



## Welcome!!!

We are here to help your family get connected within our faith family by providing a safe and loving environment for all ages to best access the Gospel to enable personal journeys to a life-changing faith in Jesus!

In PACE, we are...

- Perfect in God's eyes

*"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them."*

~Psalm 139:13-16

- Able to worship God

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

~Romans 12:1

- a Community of love

*"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

~Hebrews 10:24-25

- Eternally focused

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."*

~2 Peter 3:18

### Our Mission:

Through everything we do in PACE, we strive to make connections to Christ. We believe each faith journey progresses at a different pace and we want them to see that no matter what their age, difference, or disability; they are wonderfully created by God for a purpose!

### **Equipping Families:**

Parents and other caregivers are encouraged to visit the Welcome Center in person or our website at [hebronchurch.org](http://hebronchurch.org) to find opportunities to grow in your faith and spiritual development (Bible studies and other opportunities), connect with other families (Connect Groups), and look for ways to get involved in the community (missions and outreach).

### **Supporting Families:**

If your family is experiencing marital, financial, mental, emotional, spiritual, medical, or other difficulties and would like prayer or support, please contact Ashley Kovac or any Hebron staff member. We would be happy to come alongside you and provide assistance and/or resources to help.

If your child is ever hospitalized or is having a medical procedure, please don't hesitate to reach out to us so we can place them on our prayer list and visit with your family as allowed.

### **Sunday Morning - What to Expect:**

#### **Intake Questionnaire**

As a part of this welcome packet, you will find our Intake Questionnaire. We ask that you complete this prior to your first visit in PACE. We use this information to help form an information sheet that is laminated and kept in their room. This information helps volunteers create the best environment for your child. Information can be edited as their needs change. Questionnaires are otherwise updated annually for the most up-to-date information.

#### **Placements**

In PACE, we desire to include everyone in their age-appropriate areas of church. As our friends are able, we partner with the corresponding ministries (Preschool, Children, Student, or Adult) to provide accommodations and strategies to best support their needs.

PACE Setters are teen or adult buddies who are willing to commit to a year serving in PACE Ministry. They may be available to assist with children or adults who need 1:1 support to attend large or small groups with their peers.

Certain large and/or small group settings can be hard for some of our friends to participate in successfully. Whether it is sensory processing difficulties, limited communication, or complex medical needs, we offer various PACE classrooms where each participant can thrive, hear God's Word and have fun with volunteers who have a passion for making lasting connections and building relationships!

We also have a sensory room that all PACE participants can access as needed throughout the morning on Sundays and during all other PACE events.

### Times

8:15 AM – All ages are welcome to join us for a mini-Scripture lesson and sensory time while early morning adult connect groups meet.

9:30 AM – Many of our participants join their families in the Worship Center for either part or all of the worship service. All ages are welcome to join us in PACE for sensory time while we stream the worship service live. Participants are exposed to corporal worship during this time. Born again believers join our volunteers in Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

11:15 AM – Connect Groups take place during this hour. Preschool and school-aged children receive an adapted lesson with opportunities for deeper discussions as they are able. Adapted crafts and/or coloring activities are also utilized during this lesson time. Teens and adults merge into their own classroom where they discuss aspects of the sermon and how it applies to their lives.

### Attendance

As a church family, we have approximately 52 Sundays per year to partner with you to disciple your child. We want to do all that we can to make sure that we are helping you to build a firm foundation of faith in Christ on a weekly basis. One of our goals is to ensure that we have enough volunteers available to provide a low participant to volunteer ratio. If you know in advance that you will not be attending church, feel free to let us know!

### Snacks

We do have crackers and cookies available as snacks on Sunday mornings. Many of our families bring their own drinks and snacks due to dietary preferences or needs. Please notify us if there are any dietary concerns that may restrict foods (allergies, choking hazards) so we can make changes if necessary.

### **PACE Respite:**

We offer a themed afternoon of respite for our PACE families four times a year (currently in February, May, August, and November). These take place on Saturdays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM! Participants of all ages are welcome to join us! A room for siblings aged 3-12 years of age is also available. A pizza dinner is included unless there are specific dietary or medical needs. Information regarding registration is sent out regularly to all PACE Families. Early registration is recommended as we often have a waitlist for each respite.

### **PACE Moms Bible Study:**

In addition to Bible studies offered through the Women's Ministry, we are pleased to offer a community for mothers/caregivers of children and adults with special needs. We meet online through Zoom on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 PM. We complete a Bible study in the fall, spring, and summer with 4-6 weeks breaks in between studies. This group is informal and welcomes women throughout the year to join as they are able! We enjoy times of fellowship and also share in our praises and prayer requests.

### **Other Hebron Events:**

Make sure to join us at church-wide events! We host a PACE Vacation Bible School that coincides with Children Ministry's Vacation Bible School. We are also present at events like Hebron's Fall Festival and Easter Egg Hunts!

### **Contact Information:**

If you have any questions about PACE Special Needs Ministry, please do not hesitate to e-mail Ashley Kovac at [akovac@hebronchurch.org](mailto:akovac@hebronchurch.org). We look forward to meeting and serving your family!

Blessings,  
Ashley Kovac  
PACE Ministry Director



# PACE | SPECIAL NEEDS

## Adult Intake Questionnaire

Welcome to the PACE Ministry! We are so glad you are here!! Hebron's PACE Ministry desires to meet each individual's spiritual, emotional, social, and physical needs to the best of our capabilities. The information you provide will be confidential and only shared with teachers and church staff as needed. The PACE Director will follow-up with you and your family to ensure we learn how to best meet your needs. We are glad you are here!

### I. Primary Information

Participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B.: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I live with: : \_\_\_ Both Parents \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Grandparents \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_ Group Home

### II. Care Needs

#### Physical:

Medical Diagnosis (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Food Sensitivities: \_\_\_\_\_

Epilepsy / Seizures: Y / N If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Vision Impairment: Y / N Hearing Impairment: Y / N Physical / Motor Impairment: Y / N

#### Communication:

Can communicate with others using:

Sentences    Words    Babbling    Gestures    Sign Language    AAC Device

Can understand what others say:

Always    Most of the Time    Some of the Time    Does not Understand

#### Self-Care Needs:

Restroom Needs:    Independent    Needs Assistance    If needs assistance, call caregiver? Y / N

Eating Needs:    Independent    Needs Assistance    No Food Please    No Drink Please

Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. I am Fearfully & Wonderfully Made**

My interests include:

Reading books  
Arts & Crafts  
Sports  
Shopping  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Playing games  
Going for walks  
Technology  
Baking/Cooking

Music  
Helping  
Working  
Watching Movies

I get frustrated when/by:

Loud noises  
Being touched  
I'm hungry/I'm thirsty  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Bright light  
People in my personal space  
I'm tired

Darkness  
Lots of talking  
I don't understand

You can help me calm down by:

Talking to me  
Food/drink  
Music  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Hugs  
High-fives  
Videos

Quiet time  
Using technology  
Personal item from home

**IV. Permission/Authorization Agreement**

*Please read the following statements carefully and initial in the designated space indicating that you have read, understand, and agree to the provisions.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I have fully disclosed to Hebron Baptist Church's Special Needs Ministry (PACE) all pertinent facts about \_\_\_\_\_'s needs while attending church activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will supply special snacks, drinks, toys, chews, communication devices, and/or physical devices if they are needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the nature of the program and do hereby release Hebron Baptist Church and its representatives from any liability due to accident or injury incurred by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize Hebron Baptist Church to publish photos of \_\_\_\_\_ (without his/her name) on the HBC website, HBC social media, and/or HBC brochures for promotional purposes only.

I have read and initialed the above permission/authorization statements and agree to the terms designated in each.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian