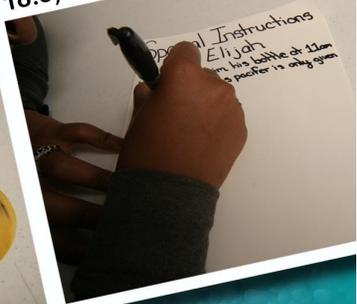




WHO'S TEACHING THE BABIES?



"AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY NAME RECEIVES ME." (MATTHEW 18:5)



NURSERY PARENTS



NURSERY GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS...



CHILD CARE INFORMATION

Please return this completed form to the Nursery teacher the next time you are at church.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

CHILD'S BIRTH DATE: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

IF YOU ARE NOT THE PARENT, PLEASE NOTE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHILD:

SIBLINGS' NAMES/AGES: _____

PARENTS'/GUARDIAN'S ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ ALT PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____ ALT EMAIL: _____

HAS YOUR CHILD HAD PREVIOUS CHURCH NURSERY MINISTRY? _____

HOW IS YOUR CHILD FED? (please circle) BREAST BOTTLE BABY FOOD SOLID FOOD

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY ALLERGIES? _____

ARE THERE ANY FOODS YOUR CHILD IS NOT PERMITTED?: _____

ANY SPECIAL SLEEPING PREFERENCES?: _____

ANY SPECIAL DIAPERING INSTRUCTIONS? _____

POTTY TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS: _____

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW TO BEST CARE FOR YOUR CHILD?



Dear Parents,

We are so blessed to have your child as a part of our dynamic nursery ministry! The secure, loving environment of this classroom provides a safe place where trust is established and he/she can grow in the Lord at this most valuable stage of life. Your child is a treasure and delight to God and to us. We join with you in believing for God's highest and best to be manifest in your child's life.

Just as we care for the physical needs of our children to help them to learn and grow, we can also begin to feed their hungry hearts what they crave in order to set them up for a successful future—right from the start. Our passion is for every child to begin his/her life healthy and strong from the inside-out. When your child knows who God is and who they are as God's child, their roots will remain deep and strong in truth as they grow, develop and mature throughout their lives.

This welcome booklet is provided to inform you of what our nursery offers and to give you an overview of this ministry. With any first meeting or new situation, procedures that are new and people that are unfamiliar can cause questions to arise that may not be covered in this parents' booklet. Our nursery team is available to answer any questions and ease concerns you may have.

To help us to best serve you and your child, please complete the form included and return it to the teacher next Sunday.

Again, welcome! We look forward to a fruitful stay together as we grow to know both Jesus and each other more.

Psalm 22:9-10, "But You are He who took me out of the womb; You made me trust when I was on my mother's breast. I was cast upon You from birth. From my mother's womb You have been my God."



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Here are some helpful notes for you to help us provide the best experience for you, your child, our team, and fellow parents & children.

- The safety of all children is our utmost priority. All of our children's ministers are fully vetted with the appropriate federal and state background checks. Two cleared adults are in the classroom with children at ALL times.
- Children will start to be received 15 minutes prior to the service. This gives the teachers and ministers time to prepare for the class time. Check-in time is 9:45AM.
- Any special instructions for your child for a particular day should be given to the teacher at the time of drop off.
- We make it a practice to have parents drop off their child at the nursery door. A child's parent entering the room diverts the child's attention from their individualized ministers, and brings disruption to already settled children. Only in very rare situations would a parent need to enter with their child. Our ministry team has much experience in comforting and settling even the most reluctant child. If a child cannot be settled or if any other issue may arise, you will be called promptly using our call system.
- The numbered card you receive at the time your child enters the nursery is very important. Only the person with the number card will be able to pick up your child. The teacher cannot release your child until the number card is presented. This procedure verifies that your child is being released to the person responsible for his or her well-being and protection.
- Please label your child's diaper bag and/or any other personal items.
- A light snack is provided at some point during the class time. Please let the teacher know of any foods that are unsuitable for your child or if they have any food allergies.
- Please bring extra diapers or training pants and a change of clothes. This will keep us prepared for any accidents.



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- It is not necessary to check on your child during the service. Your child is receiving quality personal ministry by responsible experienced nursery ministers. As you relax, it will be easy to receive all God has for you during the service. If your child needs you, the number you received for your child will be displayed on the monitor on the sanctuary wall.
- At the time of pick-up, please wait outside the door for the teacher to release your child. Please do not enter the room in order to maintain peace and safety for all children.
- We do receive an offering during the class time. All offerings given in this class go directly back to supporting our Children's Ministry. If you wish for your child to participate in this portion of the class, please provide an offering for them as they enter the classroom. If you wish to support the children's ministry on your own, you can designate "Children's Ministry" on your offering memo.
- Children with visible contagious symptoms may not be accepted in the nursery that day to protect the health and safety of the whole. Please refer to the section on Health Standards.
- It is not necessary to bring toys or books to occupy your child. Our nursery supplies each child with an abundance of teaching, worship, and hands on activities to engage your child for them to fully receive the ministry provided.
- A child is promoted from the nursery when the class leadership feels that they are ready to advance. They should be potty trained and have progressed to a level of natural, emotional, and spiritual maturity needed for promotion. This maturity is important for a child to adjust to the changes they experience as they move to the next class.
- Please note that when you receive your child from their classroom, they are then under your supervision. You are responsible to care for and watch them while on church property. This church and its ministers and teachers are not liable for any mishap that could possibly occur after they are released from their class.



NURSERY HEALTH STANDARDS

We know your child's welfare is important to you. Therefore, to work with every parent, the following measures have been implemented to ensure a safe and hygienic environment. Your help and responsibility will demonstrate your concern and protection not only for your child, but all the other children in this classroom. Following these standards will benefit the whole nursery ministry.

A child displaying any of the following symptoms will NOT be accepted in the nursery.

1. Fever
2. Diarrhea
3. Vomiting
4. Thrush
5. Roseola
6. Pink eye
7. Chicken Pox
8. Impetigo
9. Scabies
10. Any other communicable disease
11. Ear infection
12. The common cold, in a contagious stage. A child with colored nasal discharge, persistent cough or congestion, will not be accepted for nursery ministry.

Thank you for working with us to uphold the health standards of this classroom. Please inform us of any illness your child is experiencing. We will prevail in prayer with you to see the health of your child restored as they live in God's blessings.

Please note that the nursery teacher has the final decision to accept a child who has questionable symptoms of illness.



PARENTS' PRAYER

Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray and decree Your Word over my children and surround them with faith, faith in Your Word, that You watch over it to perform it. I confess and believe that my children are disciples of Christ, taught of the Lord and obedient to Your will. Great is the peace of my children, because You, God, contend with that which contends them, and You give them safety and security.

Father, I believe You will perfect that which concerns me. I commit and cast the care of my children once and for all over on You, Father. They are in your hands, and I am positively persuaded that You are able to guard and keep that which I have committed to You. You are more than enough, Lord.

My children are called to obey their parents in the Lord as His representatives, because this is just and right. My children, _____, honor, esteem, and value as precious their parents; for this is the first commandment with a promise: that all may be well with my children and that they may live long on the earth. I speak truth over my children that they have been created to choose life, and love You, Lord, obey Your voice, and cling to You—for You are their life and the length of their days. Therefore, my children are the head and not the tail, and shall be above only and not beneath. They are blessed when they come in and when they go out.

I thank you, Father, that You give Your angels charge over my children, and ask You to release them now to accompany, defend and preserve my children in all their ways. You, Lord, are their refuge and strength. You, are the glory and the lifter of their heads.

By Your grace Lord, I will not provoke, irritate, or fret over my children, or make them feel inferior and unworthy. As stewards of the children You entrusted to me, I commit to rearing them tenderly in the instruction, discipline, counsel, and admonition of the Lord. As they are trained in the way of the Lord, I believe I will see them mature into the godly man or woman You have destined for them to be, and they will live for God all the days of their life.

O Lord, my Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth. To You belong all glory. My children increase in wisdom and in favor with God and man. Out of the mouth of babes and unweaned infants You have established strength because of Your foes, that You might silence and defeat the enemy and the avenger. I sing praise to Your name, O Most High. The enemy is turned back from my children in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture references: Jer. 1:12; Isa. 54:13, 49:25; 1Pet. 5:7; 2Tim. 1:12; Eph. 6:1-3; Deut. 30:19,20, 28:13, 28:3,6; Ps. 91:2; Ps. 3:3; Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4; Pro. 22:6; Ps. 8:1,2, 9:2,3; Lk. 2:52.