

## Our Preschool Ministry exists ...

To introduce children to Christ;  
To teach children about God's truths in  
a way that they can understand;  
To encourage children to live the way  
God wants them to;  
To provide a place where children can  
experience God's love personally;  
and to support families as they seek to  
build a spiritual foundation in their  
children's lives.



### 2017-2018 Preschool Calendar

- Sept 17 Regular Preschool programming begins (9:45am)
- Dec 9 Preschool Pageant dress rehearsal (9am)
- Dec 10 Preschool Pageant (11am)
  
- Dec 24 Reduced program - preschool classes at 10am only
- Dec 31 Reduced program - preschool classes at 11am only
- April 1 Easter
- June 2 Kids Carnival (11am to 1pm)
- July 9-13 Vacation Bible School (age 4 to Grade 5)

## Bethany Preschool Ministry

Birth to Age 4



Information for Parents  
2017-2018

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# Welcome to the Preschool Ministry at Bethany Baptist Church!



## Location and Times

Bethany's preschool rooms are located in the preschool wing on the main floor of our church building (Snails class is located off the foyer):

- Turtles** (green door): Born after August 31, 2015
- Bunnies** (yellow door): Born September to December 2014, and January to August, 2015
- Roadrunners** (blue door): Born in 2013, and January to August, 2014

From September to June, our preschool classes are offered from **9:30am to 12:15pm** (until the end of the morning service).

In July and August, our Sunday morning preschool programs are offered from **10:15am** until approximately 11:40am.

## Checking In and Picking Up

When you arrive to sign-in your child, you will be issued a **numbered card** that our volunteers will record on the sign-in sheet. We will use this number to **page you** if necessary – watch for the large red numbers that will flash on the small screens on either side of the sanctuary stage. **This numbered tag is also required for picking up your child.** On your first visit with us, you will also be required to complete a **registration form** including contact information.

If your child has any **food allergies**, it is very important that you inform your child's preschool leader upon check-in.

Upon pick-up, please check the counter and the wall-pockets beside the counter to collect any of your child's crafts and take-home pages.

## Saying Goodbye

It is common for children to cry when being dropped off by a parent. This generally does not last, and it is best if the parent simply says goodbye and leaves. If after 10 minutes we cannot calm your child, we will page you.

## Checking on your Child

It can be very upsetting to a child to see their parents part way through the morning, and this can upset other children as well. Please resist the urge to check on your child. We will page you if your child is upset.

## Our Program

We believe that even our littlest preschoolers can learn about God! Each preschool class time (18 months and older) includes a Bible story, singing, snack, craft time, and free play (in the playground, weather permitting).

## What to Bring

Children in **diapers** need to come with enough diapers and wipes to last for the morning. Feel free to include a soother or special "blankie" if your child might need it for comfort.

Depending on the weather, children may have a period of outdoor play on our preschool playground. Please bring a **coat** for your child in cooler weather, and a **sun hat** in summer.

Please bring infants in their **infant car seat** so that our caregivers have a safe and comfortable place to lay a calm or sleeping baby.

Please **label** any personal items you will be leaving with your child in their class. Please do not bring any personal toys from home.

## Our Volunteer Staff

All of our volunteer staff are carefully chosen as competent, safe, and trustworthy caregivers who love God wholeheartedly and who are part of the Bethany church family. Our staff are clearly identified with nametags and lanyards when on duty. Our volunteers always operate in groups of two or more, and no volunteer is alone with a child at any time.

## Our Health Policy

For the protection of all our children and caregivers, please do not bring children who are obviously sick to our preschool program.

## Nursing Mothers

Nursing mothers are welcome to use our couches or rocking chair in the Snails Drop-In Nursery at any time during the morning. It is located beside the main washrooms off the foyer of the church. The audio from the morning worship service can be heard in this room.

## Promotion to Next Class

Children are promoted to the next class in **September**, when the new school year begins. However, we do occasionally promote children from Turtles to Bunnies based on mobility rather than age, as recommended by our preschool staff. Check the class lists on the bulletin board in the preschool hallway if you are unsure which class your child is in.

## Contact Us

We welcome your comments, questions, and concerns about our preschool program. Contact the church office, or email us as follows:

### Program Coordinators

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