



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 fourteen, here we come! 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 37 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. I have served on the Teacher Mentor Selection Committee at Mira Costa College.

My husband, Jon and I have been married for 41 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 calls 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, 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 preschool.