

Feeding Information

For the nursery, we are happy to give clearly labeled, prepared bottles to babies up to 12 months, as well as solid food provided by the parents.

Children in the toddler room will be given a snack of water and goldfish or Ritz crackers. Please let us know if this is not good for your child.

Only parents are allowed to give medicine to their child. Do not put medicine of any kind in bottles that will be given to your baby while he or she is in the nursery.

Please feed your child a complete "meal" before bringing him to the nursery. It helps us to provide a peaceful, happy time for your child if he or she comes to church with a full stomach.

Nursing Mothers

The 5th-6th grade Sunday School classroom can be used by nursing mothers during the worship hours. It has a locking door.

Signing In

Parents of children in the nursery must sign in their infant by filling out a brief card each time the child is left in the nursery. This informational card will ensure that the nursery workers know the needs of your child. At the end of the time your child is in the nursery, the workers will place it in your diaper bag; it will provide information about the amount of time your child napped, dirty diapers, etc.

Childcare Times and Ages

Sunday School:

- Classes for all ages

Sunday Morning Worship:

- Extended session for the nursery and ages 18 months to three years old.
- Children's Church for children ages 4 through 1st grade

Sunday Evening Worship:

- Childcare for the nursery and for children ages 2-3 (4 year olds can also come into the toddler room if needed on Sunday evenings)

Wednesday Evening

- Childcare for the nursery and for ages 2-3

Nursery and Toddler Information for Parents

Contact Us

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Purpose of the Nursery

The nursery ministry is not just a childcare facility which allows parents the opportunity to attend Sunday School and worship services without distraction. The nursery should be the beginning point of a church's vital ministry to the little ones God has entrusted to its care, that they might eventually come to know and love God. The nursery ministry of Grace Baptist Church is a place in which infants will receive quality care, while at the same time receiving spiritual nurturing through prayer, hearing God's Word spoken, and hearing simple truths about God spoken by godly childcare workers.

Toddler Room Purpose

Just as the nursery is not a place of childcare, but of ministry, so also is the toddler room. We strive to see our toddler ministry be a place in which young children begin learning simple truths about God. This is also a time in which godly men and women will pray for the children and begin instructing them in righteousness.

Ages

The nursery is for infants birth through 18 months of age. Once children reach 18 months, they will be promoted to the toddler room. (Exceptions will be made, in coordination with the parents, children's minister, and preschool coordinator, based on an infant's size and abilities.)

The toddler room is for children 18 months through three years old.

What to Bring

1. Always include a minimum of two disposable diapers.
2. Bring a complete change of clothes - socks, underpants, pants and shirt. Please label each item. While every age baby may need a complete or partial change of clothing, this is particularly needed in the nursery and for children who are being potty trained.
3. For bottle-fed children less than 12 months, please provide a plastic bottle. All bottles should be prepared (premixed formula or juice).
4. Please label everything – bag, blanket, coat, bib, bottle, pacifier, clothes, and diaper bags.

Security Procedures

At Grace Baptist Church, the security of our children is of great importance; it is vital that we ensure that your children are safe and secure while they are entrusted to our care. In order to ensure this, we have a security procedure in which only one person may pick up your child. When you drop off your child in the nursery or toddler room, you will receive a laminated card with your child's name on it. You *must* present this card to the childcare worker in order to pick up your child. This procedure ensures that someone cannot come in and claim to be a friend/relative and take your child.

Wellness Policy

Because we love your children and desire the best for them, please do not bring your child to the nursery or toddler room if he or she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- temperature over 99 degrees within the last *24 hours*
- vomiting
- diarrhea or abnormally loose stools
- any undiagnosed rash other than mild heat rash or common diaper rash
- unusual tiredness, pale complexion, irritability or restlessness
- nasal discharge that is yellow or green in color
- a congested or wet cough - one that produces yellow or green discharge
- an eye infection (draining)
- a fresh cold or signs of coming down with one (colds are most contagious the first day)

Contacting Parents

Because our Sunday School classes meet off campus, it is imperative that we have a cell phone number which can be used to contact parents in case they are needed. A child cannot be left in the nursery or toddler room if there is not a cell phone number whereby the parents can be contacted in case of an emergency.