

# CHILDCARE GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

## General

- Childcare facilities will be open 15 minutes prior to regular church services and approximately 15 minutes after church services. Childcare facilities are also available to support mid-week ministries.
- Parents/guardians should pick up children immediately following the conclusion of a worship service or event.
- Childcare facilities are available for parents/guardians attending church related activities only.
- All children must be signed-in by the parent/guardian when they are placed in childcare, and all information on the sign- in sheet must be provided.
- Please do not send siblings to pick up children from childcare. Children will be released only to adults.
- Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to take one of the silent beepers for instant notification.

## Clothing

- Diaper bags, clothing and other personal items must be labeled with the child's name.
- Disposable diapers are preferred.
- Nursery-age children undergoing toilet training should have with them a change of clothing in a labeled bag.
- It is not advisable for your child to bring personal toys or other valued possessions unless it is a security item such as a blanket or pacifier.

## **Illness**

- Children who are sick (fever, colored mucus, coughing, vomiting within the last 24 hours, skin rash, thrush, pink-eye) will not be permitted to be in the childcare facilities.
- If your child develops a fever or other illness while at the church, you will be asked to take your child home so as to provide treatment.
- Medication will not be given to any child in childcare. However, please advise the lead childcare provider if your child has an epi-pin.
- Parents/guardians must report any food allergies to the childcare staff.

## **Food**

- Please do not schedule any major feedings when your child will be in childcare. The staff will give bottles to infants and will serve age-appropriate snacks to toddlers and preschoolers.
- If your child has a food allergy or a special need related to food, please notify the childcare staff.
- We do have a private area for nursing mothers.