

Preschool Ministries



First Baptist Church

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Weekday childcare is available for fellowships, WMU, Bible study, and other church organizations by reservation.

Preschool Policies

(Birth through Kindergarten)

1. Preschool facilities will be open approximately 15 minutes prior to all regular church activities and services.
2. Parents should call for their children as soon as possible following services or church functions. Classes will remain open for 15 minutes after services close.
3. Preschoolers may be brought to the Preschool division only for the attendance of church functions by the person bringing them.
4. Parents or guardians should check in their preschoolers at the check-in station outside the preschool suite. Two nametags/labels will be printed at the check-in station. One will be placed on the child's back, with the parent filling out pertinent information such as location, feeding instructions, and allergies. Parents must also sign in their child at the sign in sheet at the classroom door. Please record parent location so that teachers will know where to locate parents in case of emergency.
5. Worship childcare (Extended Teaching Care) is staffed by volunteers. Each parent is needed and expected to serve one hour every 10-14 weeks. Volunteers must be approved by the Director of Preschool Ministries. A background check must be on file for each volunteer.
6. All preschoolers must be brought to their department by their parent or adult guardian, and will be released only to that parent or guardian. The security labels given at registration must be shown to the worker prior to the release of children. Those parents arriving without their security labels will need to check with the Director of Preschool Ministries.
7. Facilities will be available only until 10:00 PM unless otherwise approved.
8. Bottles, diaper bags, and other personal items **must be labeled** with the child's full name. Include a change of clothing for infants and those potty training.
9. Please feed your preschoolers before coming for Bible study, worship services, Discipleship Training or Worship Care. Apple juice and saltines are available during every session. If your child requires a meal, an area can be set up for you to feed him.
10. Personal toys should be left at home.
11. Children with fever, colds, vomiting, or any contagious disease should remain at home. **A child should be free of fever for a minimum of 24 hours before attending preschool functions.** A fever is indicated at 99.5° oral.
12. Allergies should be reported to the Director of Preschool Ministries.
13. If a child contracts a childhood disease following a session, the Director of Preschool Ministries should be notified.
14. The Preschool staff cannot administer medication to your child.

15. We employ Universal Precautions to maximize the safety of workers and children. Further information on our Infectious Disease Policy is available in the Preschool Office

16. Should there be a need to evacuate the building, parents will meet their children in the parking lot of Avenue A (River Lot), near the McCullough corner.

17. Digital Pagers are available for parents needing them.

CHURCH STAFF

T. Don Guthrie	Senior Pastor
Stephen T. Carrell	Associate Pastor for Worship & Music
Bryan Richardson	Associate Pastor for Singles, Small Groups, and Pastoral Ministries
Charlie Wedge	Associate Pastor for Administration & Operations
Glen Cameron	Director of Facilities
Richard B. Grant	Minister, Pastoral Care and Senior Adults
Scott Lane	Minister to Students
Charlyne Bryant	Director, Children's Ministries
Lori Senter	Interim Director, Preschool Ministries
Boun Phommachanh	Laotian Language Minister
Rene De Alejandro	Spanish Language Minister
Rick Evans	Singles (40's & Better) Ministry Specialist
John Bell	Singles (20's & 30's) Ministry Specialist
Chris Lair	Director, Media and Communications
Marynne Hildreth	Director, First Learning Center
Sheila Jennette	Director, Financial Services

Welcome to San Antonio's First Baptist

First Baptist Church is committed to ministering to preschoolers and their families. We believe that the preschool years provide the foundations of faith. These formative years help build what we hope will one day be a strong faith.

At First Baptist, through Bible Study and purposeful, instructive play, we teach preschoolers the essentials for building a house of faith:

- God cares for me and has a plan for my life.
- Jesus is God's son who loves me.
- Jesus wants to be my friend.
- The Bible is God's true word and is given for my teaching.
- God wants me to care for others.
- God wants me to be a part of a church.

We are committed to partnering with families to help lay the foundation necessary for Biblical learning.

We want to share with you the joy and privilege of helping your child grow as Jesus grew...“in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Opportunities for Preschoolers

Sunday School

Sundays 9:30-10:45 AM

Extended Teaching Care

Infants-3 year olds 10:45-12:15 AM
Worship with family:
Pre-Kinder and Kinder 8:30 & 11:00 AM

First Learning Center

(A Mother's Day Out Program)

Tuesdays/Thursdays

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Call 226-0363 for information and fees. Drop-in reservations are generally available.

Parent's Night Out

Most 1st Fridays
(except June, July, August)

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

By previous reservation—watch the HIGHLIGHTS for details or check www.fbsa.org

Preschool Choir

For Pre-Kinder and Kindergarteners
Wednesdays 6:00-6:45 PM

Mission Friends

For Three-year-olds to Kindergarteners
Wednesdays 6:45-7:30 PM

Vacation Bible School

Activities for all ages in June.
Watch for details.

Watch for special holiday events in the Preschool Section of the HIGHLIGHTS

First Touch

First Baptist Church enjoys a home ministry to expectant and new parents. This is a ministry of visitation with the family that becomes a link between church and home until the family can return to church activities. If you know of an expectant family in our fellowship, please inform the Director of Preschool Ministries.

Volunteers in Preschool - E.T.C.

Extended Teaching Care (ETC) refers to the continuous teaching program following Sunday School for preschoolers in the Newborn through Three-Year Departments. Preschoolers remain in their same room during the morning worship service, having a snack, instructive play and additional learning opportunities. Children are cared for by paid workers and volunteers serving on a rotating basis. Volunteers must be approved by the Director of Preschool Ministries, and must undergo a background check before serving. **All parents of preschoolers are asked to serve approximately one Sunday every twelve weeks.** Volunteers will receive a calendar at the onset of the month in which they will serve, as well as a reminder the week of their service. Volunteers will also receive teaching helps to aid them in preparing for their time with our preschoolers. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please see the Director of Preschool Ministries.

Curriculum

Curriculum used by our Preschool Division is published by Lifeway. It is Bible-based, child-centered, and both educationally and doctrinally sound.

Preschool Childcare Hours

Sunday Morning

- ◆ Early Worship Care 8:15 AM
- ◆ Sunday School 9:30 AM
- ◆ Worship Service Care 11:00 AM (Infant through 3 years. Children in the 4's department and older attend services with their parents.)

Sunday Afternoon

Childcare provided by reservation for Bible Study and committee meetings. Please check with the Director to insure that childcare has been reserved for your meeting.

Sunday Evening

- ◆ Worship Service Care 5:45 PM
For infants—5 years of age
- ◆ “Time for Teaching” for all preschoolers on Sundays designated as “Time for Teaching” services

Wednesday Evening

- ◆ Preschool Care begins 5:30 PM
- ◆ Childcare ends (for non-choir members) 7:30 PM
- ◆ Music Friends Choir 6 –6:40 PM (Pre-Kinder and Kinder)
- ◆ Mission Friends 6:45-7:30 PM (Preschoolers ages 3-5)
- ◆ Sanctuary Choir Childcare (for children of choir members only) 6:45-8:30 PM