



Barbara Forbes Bio:

I have been working at Westwood Baptist Preschool for over 25 years. I started in 1994 as a teacher's aide, and a year later I continued my journey here as the Bible teacher. I then became the director in 2003. I feel blest working with children - it's the best job in the world!

I have taken over 200 hours in early childhood classes, and was mentored for 9 years by the director before me.

I married my husband in 1976, and have two grown daughters and five grandchildren. I love spending time with my family, and being a grandmother. All of my grandchildren have come through the preschool.

God has filled my heart with love for little children, and I am passionate about teaching God's love and truths to them.



Andria Rice Bio:

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join the Westwood Baptist Preschool teaching team.

I graduated from Western Washington University with a Bachelor's degree in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, and then went on to earn my Master's in Teaching.

I've had the privilege to teach early elementary students in the Philippines, China, and here in the U.S. In recent years, I've been blessed to stay home with my three children. During that time, I have volunteered in various children's ministries, and some of my favorite memories with my own children include spending time in their preschool classes.

I love teaching, and am excited to work with the staff, children, and parents of Westwood Baptist Preschool.



Ivy Schwandt Bio:

I was born and raised in Taiwan in a loving Christian family. I earned my BA degree with a President's honor from WSU where I met my husband. My husband and I have two beautiful children, whom we love spending time with.

I have served in the children's ministry in Taiwan and the US for over 23 years. I am currently volunteering in Awana and teaching young children Mandarin at the Chinese School. I also work with children under 8 years old at the Valley Athletic Club in charge of large muscle activities twice a week. I have always loved working with children, and value each child's uniqueness. My heart overflows with joy when I see them growing in friendships and sharing God's love.

I am very honored to be a part of Westwood Baptism Preschool teacher team and your preschooler learning journey.



Kristine Hagara Bio:

I am delighted to join the Westwood Baptist Preschool team, and thankful for the opportunity to nurture and grow each child's heart and mind.

God has gifted me with a joyful spirit, abundant energy and a heart to serve Him.

I earned my Associates of Arts degree in Business. For the past 17 years God has been at work giving me opportunities to develop my skills and love for preschoolers. I have served as a Children's Leader in BSF (Bible Study Fellowship), a Sunday school teacher and Awana leader. I taught Preschool at Cornerstone Christian School and worked at Briggs YMCA teaching Creative Movement and Preschool Sports.

I delight in recognizing God's uniqueness in each child while joyfully sharing His love with them.