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### NURSERY HANDBOOK



birth through kindergarten



BELIEVERS CHAPEL



Welcome to the Believers Chapel nursery. We consider it a privilege to serve your family, to lay a foundation for your child's spiritual growth, and to reinforce the training your child receives at home. We pray God's richest blessings on you as you nurture your child to grow in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

#### HELPING CHILDREN DEVELOP A LOVE & RESPECT FOR GOD'S WORD IN A FUN & NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

We provide a Christ-centered approach to caring for children from birth through kindergarten. Childcare is available during all regularly-scheduled meetings of the church, including Sunday and Wednesday Services and the Tuesday Women's Bible Study.

### DROP OFF & PICK UP

The nursery will open ten minutes prior to the start of the service. Children must be checked in at the registration desk.

Parents are encouraged to pick up their child as soon as possible following the services. In consideration of the volunteer workers, the nursery will close fifteen minutes after all church functions are dismissed.

Please provide your mobile number to the nursery leader so she car text you if needed. Nursery staff will find you in the service if there is an emergency.

# HEALTH & SAFETY

All of our nursery leaders are certified in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training for infants and children.

All of our nursery volunteers must pass a background check.

A First Aid Kit is available in the nursery.

All nursery toys are cleaned on a weekly basis. The carpet is professionally cleaned twice per year.



Older children and adults, other than nursery volunteers, are not permitted inside the nursery beyond the registration desk (except for nursing mothers).

Only women are allowed to change diapers and assist children in the restroom.

Personal toys should not be brought into the nursery, unless they are needed to comfort the child.

Due to allergies, snacks with peanuts are not permitted in the nursery.

For the protection of your child and the other children, parents are asked not to bring their child to the nursery if he/she has any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hours:

**Fever** (temperature above 100 degrees F) **Runny nose** (yellow to green contagious mucous) **Cough // Sore throat** 

Vomiting // Diarrhea

Croup

**Any skin infection** (rash, boils, ringworm, impetigo, pinkeye, lice) **Any symptom of unusual childhood diseases** (mumps, scarlet fever, German measles, chicken pox, pertussis, etc.)

Unusual irritability // Fatigue

Should a child develop any of the above symptoms during the service, he/she will be separated from the others and the parents notified.

The Nursery staff is not permitted to dispense prescription and/or over-the-counter medications to children.

We appreciate your compliance with these policies and procedures so that we may effectively minister to you and your child.

# 3 PARENT CHECKLIST

Please **label** all items including diaper bags, bottles, cups, pacifiers, coats, etc. belonging to your child.

Please provide at least one **diaper** per child for each church service.

Please bring **formula** prepared and ready to feed. Proper instructions for feeding should be specified.

### 4 OUR TIME TOGETHER

It is our desire for each child to be nurtured in a loving and structured atmosphere. Besides having a regularly-planned Bible lesson, memory verse, hymn-time, and coloring activity, the children participate in group activities such as puzzles, reading, indoor/outdoor play, and other age-appropriate activities.

## 5 DISCIPLINE POLICY

In order to maintain a safe and peaceful environment, we have found the following discipline methods to be successful in the nursery setting If a child is not following instructions, we first instruct the child and redirect him/her to an appropriate behavior or activity. If instructions are still not heeded, a time-out of three minutes is given and the parents are notified.

Once children turn six years old, they have graduated from the nursery and will join their parents in the church service(s).



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All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

**JOHN 6:37** 



Believers Chapel has Sunday School classes for children at 9:45 am for three-year-olds through sixth grade. Classes are centered in God's Word and include Bible lessons, Scripture memory, prayer, songs, and activities to reinforce learning. The curriculum progresses sequentially through the Bible with special lessons for Christmas and Easter. Visitors are warmly welcomed.

#### Three-Year-Old/Older Toddler

Taught by Steve & Shari Blodgett: (214) 673-3013, and Sue Menefee: (469) 733-2122

#### Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten

Taught by Becky Hamid-Khani: (972) 849-2215, and Mary Scammell: (214) 669-6522

If you have questions regarding the nursery ministry, please contact Sarah Terrell, Nursery Coordinator, at sarah.terrell@believers-chapel.org.

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord" (Psalm 127:3a)









#### WELCOME

We want to welcome you to Believers Chapel. Since our inception, we have sought to proclaim God's truths, love God's people, and follow the principles of the New Testament church. Romans 10:17 says, "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ." Whether you are a professing Christian or merely curious about faith, we invite you to come and hear the teaching of God's Word.

#### At Believers Chapel, our goal is profitable teaching, reverent worship, and warm fellowship.

No greater Christian fellowship exists on the face of the earth than a gathering of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers know what it is to be redeemed from the despair of a lost condition before the Lord God. We gather in worship and praise and give honor and glory to the Lamb of God who loved us and loosed us from our sins.

We invite you to join us!

#### SERVICE TIMES

Sunday // 8:30 am: First Service – Ministry of the Word Sunday // 9:45 am: Sunday School Sunday // 11:00 am: Second Service – Ministry of the Word Sunday // 6:30 pm: Evening Service – Lord's Supper Wednesday // 7:00 pm: Bible Study







