church is working right. We're not a fruit stand or an insurance company...we are the Church, purchased by God and commissioned with a mission. The local church matters.

**6. Excitement is contagious.** If we approach our position with excitement, then that excitement will rub off on other people. Excitement also brings anticipation.

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**7. Kids and students are not the church of tomorrow.** They are the church of today and we have to pour great resources and time into them.

## What we Expect out of you:

1. We expect you to show up on time and stay with your group.
2. Attend the morning volunteer huddle.
3. Come prepared.
4. Communicate with your team leader.
5. Take your ministry opportunity seriously.
6. Attend the Start Class.

## Team Job Descriptions

### Thrive-Kidz-----

**Kidz Ops:** If you are a part of the Kidz Ops team you will be helping with set up and tear down. Set up people should be to the Theater by 7am to help set up the Thrive Kidz hallway, check in computers and Theaters for Kidz to use. There will be a list of the set up procedures and what goes into each Theater inside Kidz Black Case #1. Tear down begins at about 10:45am and is completed by 11:30am. Kidz Cases are all labeled inside with where toys/equipment belong.

**Kidz Groups:** If you are a part of Kidz Groups you will be with a group of Kidz through their entire Thrive Kidz Experience. Our Thrive Kidz Experiences are the same time as the Adult Experience in Theater 1, 9:00am and 10:15am. Kidz are allowed to come into their Theater 10 minutes prior to Experience start time. We ask that our Kidz Groups Volunteers be in their Theater ready for the Kidz to come in by 8:40am for the 9:00am Experience and by 9:55am for the 10:15am Experience. Kidz Groups are broken down into age groups: **Infants** (0-17 months), **Toddlers** (18 months- 2yrs old), **Preschool** (3yrs old, 4yrs old and 5yrs old not in Kindergarten), **K/1st Grade, 2nd/3rd Grade,** and **Club 45** (4th/5th Grade). As a Kidz Groups person in **Infants**

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you will stay in the theater the entire time with the babies. As a Kidz Groups person in **Toddlers-Preschool** you will start out in your Theater for free play/craft/activity then combine in Toddler Theater for worship then back to your own Theaters for Bible Story and free play while waiting for pick up. As a Kidz Groups person in **K-5th Grade** you will stay with your age group of Kidz the entire Experience starting in Thrive Live (Large Group) and then rotating through three stations (Bible story, Game, Craft/Activity).

**Kidz Creative:** If you are on the Kidz Creative team you will be working with our Large Group Team. Large Group elements include **Bible Story Teller, Game, Craft/Activity, Worship and Thrive Live MC**. The **Bible Storyteller** will be in charge of presenting the bible story to the grade level classes by age group during the Experience as one of the three stations. The volunteers in charge of the **Game** will lead students through the game by age groups during the Experience as one of the three stations. The **Craft/Activity** volunteers will help the kidz with the craft/activity during the Experience as one of the three stations. The volunteer leading **Worship** will engage the kids in 2-4 songs on the big screen after the MC has opened up the hour with a countdown video or game. The **MC** will open up the Experience with a welcome, video, countdown or game (or combination of them) then they will wrap up the Experience with a closing 'message' that brings all the activities around to the bible story/theme and ending with either more worship or a game while waiting for parents to pick up.

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## One-Youth-----

### Leadership

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**Operations:** The One Youth Operations (Ops) team exists to create a welcoming and irresistible environment for students! This team will help set up and tear down for One Youth events and activities. They will also run check in and the snack store. The Ops team will start setting up for One Youth at 6pm on Wednesday evenings and will reconvene at 8:15pm on Wednesdays to help with tear down and clean up.

**Small Groups:** One Youth breaks into small groups near the end of every One Youth Experience on Wednesday nights. These groups serve to create discussions with students as well as answer their questions. These groups are broken down based on age and gender. The goal is to give students an opportunity to develop strong relationships within One Youth as well as with leaders so they always have resources and support as students find and follow Jesus!

**Creative Team:** The Creative Team exists to provide meaningful worship, interaction, and a thought provoking experience for students. They will create a welcoming and irresistible environment through means of production, visual aid, lighting, sound, and activities. The Creative Team will be responsible for production setup starting at 6pm on Wednesdays and running the program from approximately 7pm-8pm. Some Creative elements may need to be worked on during other parts of the week; one example being band practice.