



Woodstock Evangelical Covenant Church seeks to provide a warm, loving, safe, and Christian atmosphere for all our children. We have two rooms designated for children ages birth to 48 months. The infant nursery is for children ages birth to 24 months; while the toddler room is for children ages 24 months to 48 months. It has been determined that the separation of these two age groups insures a safer environment for those little ones who are not yet mobile or who have only recently begun to walk. This also allows us to provide age appropriate activities and to partner with you to provide Christian instruction. Children in both rooms will hear that they are loved by God, their Heavenly Father. Toddlers will receive foundational Christian teaching of who God is, that He made them and Jesus wants to be their forever friend. The children will know that God cares for everyone.



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



BUT JESUS CALLED THE CHILDREN TO HIM AND SAID,
"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER
THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.

LUKE 18:16



WELCOME TO THE NURSERY & TODDLER ROOMS

Our rooms are staffed by volunteer caregivers from our church body. There is at least one adult and one responsible teenager in each room at all times. Background checks have been completed on all adults who provide care, Christian education or recreational activities within all of our Children's Ministry programs. We want you to have peace of mind when you bring your child to our nursery/toddler rooms. So, here are our procedures and how you can help.



WE OPERATE A WELL-CHILD ENVIRONMENT.

For the protection of all children in our ministry, we cannot accept children into our care who have, in the past 24 hours, had a fever, or experienced vomiting or diarrhea; and also if your child has a persistent cough. If your child appears to be unwell, please keep him/her at home or with you.



FOOD ALLERGIES. TODDLER ROOM. Due to the possibility of severe life-threatening food allergies, only "safe" snacks are permitted. Please inform the adult toddler caregiver if your child has any allergies. Let her know if you have provided a snack for your child, or if the caregiver may give a snack of Cheerios & gold fish crackers to your child. Bringing the toddlers to the table for a snack is an ideal time to have a teaching moment. There is space available on the sign-in sheet to note any special requirements/limitations. Also, please label your child's knapsack, bottle, pacifier or sippy cup.

All caregivers are required to wash their hands when entering the rooms and when changing diapers or assisting in potty training. Toys and the infant floor are sanitized after use.

WEEKLY REGISTRATION. When you bring your child to the nursery or toddler room, you will be asked to complete a sign-in form and you will be given a number that identifies you and your child. This number will be attached to the diaper bag/back pack (if one is provided) and, with the use of the silent paging system, this number will be used to inform you that you are needed in the nursery or toddler room. If your presence is required, your number will show in the pager box that is situated high on the wall to the left side of the pulpit. Possible reasons why you might be paged are: your child has been injured, has become ill, or has been crying for an extended length of time and is not responding to nurturing or invitations to play.

Also, please indicate on the form if you prefer to change your child's diaper or accompany him/her to the bathroom. Otherwise, policy requires that only an adult female caregiver may help in this regard. There is a child's bathroom in the toddler room for safety and convenience.

We will place babies on their backs unless otherwise requested by you, the parent.

If a toddler in our care needs some form of discipline, we will remove him/her from the situation and offer another activity or toy. We will use redirection instead of time outs.

PICK UP. Only parents or a prearranged adult may pick up your child at the end of the worship service. Siblings are not permitted to leave with your child.

PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO STAY IN THE ROOM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE WITH YOUR CHILD OR ASSIST US IN ANY WAY. ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU CAN PROVIDE TO MAKE THIS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILD WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.