

Emergencies

You will be contacted immediately if your child has been noticeably or significantly injured (e.g. a bump or bruise forms or the skin is broken). The caregiver will fill out an accident report and the Nursery Director will be notified.



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Nursery Ministry Parent Brochure

Co-op Ministry



Therefore whoever humbles himself as
this little child is the greatest in the
kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives
one little child like this in
My name receives Me.
Matthew 18:4-5



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Welcome to the Nursery!

Our Facility

Our nursery rooms are located in the front of the foyer. In order to provide a clean and safe environment for your child, we have a regular cleaning schedule that includes washing blankets, sheets, toys, cribs, and maintaining an organized room. We provide snacks (animal crackers, etc.) for children who are able to eat solid foods. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies or does not eat solid foods each time you check your child into the Nursery.



Our Goal

Our purpose at Grace Chapel is "to turn non-Christians into converts, converts into disciples, and disciples into mature fruitful leaders, who then go into the world and reach others for Christ." This also our goal in the Nursery. We desire to nurture a child's trust and confidence by providing a tender, secure, and loving environment. Our aim is that each child will experience the love of Jesus through our caregivers.



What is Parent Co-op?

Our goal is to provide you and your child with the best possible loving care. To accomplish this goal, we need your participation. Our parent co-op approach consists of loving parents like you who desire the best for their children. Our parent co-op works best when you're on the team!

How Does Parent Co-op Work?

Parents who have children and who receive care from the nursery are expected to sign up to volunteer once every six weeks during the morning service to help keep the nursery running smoothly. Also, if the Nursery is understaffed on a Sunday and "999" is displayed on the visual pager, that means we need your help in our Nursery and would ask you to come out of the service and lend a hand (preferably those not yet serving on a Co-op team).

Staffing Requirements

The nursery room is staffed with volunteers who serve on a six week rotating basis. All our volunteers have undergone a Criminal Background check. To insure safety and optimal care we maintain a ratio of **1** caregiver for every **2** infants, and **1** caregiver for every **4** toddlers. If we have reached our capacity or our caregiver-to-child ratio is exceeded, you will be asked to join us (if you are not on the regular rotation schedule — "999").



In order to provide continuity and stability in the nursery, we have a nursery coordinator who will be available during the service. Our aim is to provide the best spiritual, emotional, and physical care possible, and to uphold godly standards in all of our interactions with your child.

Health Standards

Our nursery is a well-baby nursery. We ask that you do not bring your child into the nursery room if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

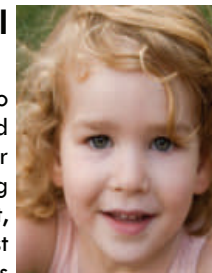
1. Fever— a temperature of 100 degrees or more
2. Signs and symptoms of possible illness- unusual lethargy, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, difficulty in breathing, or persistent crying or irritability
3. Diarrhea and Vomiting— within the last 24 hours
4. Contagious skin rash
5. Runny nose— green or yellow mucous from nose associated with the common cold
6. Head Lice
7. Symptoms of conjunctivitis or pink eye



Just as you trust us to care for your child, we trust you when deciding whether or not to bring your child to Grace if they are ill. Our teachers and staff are qualified to see that our health guidelines are followed consistently. Bringing only well children ensures that the teachers are not placed in the awkward position of not being able to accept your child into the class for the sake of others.

Registration & Visual Paging System

When you register your child into the nursery, you will sign your child in and you will receive a number corresponding with a visual paging system that is located in the front, left side of the Sanctuary. At least one parent must remain on campus at all times. In case of illness, emergency, or if your child is crying excessively, we will notify you by displaying your pre-assigned pager number.



Checking Out

For the safety of your child, he or she will only be allowed to be picked up by a parent or guardian and they must present your family's number to the Grace nursery worker. Please don't send siblings (under 18 years) to pick up your child. This avoids confusion and lets us communicate directly with you should the need arise.

Things to Bring

1. At least one diaper (for sanitation reasons, we require disposable diapers)
 2. A bottle or cup with drink already mixed
 3. Special snacks if your child has allergies (Please notify the nursery workers of specific allergies *each time* as you check in).
 4. A change of clothes (for accidents)
 5. A pacifier or special blanket, if desired by child.
- Please mark all items with your child's name.

Nursing Moms Room

There is a special room just for mothers and their babies that is private and wired with a closed circuit T.V. on the eastside of the foyer. The entrance is in the hallway near the drinking fountain.

