

The Church of the Open Bible | Nursery Parent Policy 2022-2023

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Welcome!

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting us with your precious little one(s) during our church services. This is a privilege and a responsibility that we as nursery workers do not take lightly. Our desire is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where your child will feel comfortable, thus enabling you as parents to focus your heart on our Lord Jesus Christ during worship services with full confidence that your child is being well cared for. We pray that your child will be introduced to the love of Christ through the love of those who care for them in nursery. If you have any questions or concerns about the nursery, please feel free to contact me.

In His Service and for His Kingdom,
Megan Shukri

Nursery Structure

Service	Infant Nursery	Toddler Nursery
Sunday School	0-23 months	CLOSED <i>Children begin attending Sunday School classes after their second birthday</i>
AM Service	0-17 months	18 months - 3 years <i>Children begin attending Children's Church once they are 3 years old <u>and</u> potty trained</i>
PM Service	0-17 months	18 months - 5 years
Summer Wednesdays & Special Events	0-17 months	18 months - 5 years

Infant Nursery

Designed for the youngest children, our infant nursery is equipped with age-appropriate toys, swings, bouncy chairs, exersaucers, and pack-n-plays. The infant nursery is adequately staffed so as to meet the needs of the littlest babies should they need to be held, rocked, played with, fed, or changed. Space is available for nursing mothers to feed their babies as well.

Toddler Nursery

Designed for children 18 months and older, our toddler nursery contains age-appropriate toys and activities. We have a kitchen set, train table, books, trucks, blocks, and puzzles. We also provide activities for older children during the evening services. During most services, there will be a short Bible story and coloring sheets that correspond to the story.

All nursery workers have been approved by the Elders and have a current clear background check on file.

Nursery Policies

Drop Off & Pickup

- Please sign your child in on the clipboard. Include any pertinent information such as allergies, anticipated feeding time, nap time, or potty time.
- Please make sure that all personal items are labeled with your child's name. Masking tape is available for unlabeled items.
- In the event your child needs you during the service, nursery workers will text you. If unable to reach you, they will call the trustee in the foyer who will notify you.
- At pickup, children will only be released to those authorized on the sign-in sheet.

Snacks

- Our nursery is nut-free. Please do not bring any nut products into the nursery.
- The standard provided is cheddar Goldfish crackers. If your child is allergic to this snack or if you would prefer your child to have a nut-free snack from home, please inform the nursery workers.
- Please bring a labeled water bottle for your child

Diapers & Bathroom

- Your child(ren)'s diaper will be checked during each service. Only adult female workers will be changing diapers or assisting toddlers in the bathroom.
- Please let the nursery workers know if you have special requests regarding diaper changes or if your child is potty training.

Wellness

Please use the following guidelines to assess whether your child should attend nursery:

OK to Attend

- Clear runny nose
- Fever free for 24 hrs
- Vomit/diarrhea - free for 24 hrs

NOT OK to Attend

- Gunky/not-clear runny nose
- Excessive coughing
- Current fever, or within past 24 hours
- Current GI issues (vomiting/diarrhea), or within past 24 hrs
- Subject to current COVID protocols

Emergency Protocols

Injury/Medical Emergency

Should a medical emergency occur, nursery workers have been instructed to call 911 immediately if necessary. After that, or in the event that a child needs medical attention but not emergency first responders, nursery workers will notify the trustees on duty in the church foyer. The trustees will bring the parents and support staff to the scene.

Evacuation

The trustees will assist the nursery worker in safely bringing all of the nursery children outside. They will exit the building to the Randall Drive entrance of the church property and then walk along the fence to the grass area near the playground. Parents can reunite with their child(ren) at the playground. Children will only be released to parents or adults listed on the sign-in sheet once the Trustees have confirmed head count. Siblings may not pick up children