



AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGE 4 TO GRADE 3

When your child attains the age of 4 years, he or she is eligible to participate in the age-based worship service that is provided by our Children's Ministry. These children are dismissed from the adult worship service following the collection of tithes and offerings (Watch for the dismissal slide on the big screens.) They are accompanied by adults to the Children's Worship Room and supervised by capable children's ministers who lead them in singing and Bible instruction. During the worship assembly, children will be dismissed to move to "Kids Praise" after the collection is taken. **This is also the time for parents of infants and toddlers to take their children to the nurseries.**



If you *should* choose to keep your child with you in the worship service:

In the event your child becomes restless or disruptive, please feel free to utilize the reception area outside the nurseries, where you will find a diaper-changing table and a separate rest room, or bring them into the nursery.

Nursing mothers may use the rocking chairs in the infant nursery at any time.



Our Purpose:

- is to provide a safe, calm and nurturing environment for infants and toddlers during adult worship and Bible class periods.

Our Pledge:

- is to provide proper care for all children entrusted to us.

Your Part:

- is to trust our capable childcare providers.

Choices

Parents are not “expected” to bring the children in, but are welcome to. Each week, two attendants are scheduled in the two nursery rooms. Those rooms will be open to one another unless we have little ones who are crawling or barely walking and who might accidentally get stepped on by a toddler. In this case, we have a half-door dividing the two rooms that can be closed. We ask that parents plan to leave their children and not come back for them until the end of the worship service. While in the nurseries, children will have supervised play time, diaper checks and snacks. Please make attendants aware of any food allergies when you drop them off.

Each child left with attendants will be assigned a number and that number will be given to the parents. There is a parent-alert system in place so that, if a number lights up on one of the two small screens in the auditorium, parents will know that attendants need assistance from that particular family.

Classes for all ages are offered after the service, so parents planning to stay for that can just leave the little ones in the nursery. Infants – up to age 2 – will be taught in the toddler nursery and children 2 and older will be gathered by the pre-school teacher and taken into their classroom. For families planning to continue on to classes, it works best if the parents do not come into the nursery during the fellowship time before classes actually begin.

Covenant of Care

We agree to:

- Provide an environment that is secure and safe
- Provide an adequate number of qualified care-givers in each nursery
- Check diapers and provide a drink and snack
- Supervise playing and interaction with other children
- Notify parents in the event that the child becomes ill, is hurt, or cannot be consoled
- Dismiss children to the parent or guardian who delivered them into our care

You agree to:

- Deliver your child to the nursery *at the appropriate time*
- Refrain from checking on your child during the worship service or Bible class period
- Deliver your child at the door into the care and keeping of the authorized nursery attendants
- Trust the nursery attendants to contact you in the event your child cannot remain in the nursery.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

