



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 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 1st and 5th 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. We look forward to meeting and serving your family!

Blessings,
Ashley Kovac
PACE Ministry Director



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Child & Family Intake Questionnaire

Date: ___/___/___

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

I. Primary Information

Child's name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

D.O.B.: ___/___/___ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: M / F

Address: _____

Child Lives With: ___ Both Parents ___ Mother ___ Father ___ Grandparents ___ Guardian

Primary Contact Names: _____ Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

II. Care Needs

Please tell us about your child's primary health/developmental needs that would allow us to best support your child and keep him/her safe.

Physical:

Medical Diagnosis: _____

Allergies: _____ Food Sensitivities: _____

Fine Motor Impairment (Handling Small Items): Y / N If yes, Mild Moderate Severe

Gross Motor Impairment (Large Movements): Y / N If Yes, Mild Moderate Severe

Epilepsy / Seizures: Y / N If yes, please describe _____

Vision Impairment: Y / N

Hearing Impairment: Y / N

Physical / Motor Impairment: Y / N

Does your child use an assistive device? (i.e. wheelchair, walker, crutches, communication device) Y / N

If yes, please describe _____

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

Toileting Skills:

Toilets Independently: Y / N

Currently Being Potty Trained: Y / N

Trained but needs Assistance: Y / N

Diapers / Pull-Ups: Y / N

Behavioral (Please circle all that apply):

Shy

Plays alone

Easily distracted

Outgoing

Plays in groups

Remains on task

Takes Turns/Shares

Difficulty taking turns

Adapts to changes well

Adapts to changes with difficulty

Occasionally destructive

Attempts to run away

Threatens Others

Curses/Name calls

Occasionally aggressive

Puts non-edible things in mouth

Needs movement breaks

Separates from parents well

Separates from parents with difficulty

Does your child have any fears? Y / N

If yes, please describe _____

Trigger points that may result in behavioral problems / frustration from my child include (things that may make your child upset): _____

We know your child will need a break when he/she: _____

My child is best comforted by: _____

My child lets someone know that he/she wants or needs something by: _____

Preferred motivators / rewards (i.e. specific candy, stickers, verbal affirmation): _____

Do we have permission to offer motivators / rewards? Y / N

Sensory Issues (Please circle all that apply):

Touch

Noise

Crowds

Bright Lights

Colors

Smells

Other

Please describe: _____

Educational:

What type of classroom does your child attend? (i.e. self-contained, general education) _____

Does your child have an IEP or a 504 Plan? Y / N

Does your child have a one-to-one aide at school? Y / N

My child processes instruction & information best when it is (Circle all that apply):

Visual

Auditory

Hands-On

How Your Child is Fearfully & Wonderfully Made:

Areas of interest/hobbies/favorites: _____

Strengths: _____

III. 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 my child's special needs.

_____ I will supply special snacks, drinks, toys, chews, communication devices, and/or physical devices for my child if you indicate is necessary.

_____ I will remain on HBC campus during the time my child is participating in any ministry event/program unless otherwise cleared to leave the campus.

_____ 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 my child.

_____ I authorize Hebron Baptist Church to publish photos of my child (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