

Hey TCAL Kids Parents!

As we approach the Fall, we wanted to take a minute to answer some questions you may have about why TCAL Kids has remained online only and how we are thinking through returning. As businesses and churches began to open back up in May and June, we really sought wisdom and guidance from the Lord, our TCAL Elders, Pastors, and COVID Task Force, as well as from other churches in our area and across the nation. At the time, we knew the best course of action for us was to keep our ministry online and we wanted to share with you what has shaped that decision then and what is continuing to guide us now as we plan for the Fall.

Currently, we are waiting to see what our local school board is planning to do this fall. They have the most accurate and up to date information about the health and wellbeing of children and we want to align ourselves with their efforts. We are a church *for our city*, not simply in our city, and that includes being for our teachers and administrators as they make these decisions. Please join us in praying for them!

Second, everyone's comfort level is different. Many of our families, as well as our volunteers, are ready to come back, but many are not. When we do reopen our children's ministry doors, we want to ensure that we have prioritized the safety and health of every child in our care by being able to carry out and execute our COVID-19 modifications. We need volunteers to be able to do that. We are adamantly working on a plan and waiting for the majority of our volunteers to feel comfortable enough to serve. As soon as we are certain we can open, we will!

In the meantime, however, we are investing our time and resources into partnering with you to raise spiritual champions. We are continuing our full online children's weekend services and we are in week three of our Kids Virtual Small Groups. We love seeing their faces! We have our **July Packet Pick up Friday, June 26th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM** and we're providing pizza for dinner! Pick up your packet and dinner at the same time!

Even though raising spiritual champions looks different these days, we know God has called you and equipped you to lead your family well in this season. What has not changed is the influence you have in your kids lives and our God's sovereignty over all things. We are praying with you and for you as we partner together!

Gratefully,

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