



The purpose of Up Club special needs ministry is to facilitate inclusion inside the life of the church for the individual with additional needs and for their family.

In support of our broader mission, the goals of the special needs ministry are to lead families affected by unique needs into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

The objectives of Up Club are fulfilled through Redeemer's efforts:

1. To create an accepting church environment for the family impacted by special needs needs or a disability
2. To develop an appropriate accommodation plan for the individual with the additional needs that benefits the individual while working within the policies and resources of the church.

The services of Up Club may be requested by individuals themselves, the family of individuals, or the ministry leader(s) serving the individual.

For the purpose of Up Club, the terms "additional needs," "special needs," and "disability" encompasses a broad range of unique needs, including but not limited to: learning differences, intellectual disabilities, neurological disorders, developmental delays, communication disorders, social skills deficits, physical disabilities, sensory needs, and medical conditions. A student experiencing a significant life-change may also benefit from the services of Up Club for a period of time (a buddy or in our Up Club space). Understanding why a particular individual requires the services of Up Club is unimportant. What is important is that Up Club is able to assist identified individuals to help them experience success at Redeemer.

Up Club special needs ministry does not provide therapy, behavior modification programs, or medical intervention. To the best of our abilities, Up Club will strive to follow guidance from, and utilize tools provided by, parents. And, medical assistance will be provided in emergency situations.