



November 21, 2017

Dear Franconia Baptist Preschool Parents,

We write to inform you that the congregation of Franconia Baptist Church voted this past Sunday to close Franconia Baptist Preschool at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. We felt it was important to inform you immediately to ensure families are able to plan for the 2018-2019 school year. We will complete the 2017-2018 school year as planned and look forward to the many activities scheduled for the children. We plan to host a celebration during the spring semester as a way both to thank parents, teachers, and our community, and to praise God for over forty years of preschool operations. (Details will be forthcoming).

As a Baptist church, the final decision-making authority resides with the congregation. We bring you this sad news after a year of prayerful and careful consideration of our ministries. Our congregation of roughly seventy active members has come to realize and accept our abilities and limitations in supporting and effectively managing a preschool that cares for up to ninety-nine children and oversees more than twenty staff members. We praise God for the current season of stability with the preschool leadership known by many of you this school year. Unfortunately, we are unable to continue to sustain this same environment beyond the current school year due to the limited availability of our congregation to participate in and assist with management of the preschool as a ministry of the church.

Franconia Baptist Preschool has a rich history and has served a need in the community for numerous decades. The preschool would not have been in operation as long as it has been without the faithful and dedicated teachers and parents who have been a vital part of our campus, and, of course, the adorable and delightful children who have come through our doors. Within our current church membership, we have several parents and grandparents who have participated in many of the preschool activities over the past decades. For all of this, we are grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

With this decision to close the preschool, we pray you will be encouraged to trust in our good and sovereign God. We will be following up in the days and months to come with supportive transition plans. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything with our leadership, please contact us by phone at 703-971-4475 or 703-971-4613, or send an email to office@franconiabaptist.org or fbpchairman@franconiabaptist.org.

On behalf of the members of Franconia Baptist Church,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Roark', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Nick Roark
Pastor
Franconia Baptist Church