

Diapering

Our female staff follows sanitary protocol in diaper changing, including using a surface that is sanitized between each changing. We routinely change diapers as needed and toward the end of service. If you have special preferences for diapering your child, please note them at sign-in.

Children using cloth diapers are welcome in the nursery. We do ask for your understanding that we are not equipped to empty out or clean your child's cloth diaper, so it will be placed in your child's "wet bag" or a plastic bag and replaced. Because of the wide array of fasteners available we will do our best to replace the diaper with another cloth diaper you provide, but if we are unable to do so quickly we may replace the diaper with an organic disposable diaper provided by the nursery. If you would prefer we not do this, or if your diapering system contains sharps (such as diaper pins), please let us know. We will notify you during the service if your child's diaper needs to be changed.

Discipline

The nursery desires to be a loving, nurturing, and safe environment where Christ's love and grace are displayed. While effective discipline for nursery-aged children is often redirection, if a child is doing something inappropriate, unsafe, or unkind, our volunteer will gently correct the child by modeling and verbally communicating the appropriate behavior. Please refer to the Discipline Policy for further details.

Comments, Questions, and Concerns

Our goal in the nursery is both to nurture and teach your children the gospel of grace, and to connect with, support, and encourage parents in their God-given role as spiritual leaders of their children (Ephesians 6:4). We welcome your input and the opportunity to connect with you.

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Welcome to the Nursery!



...rooted and grounded in love

...to know the love of Christ

Ephesians 3:17-19

We welcome you and your children to our church! It is the goal of Edgewater Baptist Church to provide a safe, comfortable and nurturing environment for your child. We want you to feel secure about your child's well-being while you worship and fellowship at Edgewater.

It is our joy to partner with you to build a strong spiritual foundation for your child. We want to take the first steps with you towards introducing Jesus' love to your child through a safe, Christ-centered environment. We believe that it is never too early to start teaching your child about God and His marvelous grace shown in the gospel.

Please take the time to read the following guidelines. This short booklet will answer most of your questions and introduce you to the policies we have put in place to safeguard all of the children in our care.

Nursery Availability

The nursery is available for children *from birth to age 2* during all Sunday morning classes and worship services. Select other events (such as special holiday services) may offer child care as well – please contact the church office if you are unsure if child care will be provided.

We begin accepting children 15 minutes prior to class or service. Please pick up your child as promptly as possible after the service.

Check-In/Out Procedures

There is a child sign-in sheet at the front of the toddler nursery. Please make sure you fill this out each time you drop off your child and include any special instructions for the staff, and sign out at pick up.

Please help your child take off his/her shoes and coat by the entry window. Hang coat on the rack provided and place shoes in the shoe bin.

It is normal for some children to experience separation anxiety. We will welcome them with a warm routine every Sunday and engage them in play. The best thing to do, though difficult, is to give a quick good-bye and to walk away. Most children calm down after a few minutes. We will notify you if your child is inconsolable after 15 minutes.

The nursery maintains a Child Release Approval List and our staff will only release your child to people you have authorized.

Supplies

Please provide a bag with diapers and wipes, a change of clothes, and a bag for any soiled clothes when dropping off your child. If it is helpful to you, you may bring additional supplies to leave on-hand in the nursery from week to week.

Bottles and sippy cups of milk, water, juice, or premixed formula labeled with the child's name are welcome; however the nursery will provide a snack when you deem it is appropriate for your child. We aren't able to accept outside snacks due to potential food sensitivities of other children. Please note any food sensitivities your child has on the sign-in sheet. We are happy to bottle-feed your baby according to your instructions, but are not equipped for spoon-feeding.

The nursery is stocked with age-appropriate and fun toys and books for the children. Please do not bring these items from home which may lead to problems between children or unintended loss.

Parent Notification System

If your child needs you at any point during the service, rest assured we will contact you. Your child will receive a number at check-in which will be displayed discreetly on the screen in the sanctuary. In the event you miss the notification, an usher will contact you directly.

We ask that parents do not enter the nursery unless a mother needs to nurse or a special situation arises. The opening and closing of the nursery door typically upsets the children. If you do need to enter the nursery, we ask that you remove your shoes outside the nursery gate.

Safety and Health

We require all our volunteers to be trained and screened, and our staff always serves in teams of two or three to ensure safe care.

For health standards, we cannot accept a child with symptoms of illness currently or in the past 24 hours. Please see our Well Child Policy that explains in detail how to ensure that your child is able to join us. Thank you for complying with this policy, which has every child's interest at heart.