

Alisa Wickham: Director

Coast Kids Preschool Staff since January 2008
North Coast Calvary Chapel Staff since September 2004



Hi, my name is Alisa Wickham. I have the pleasure of being the Director here. It seems like it was just yesterday when I had the opportunity to start Coast Kids Preschool from the ground up. Year twelve, here we come! With the pandemic still upon us now, I have had the opportunity to 'Reimagine' Preschool. I have been on staff here at North Coast Calvary Chapel since September 2004. During my time, here I have served as the Early Childhood Director for Children's Ministry and I started a midweek program (also ground up) for children 3 years - 4th grade, named Coast Kids. What can I say; it is a great name so I brought it with me to the preschool. I have been in the field of Early Childhood for 34 years now, most of those years as a Director in church related preschools. I absolutely love connecting with your children, you and our staff. I love to be a part of making learning visible and making Jesus visible.

I graduated from San Diego State University with my degree in Geography with minors in Mathematics and Recreation. It was not until I had my own children that I started taking Child Development classes. I have continued to take more child development classes to learn and grow and keep up to date in this field. I am active in a church related Directors' fellowship. Last year I joined the Mentor Selection Committee at Mira Costa College.

My husband, Jon and I have been married for 40 years and have lived in the same house in Coastal Encinitas the whole time. We have 2 sons, Jud and Jared. It has been a long time since they have been in preschool! We have added to our family: two adorable rescues, a Terrier-Chihuahua named Eagle and a 'Chihuahua-something-or-other' named Gator.

When I am not working, you may see me walking, my doggies in Encinitas. I also enjoy spending time in my yard tending to my flowers. I love growing, arranging flowers and giving them away. My husband call me a "floranthrapist". I love spending time in water (a pool, the ocean, the bay, a river). The only thing I am kind of a 'snob' about is coffee. I love good coffee and will do without if it isn't good.

I have learned so much being a part of this church and children's ministry and my intern class at Mira Costa College Child Development Center. I have seen what being intentional, building relationships, and seeking God does for a ministry. It is truly visible. Real learning and growing takes place! I am so thankful for the experiences, places and responsibilities God has had for me. I have been blessed with a staff that cares greatly for your children and for each other. God has great plans for North Coast Calvary Chapel and part of that is this wonderful 'reimagined' preschool.

Keri Wagner: Administrative Assistant

Coast Kids Preschool Staff since January 2013



"...make the most of every opportunity." Colossians 4:5
Opportunities! To be a part of an environment that creates opportunities for young learners to grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and spiritually. Jesus tells us in Matthew, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"... Coast Kids Preschool seeks to provide these opportunities within the classroom. Part of my job here at Preschool is to make this learning visible to our parents as your children are growing and developing.

I have been teaching Preschool for the last 24 years. I received my education in Early Childhood Development from Palomar College. I am thrilled to serve at my home church North Coast Calvary Chapel.

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Dave, for 41 years. We have one son, Drew, who is engaged to be married in September 2020. We enjoy our family time, anything to do with the ocean, camping, and exploring.

My prayer is that this school year will be a rich time filled with meaningful opportunities for each family and that your child's relationship with our Jesus will strengthen.