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Jesus said, "When you welcome one of these children,  
you welcome me." (Matthew 18:5)

With this verse as our guide, we strive to create the best environment for all families and all children. We know that when people are on our campus, we have an opportunity to give a positive impression of the Church. We want to make sure that your family has a meaningful and positive experience with our Nursery and Preschool Ministry.

When a family entrusts us with their child/ren, we make the following covenant with you.

- We promise that from the moment your family arrives on our campus until you leave, you will be treated with love, respect and care.
- We promise to give your children our full attention and focus while they are in our care.
- We promise that the adults who are caring for your children have been trained and are committed to our Child Protection Policy.

We view our Nursery and Preschool Childcare to be a ministry of the Church. As such we will do all we can to be the hands and feet of Christ.

This book will give you the Shared Commitments we use to guide our time with children.

### *Staff and Volunteers*

All paid staff and volunteers have gone through a background check and been trained in the Church's Child Protection Policy. A copy of the policy is kept in each room. If you would like a copy, you can find it at [www.mpbconline.org](http://www.mpbconline.org) or by emailing Carrie Veal at [cveal@mpbconline.org](mailto:cveal@mpbconline.org).

We have at least two paid childcare staff in all of our nursery and preschool rooms. They are gifted to work with children and dedicated to giving the very best care. They are certified in CPR and basic first aid. We work hard to keep the same providers in the same room each week to allow for consistency.

During the Faith Formation hour (9:45–10:45, September – May) volunteers will come in alongside the paid staff to lead a Faith Formation lesson.

### *General Guidelines and Policies*

While each room has some specific guidelines, there are a few that pertain to all children in all our rooms.

## Checking In and Out

- Our Nursery and Preschool rooms will be staffed by 9:20 AM on Sundays.
- Upon arriving the first time we will have a child registration card for your family to fill out.
- Each week you will sign in your child in the registration notebook at their classroom.
- We ask that you provide a cell phone number and keep your phone handy in the event that we need to reach you.
- Please make sure all belongings are labeled with your child's name.
- Checking in and out can sometimes cause anxiety for parents and children. Parents are asked to give the necessary information then allow one of our staff to settle children in for the morning.
- Children may cry for a moment after their parents leave, but the staff will give great care to comfort and refocus an upset child. Parents will be contacted if a child is inconsolable for more than 10 minutes.
- Children will be released only to adults who have been granted permission to pick up.
- All children should be picked up within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the on-site activity that childcare is provided for.

## Sickness

In the event your child becomes ill or injured while in our care, we will call you immediately. For the health and safety of the children and staff, we ask that children who have had the following symptoms within the last 24 hours to not be placed in childcare:

- a. Fever
- b. Diarrhea
- c. Vomiting
- d. Impetigo (infected wounds), boils, untreated ringworms
- e. Runny nose with green or yellow mucus discharge
- f. Communicable eye infections, conjunctivitis (pink-eye)
- g. Contagious skin rash
- h. Cough, croup (except in the case of allergy)
- i. Any symptom of usual childhood disease such as mumps, measles, chicken pox
- j. First dose of antibiotics within the past 24 hours.

Our staff will not administer any type of medication to your child. If medicine is needed, we ask that parents come to the room and administer it.

## Food

We are very aware of the different food allergies that children have. Please be sure you let the staff know of any allergies your child may have. While we will keep some very basic snacks on hand, we ask that you provide snack for your child. We will not allow our staff to have food in the rooms so that we can ensure the safety of everyone present. We do ask that the snack your child brings be nut-free.

## Baby Room

*(infants 8 weeks – one year [or walking])*

The baby room is designed for our littlest ones. This space will allow children to feel loved and care for. There is an outdoor space for fresh air. Parents are asked to give instructions on feeding and nap times.

Room 104

## Toddler Room

*(walking – three years old)*

With toys and a playground designed for this age group, our toddler room is always active. There is an in-room bathroom to allow for potty training.

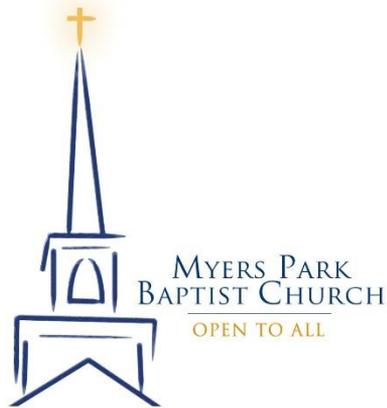
Room 105

## Threes and Fours

*(by September 1 of the current year)*

During the Faith Formation Year (Sunday after Labor Day – the last Sunday in May) children will have a Faith Formation lesson led by trained volunteers. Our Threes and Fours room has toys and a playground designed for this age group. There is an in-room bathroom as well.

Room 107



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