

## **WELCOME!**

This booklet has been prepared to acquaint you with the rules and policies for the Nursery of Faith Presbyterian Church. Please look through the information below and feel free to ask any of our Nursery Team Members if you have any questions.

The Nursery of Faith Presbyterian Church offers childcare and classes starting at 9:30 a.m. for children 8 weeks through age 3 through the end of the worship service. However, all children are encouraged to join their families in the theater for worship. This time includes a dedicated children's sermon. Following the children's sermon there is a time of greeting. This is a great time to transition your children to the nursery if you have not already done so. It is our desire to see the whole family worshipping together, in an inclusive atmosphere for all ages, while providing age specific teaching to all who attend. Please let us know how we may better serve your family.

## **CHECKING IN & OUT**

Families checking in to the Nursery may do so up to fifteen minutes before Sunday School or the service begins. Check-out will begin following the service. If your child experiences any unforeseen turbulence during the service, you will be alerted by the cell phone number provided. Please make sure your phone is on and set to vibrate. As a general rule, we find it necessary to ask you to please wait at the entrance to your child's room due to the traffic confusion that can be caused by parents bringing in and picking up their children. Our Nursery Team Members will assist you in getting your child checked in and out.

When you check-in, your child will be given a name tag with an ID number located on it. You will also be handed an ID Tag with the same corresponding number. This tag is required to pick up your child. Simply hand the tag over to the Nursery Team Member in your child's room to complete the check-out process. Please note that children will only be handed over to an Adult, over the age of 18, with a tag. For some reason if you lose your tag, photo ID will be required to complete the check-out process. Please make sure to fill out a registration form to provide us with those authorized to receive your child without a tag.

## **HEALTHY KID POLICY**

Faith Church seeks to provide a loving, secure and healthy environment for your children. Please do not check your child in to Nursery if your child has:

- A runny nose or cough or has a nasal discharge (this includes clear, green or yellow) of any kind.
- Vomited or had diarrhea in the last 48 hours.
- Run a fever in the past 24 hours.
- Been on an antibiotic for less than 24 hours. Even if your child has been on antibiotics for 24 hours they must not exhibit any sign of illness.
- An unexplained rash or shows signs of conjunctivitis (pinkeye) or any type of contagious infection.

**The Nursery Captains have the authority to turn away any child she or he believes is exhibiting any signs of illness.**

- Please note, that Nursery Team Members are not permitted to give medication to any child. Do not include any medications in bottles. Formulas must be prepared at home.

- You can be assured that universal precautions are taken with all bodily fluids, including breast milk. For this reason, we request that you inform the nursery crew if your child's bottle contains breast milk.
- Please inform the Nursery Captain of any medication your child is taking.
- Every child may be examined (looking at nose and throat) before entering the Nursery. The Nursery Captain will give you a pass if your child is healthy. Your cooperation in this matter is vital to keeping our Nursery healthy.
- If your child has any chronic condition or allergies, please supply the Director of Student Ministries with a note of physician's approval for admittance to the Nursery for us to keep on file.

## **UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOR**

Faith Church's Nursery program is available for the service of many. If a child bites, pushes, kicks, scratches, hits and continually displays aggressive behavior, we will notify you. If the problem persists, we would be glad to come along side and assist you in preparing your child to attend. If the safety of others becomes a concern, we will have to ask that the child not come back until the problem is resolved.

We understand that some babies are frequent criers and cry for no particular reason. Although this is understandable, it can be difficult to manage with many other children to care for. In these cases, it may be necessary to call you from the service until the child is through this phase. The Director of Student Ministries may be consulted regarding any questions arising from this policy.

## **NURSERY TEAM MEMBERS**

Team Members are Faith's dedicated team of volunteers. At Faith Church your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. That's why each Team Member has gone through Faith Presbyterian Church's screening process. If you would like to join our Team please contact the Director of Student Ministries for more information.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

1. A Diaper bag labeled with your child's name on it.
2. At least two diapers.
3. A plastic bottle (no glass) for feeding or Sippy Cup labeled with your child's name. It is necessary to tell the nursery crew if the milk contained within the bottle is breast milk. Please note that children should have had their breakfast before they are sent to the nursery.
4. Pacifier, security toy or blanket. Please be sure to mark everything individually.
5. An extra change of clothes for emergencies.

## **WHAT IS PROVIDED**

1. Qualified Nursery Team Members
2. Toys that are cleaned regularly
3. Cribs, bouncers, swings, saucers
4. Wet wipes
5. Laundered sheets and blankets for cribs

## **CURRICULUM**

Faith Presbyterian Church takes seriously its responsibility to nurture and care for those babies and toddlers entrusted to our care. Since a child's world view is formed at a very early age, we consider superior, loving child care to be a holy responsibility.

For children attending the Nursery, our primary objective is to help each one understand that God loves them personally, provides for their needs and sent His Son to provide salvation. We recognize that children at this level of development are kinesthetic learners –they learn by doing. Play is an integral part of the learning experience.



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