



Byron United Methodist Church

2024-2025

PRESCHOOL STAFF

Director.....Ms. Melanie Sherrell

Two-Year Old Class.....Ms. Natyeli Ford

Three-Year Old Class..... Ms. Lacey Zeuner

Four-Year Old Class..... Ms. Catherine Price

Preschool Board

Melanie Sherrell (Preschool Director)

Mr. Joshua Bizzell (Senior Pastor)

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Byron United Methodist Church Preschool Program

Welcome to the Byron United Methodist Church Preschool Program established in 1994, and dedicated to providing a loving preschool learning experience to all children.

School Policy

Byron United Methodist Church preschool is a Christian tuitional, self-supporting, non-profit organization, whose policies are determined by a preschool board.

Byron United Methodist Church preschool does not discriminate on the basis of race, nationality, ethnic origin, or religion. However, it is important to realize that Byron United Methodist Church preschool is a Christian ministry, and as such, will include prayers, blessings, Bible stories, and Christian songs.

This program is not a licensed child care facility and is not required to be licensed by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. This program is exempt from state licensure requirements.

Byron United Methodist Church preschool reserves the right and privilege of dismissing any child, if, after entering the school, they seem unable to participate in group experiences, or if fees have not been paid.

Hours of Operation and Dropping Off and Picking Up

Our Preschool is open Monday through Thursday August through May. Our day begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp. You may drop your child off as early as 8:50 a.m. Please do not be any earlier than this, unless prior arrangements have been made with the director, as this is the teacher's preparation period.

When you walk your child in, please take them to the restroom to wash their hands.

All classes end at 12:00 noon. If you are not able to pick up your child on time, please contact the director. If a child is not picked up by 12:10 PM, there will be a \$5.00 charge for every ten minute increment you are tardy.

We must be notified if your child is to be picked up by someone who is not designated on the registration form. If an emergency arises, please call the director at 478-918-7069.

Health Requirements

We are required by the State of Georgia to have on file, an immunization record of each child. We can accept the official Certificate of Immunization (form #3227). Or, we can accept your child's immunization record from the health department, or from your personal physician. All immunization records must be turned in by the first week of school.

You should keep your child home from school if they show any signs of a contagious disease, or have a sore throat, fever, vomiting, upset stomach, etc. We want the Golden Rule to be our illness policy - do unto our other preschool families, as you would have them do unto you. If your child is sick, they need you! We will call you if your child becomes ill while at school.

Registration, Tuition and Fees

The registration fee for Byron United Methodist Church preschool is \$100.00. Tuition is \$1,800.00 per year for all classes. Total tuition can be paid in advance, or two payments of \$900.00 each (August & January), or ten monthly payments of \$180.00. **The monthly rate is the same regardless of the number of days per month that we are open. We are now accepting cashless payments using a debit or credit card.**

Each month, you will receive an envelope to use to pay your child's tuition. Please make checks payable to "Byron U M C Preschool". Tuition is due between the first and tenth of each month – August through May. After the tenth of each month, please add a \$10.00 late fee to your check.

All additional fees are included in the price of the tuition, with the exception of any field trip expenses that we may request assistance for.

Our preschool offers a \$10.00 per child discount on tuition for families with multiple children enrolled. Example: If you have two children enrolled, deduct \$20.00 from your monthly fee.

Our preschool charges a \$15.00 fee for any returned checks. After the second returned check, we ask that you please pay by cash or money order.

Tuition and late fees must be paid in full by the end of each month in order for your child to attend the following month. **Tuition payments will not be refunded or applied to future months in the event of days/weeks missed due to quarantine or exposure to an infectious disease. Tuition will not be required for months missed due to forced shut down. (ex: April & May 2020)**

Payments can be made by cash, check, debit or credit card.

- \$1,800.00 for the year
- \$ 900.00 in two payments (August & January)
- \$ 180.00 per month for ten months

CLOTHING AND WHAT TO BRING

Washable play clothes are the most suitable for preschool. Children enjoy their varied experiences at preschool more if they are not concerned about their clothing. Clothing should be appropriate, and suitable to the season and day. Please send sweaters and jackets on cold days. Clothes should be marked with the child's name.

For our two-year olds, please send an extra outfit, extra set of underwear, extra diapers or pull-ups, and diaper wipes.

Although our three-year olds are generally potty trained, we understand accidents will happen, especially at the beginning of the school year. Please send an extra set of clothes and underwear for your child also.

Children may bring a book bag or backpack for notes, papers, artwork, etc. For our two-year olds, we ask that you send their diaper bag. Be sure all belongings have your child's name on them.

Please discourage your child from bringing toys or other personal items to preschool. We will have designated 'show and tell' days when favorite toys or stuffed animals can be brought and shared with the class.

SNACK TIME

We serve a mid-morning snack each day. **If your child is allergic to any foods, please indicate this on the registration form.**

You are welcome to bring or send a special snack for your child's birthday or special occasion. Please let us know in advance when you wish to do this.

CALENDAR

The preschool program will operate according to the Peach County school calendar. Please see last page. We will close for all school observed holidays **except teacher in service days.**

VISITATION

After the first week of preschool we ask that parents and relatives limit their visits during class time.

If your child is having difficulties adjusting to preschool we will meet with the parents to discuss possible strategies to help your child make a smooth transition to our program.

BYRON UMC PRESCHOOL

2024-25 SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

(Information received from www.peachschools.org & aligned with
Peach County School system holidays)

August 5, 2024	First Day of Preschool
September 2	Holiday: Labor Day
October 7-11	Holiday: Fall Break
November 11	Holiday: Veterans day
November 25-29	Holiday: Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 19-Jan. 5	Holiday: Christmas/New Year's Break
January 6, 2025	Students Return to Preschool
January 20	Holiday: Martin Luther King day
February 17	Holiday: Presidents day
Mar. 31-Apr. 4	Holiday: Spring Break
May 15	Preschool Last Day (Celebration)