

Clarissa Taylor

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Current Ministry Role

City First Church—Rockford, IL
Kids Pastor
November 2020—Present

Pastoral Ministry Profile

Lead and execute ministry across three weekend services and a midweek Kids Academy, demonstrating strong organizational leadership and sustained team development.

Together, Clarissa and her husband Mark serve in pastoral ministry, each carrying significant leadership responsibility and contributing to the health, growth, and execution of the local church.

Leadership Impact

- Lead a Kids Ministry serving 500+ kids weekly, overseeing multiple Sunday environments and a midweek Kids Academy with consistency and excellence
- Develop and lead a team of 100+ volunteers, creating a culture of ownership, loyalty, and high-capacity leadership
- Design and manage complex ministry systems through Planning Center Online, supporting large-scale volunteer coordination and multi-environment execution
- Oversee Champions Club Special Needs Ministry (ages 3–18), creating inclusive environments that support children and families with diverse needs
- Communicate regularly through weekly chapel messages, engaging elementary students with clarity, energy, and age-appropriate spiritual application
- Engage effectively with the next generation through strong awareness of Gen Z culture, communication, and trends, helping bridge relevance and spiritual formation