

Nursery Ministries Vision Statement

The First Presbyterian Church Nursery Ministries Vision Statement (taken from the Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church, Hattiesburg): We are prayerfully committed to working for the salvation of our covenant children, that every covenant child profess faith in Christ as Lord and Savior and begin to grow towards maturity and usefulness in Christ's service. The Nursery programs are an important part of our ministry as well as outreach to unchurched parents in the community as well as those seeking a new church home.



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Sunday Morning Check-In Procedures

How do I check in my child?



- † Guests begin at our Welcome Center desk ("Visitor Check-In") where they fill out a Visitor's Card (and Baby Schedule form, if applicable).
- † Parents will receive a pager. The child receives a sticker (to be placed on their back) with an identification number and the child's name.
- † Upon return to the classroom (within 10 minutes of the session's end), the parent will return the pager to the front desk in order to receive the preschooler.



How will you contact me if my child becomes ill or injured?

- † Our paging system will alert you with a vibration from your pager, so please keep your pager on you or in your pocket (not in your purse, please!)

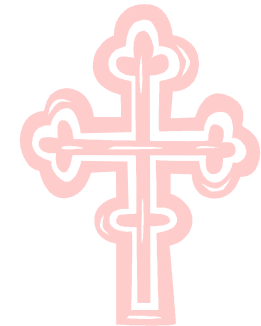


Who will be permitted in my child's classroom?

- † Parents of the child and Children's Ministry Team members (consisting of paid and volunteer teachers) will be in children's classrooms.

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Enjoying God,
Equipping Believers,
Evangelizing the
World

Wes Crider-Nursery Coordinator

Guidelines for Parents

✦ All children (birth-3 years old) are checked in and out by a parent or adult guardian. The same person should pick up the child.

✦ Parents of infants-toddlers should plan to bring a diaper bag with one or two disposable diapers/pull-ups per service (pacifier, bottle or sippy cups as needed), and a change of clothes. Each item must be clearly marked with the child's name. We ask that parents remain outside the doors when dropping off and picking up their child.

✦ There are special areas for mothers who nurse. Please ask at the Welcome Center (front desk).

✦ Snack and juice are offered to preschoolers (toddlers – kinders) during their stay. Please advise staff if your child has a food allergy or if you prefer for your child to have a snack brought from home.

✦ If your child has an unexplained rash, runny nose, cough, open sores, diarrhea, fever, contagious disease or illness, or if you know that they just are not feeling well, they **SHOULD NOT** be admitted to the preschool. Preschool teachers will **NOT** administer medicine.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship/Children's Church—10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Fellowship Meal—5:45 p.m.
Evening Program—6:30 p.m.



Sunday School

Bible Study and an encouraging environment for ages birth through kindergarten. Here, nursery children will begin to learn and experience the ultimate love and security for their lives found in God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ. They'll learn that Jesus does love them.



Nursery Availability

Nursery is provided for all children ages birth through 3-years-old during the following Church activities:

- ✦ Sunday School
- ✦ Sunday Morning Worship Service
- ✦ Sunday Night Service
- ✦ Wednesday Night
- ✦ First Monday K-Group
- ✦ Tuesday Morning Combined WIC
- ✦ Bible Conference
- ✦ Missions Conference
- ✦ Thanksgiving Morning
- ✦ Christmas Eve Communion
- ✦ For Vacation Bible School Teachers

This program consists of a lesson, songs, small snack, and play. We utilize this time to teach our children Jesus' love!

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Jesus Loves Me *Trinity Hymnal, No. 189*

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.
Jesus loves me, He who died,
heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in.



Catechism Book

The Catechism Book is used throughout early Christian education to reinforce Christian principles in our youth. Copies are available upon request in the Church Office.