

# Nursery Guidelines

Desiring to give your child the best possible care while you attend services, we have developed the following guidelines. **Please read them carefully.**

The nursery is for infants 6 weeks up to 3-4 years, depending on the service. During the Sunday School hour, children 3 years and older will attend a class for their age group, and during 2<sup>nd</sup> service, children 4 and older will attend Children's Church.

The nursery will be open to receive children **10 minutes before the services start**. For safety reasons, parents and siblings are asked not to enter the nursery rooms (unless necessary).

Each time you come in, please sign your child in on the sheet, and make sure to let the caregiver know if your child has any special instructions. **Please also fill out a one-time registration form for your child.**

There is a nursing mothers' room in the back of the nursery if you would like to use it, along with cribs and swings.

Our children's ministry staff has been screened for your child's safety and is available to change your child's diaper. Diapers will be changed by adult women only. If you prefer, you are welcome to ask to be paged to come change the diaper.

Please include the following items in a labeled diaper bag for your child:

- 2-3 diapers
- Wipes
- Complete change of clothes

The nursery regularly serves a small snack such as crackers & water to children who are old enough. If you have any concerns about this, please let the nursery workers know.

The nursery room is kept very clean. Sheets are changed for each child, and the changing table pad, tables, and dirty toys are disinfected after each use. We are very careful to see that everything possible is done to prevent any spread of germs. **We are a well-baby facility.** If your child is not feeling well, please do not expose the other children or staff by bringing him/her to church. We cannot accept a child who is ill.

## Wellness Policy

Please keep your child home if he/she has any of the following:

- **Fever** – temperature of 101° or greater within the past 24 hours
- **Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea** – must be free of vomiting and/or diarrhea for 24 hours
- **Common cold** – excessive cough, or thick green or yellow nasal discharge
- **Rash** – body rash, especially with fever or itching
- **Sore throat** – with fever and swollen glands
- **Head lice** – please notify nursery staff if your child has been diagnosed with this, so we may notify others
- **Chicken pox** – all sores must be completely scabbed over & dry underneath (usually 6 days after onset)
- **Eye discharge** – thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, or pink eye (must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning)
- **Not feeling well** – unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, confused or irritable