



helping hands  
ministry

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*Sharing God's love & grace to  
individuals with special needs*

## Welcome

to First Baptist Woodway where we provide ministry for persons with disabilities (children through adulthood) and their families.

It is our desire that people affected by disabilities and their families come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Just as God showed His great love and compassion, we want to follow our Lord's example in reaching out to people who have disabilities.

## About Special Needs

- \* Our building meets the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act which requires handicapped parking, ramps, doorways, and restrooms.
- \* Our children's playground is ADA approved.
- \* If needed, designated parking is available near the entrance to the building, marked as "Special Needs Families."

## It's Our Goal

- \* to provide instruction and social interaction to communicate God's love and grace to individuals with special needs
- \* to provide support systems and curricula for special needs children, birth to 18 years, and adults
- \* to provide support and encouragement for families and adults, allowing them to participate in Bible study classes and church activities
- \* to provide training for volunteers to assist in all facets of the program
- \* to develop a support system for parents of special needs children
- \* to assist families through referral to access other services available in the community

## Our Mission

WE WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, SO THEY MAY GROW IN THEIR WALK WITH THE LORD AND PARTICIPATE AND SERVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS AT FIRST BAPTIST WOODWAY.

## Sunday Morn & Wednesday Evening

- \* The Helping Hands Suite (Rm 126) is the designated area for our preschool through elementary classes.
- \* Special needs classrooms are available on Sunday mornings for children at 9:00 am and 10:30 am. Activities include music, story, play time, and snacks. Check-in is in the Special Needs Suite.
- \* A special needs Bible study class for youth meets Sunday mornings both at 9:00 am and 10:30 am in Room 114.
- \* A special needs Bible study class for adults meets Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - 10:15 am in Room A121.
- \* Inclusion (with a buddy) is available by arrangement at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Bible study hours.
- \* Wednesday evening programming is offered 6:00-7:30 pm in conjunction with Kingdom Kids classes.

## Parent Support Group

The Parent Support Group meets at various times throughout the year for instruction, encouragement, and fellowship.

## Friday Night Respite Care

The Friday Night Respite Care program, scheduled in conjunction with church-wide Friday Night Childcare (excluding college night childcare) is provided free to regular attenders of First Woodway children with special needs and their siblings, through sixth grade. Experienced childcare workers staff the program.

The evening includes indoor and outdoor fun, game and craft time, movies and snacks. Reservations should be made by emailing [kbrown@firstwoodway.org](mailto:kbrown@firstwoodway.org).

