

# GRACELAND BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE 2018



**Purpose:** The purpose of the Graceland Recreation is to help teach young people spiritually – to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, mentally – to learn the basic fundamentals of the sport, physically – to improve physical condition and sports skills, and socially – to interact with other children and build a team.

## League Divisions:

Biddy (4-5 year olds)	Ball Size #3
Division I (6-7 year olds)	Ball Size #4
Division II (8-9 year olds)	Ball Size #4
Division III (10-12 year olds)	Ball Size #4

## Volunteers Needed:

Graceland Recreation is unique because it is staffed by volunteers that are dedicated to working with the children. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Recreation Ministry Office at 944-6448, ext. 167.

**League Age:** League age is determined by the player's age as of June 1, 2018. Leagues are open to boys and girls ages 4-12.

**Registration and Fees:** Cost of the youth soccer program is \$65 for the first child, \$60 for second child, and \$55 for each additional child. Payment is due at time of registration. This covers the cost of equipment, trophies, officials, a t-shirt, and maintenance of the fields. Please note that your child is not officially registered until payment is made. Call the Recreation Office at 944-6448, ext. 167 if you need financial assistance.

**Games and Practices:** Players will be placed on teams following the evaluations. Practices will begin in August. Games will begin Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Coaches will be selecting practice times for each team. All games will be played on Saturdays. Note: **shin guards must be worn by all players** before they can participate in league play.

**Biddy League (4-5 year olds):** Designed to be an instructional league with primary emphasis on motor development through the use of basic soccer skills; other objectives of this league include increased self-confidence and having fun. Biddy soccer players meet one time a week for one hour, during which they have a practice session and play a scrimmage game.

**Division I (6-7 year olds):** This is a more instructional league, with emphasis on basic soccer skills. It is also designed to teach team play and working with one another.

**Division II (8-9 year olds):** Division II is designed to work on fundamentals of the individual player such as kicking, dribbling, coordination, and endurance; working with one another to build team play and learning importance of team work and good sportsmanship are also taught.

**Division III (10-12 year olds):** This division is designed to work on combination play: passing, shooting, patience, and the principles of offense and defense. The principles of teamwork and team skills are also stressed.

**Fields:** Our fields are located on the back part of the property. Just follow the signs to the Sportsplex. Please bring chairs to sit in. There are no bleachers on the fields. This year our two younger leagues will play on the outfield of two of the baseball diamonds and the older league will play in the soccer field.

**Parking:** There will be a parking lot designated for practices and games. Do not park across the bridge. The church has other activities going on during the week (including Saturdays) and will need the Barnabas Center and Apex parking lots to be available. Handicap parking is allowed across the bridge.

**Picture Day:** Pictures for spring soccer will not be scheduled. If you wish to have individual pictures you may get them taken on April 28<sup>th</sup> when we take baseball pictures. This is due to the fact we take Fall soccer pictures. Sonshine studio will be taking the pictures at the fields. If it rains, picture will be taken inside the gym. Payment is due the day the pictures are taken. You may use cash, check, or credit card.

**Awards Day:** Awards will be given to all participants. Your child will receive either a medal or a trophy for the season. This program will be held in our church sanctuary on October 22 in our Church Worship Center at 2:00 p.m.

**Coaching Opportunities:** All of our coaches are volunteers and we would love to have your help either as a team parent, coach, or assistant coach. Please contact Karen at the number below if you are interested or can help us out.

We hope that this season will be an enjoyable one for you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you out. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the church at 812-944-6448, ext 167, or via email at [kcroft@gracelandbaptist.org](mailto:kcroft@gracelandbaptist.org).

Thank you for trusting your children with this ministry. God's blessings upon you and your family!

Karen Croft  
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