

# Spring Run Presbyterian Church Nursery

## FAQ

**Thank you for trusting us to care for your children as you worship. We strive to teach the children about their Heavenly Father's love for them through word and deed. We know that you may have questions about the nurseries, and have tried to answer the most common ones here.**

### **How do I sign my child in?**

Please complete the sign in sheet, and be sure to include information about allergies, potty training, soothing techniques for infants, or any other specific requests or concerns. Be sure to label all belongings – diaper bags, sippy cups or bottles, etc. We ask that children not bring toys from home, but if it is necessary to bring a transitional object, be sure that it is clearly labeled as well.

### **What age children are in the nurseries?**

We have two nurseries – one for children birth-walking and another for walkers through 3 years. Parents of 3 year olds may decide whether they prefer to put their child in the nursery, or have the child in worship and children's worship (children age 3 years-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed for children's worship at the beginning of the sermon).

### **Is there a way for me to be contacted during the service if my child needs me?**

When you sign your child in, both parent and child will receive a tag with a number on it. If you are needed during the service (because your child is hurt, inconsolably fussy for more than 10 minutes, or appears ill, etc), the number will be displayed on the screens in the sanctuary. If you see your child's number displayed, please report to the nursery immediately.

### **What will my child be doing?**

Your child will have opportunity for hearing about God's love for them, listening to Bible stories and spiritual songs. Each child will be prayed for. There will also be ample time for free play with age-appropriate toys. We do have pack and plays in a separate room for naps when necessary. There is also a place for nursing moms.

### **What about sick children?**

We try to keep our nurseries as healthy as possible. We ask that children NOT be placed in the nursery if they have had a fever or gastrointestinal distress in the last 24 hours, or if they have a thick, colored nasal discharge. However, because many illnesses are most contagious before symptoms appear, children will pick up colds, etc, in the nursery, just as they would in any group setting. Children who are too sick for the nursery, but well enough to be at church, are welcome in the worship service.

**Will my child get a snack?**

Children will only be fed if specific instructions and bottles/snacks are provided by the parent. *It is the parent's responsibility to notify the nursery workers of any allergies or other concerns. This information can be written on the sign-in sheet but should also be communicated verbally.*

**Who is watching my kids?**

We believe that the church is a family, and that we all have a responsibility for caring for and nurturing our children. As new members join the church, and have interest in serving in the nursery, they will be added to the nursery rotation following confirmation that they are not on the state's sex offender registry. Regular attendees may also serve in the nursery after a minimum 3 month waiting period, and sex offender registry check. This will give the church leadership more time to get to know them. Older children, age 10 and up, may also serve alongside their parents if they wish to.

**Are the nurseries clean?**

We do our best to keep the nurseries clean. Toys will be cleaned each week and after they've been mouthed, and workers wash hands upon arrival and after all diaper changes or toileting. There are sinks, diaper changing stations and restrooms conveniently located in or near the nursery rooms.

**Are the nurseries safe?**

Again, we do our best to make the nurseries as safe as possible. We screen all nursery workers. We also strive to have at least 2 unrelated adults in each room at all times for liability reasons. While we are a small church, this may not be possible at all times, but it is always our goal. We have a first aid kit on hand. Many of the nursery workers are parents and/or teachers.

**Who do I contact for more information?**

The nursery director is Heath Taws (412-8112 x4); [heath@springrunpc.org](mailto:heath@springrunpc.org)). Please feel free to contact him with questions or concerns.