

# Nursery Information for New Parents

## Charlotte Assembly of God

### Early Childhood Ministries

Welcome to the Charlotte Assembly of God nursery, The Growing Place. Our desire is that both you and your children will come away from our Early Childhood Ministry with a positive experience. Your family and children are our first priority. The following information will give you a brief overview of our nursery. We ask that you please take a few minutes and read it.

We provide nursery care for children birth through 3 years of age during all of our regular services. Preschool ministry for children age 4 – Pre-Kindergarten is provided during our Sunday morning services in our preschool room. Our nursery is located in the Early Childhood Department near the North Entrance of the building. The wing is divided into four rooms: Infant, Toddler, and 2 Preschool rooms.

#### **Our Purpose:**

To provide quality ministry and care to all Early Childhood age children at our church. To demonstrate the Love, Patience, Faithfulness and Goodness of God. We want to make our little ones comfortable and happy, help keep them safe and healthy, give them a positive church experience and help parents have undisturbed worship and study. We will provide activities that offer opportunities for growth in the following areas:

- A. Spiritual Development: knowledge of God and His love
- B. Social & Emotional Development: fostering communication skills, relationships, and positive self-concept.
- C. Physical Development: large and small motor skills
- D. Intellectual Development: reasoning and thinking skills

#### **Nursery Schedule:**

Our nursery is open to receive children on Sunday morning from 8:45am – 12:45pm to accommodate both the 9am service and 11:15 am service and Sunday School for both services. The nursery opens at 5:45 for 6pm Sunday evening service.

The nursery is also available from 6:45 – 8:30 pm for the 7pm Wednesday night service.

## **How Our Nursery Works:**

Our Nursery is a co-operative nursery, meaning, if you choose to use the nursery then you become a member of our nursery care team. Parents and other qualified team members serve in the nursery on a rotating schedule. Nursery Team members work together to minister and teach the children. The number of team members depends on the average attendance for that service.

After you have decided to make Charlotte Assembly of God your church, and decide to utilize the nursery during services and events we will contact you about serving as a monthly Nursery team member. Nursery team members are typically scheduled for 1 or 2 services a month.

## **Other Information/Policies:**

- You may choose to take your children into the sanctuary. For your convenience, there is designated reserved seating for families with young children. There
- A Mothers Comfort room is located next to the Lay Ministry entrance. There is a changing station in the restroom and a monitor of the service in the room. This room is available if you need to remove your child from the sanctuary or the nursery for any reason. We ask that this room be utilized only by women.
- A Fathers Comfort area is located in the foyer. A changing station is located in the Men's restroom. A monitor of the service is also available in the comfort area. This area is available if you need to remove your child from the sanctuary or the nursery for any reason.
- A nursing Mothers room is available in the nursery for nursing mothers.
- We have a Nursery Bulletin Board located near the registration counter. The Nursery schedule and additional nursery information is found there. Please check it regularly for new information.
- All Nursery team members have completed a confidential Children's Team Member Application. Background checks are done on all applicants.
- Nursery team members, along with the nursery age children will be the only ones allowed in the nursery. Nursing mothers and parents who are present to calm upset children are the exception. As a parent, you are always welcome to observe any classroom in which your child is involved. However, when a parent steps in the nursery for a minute to check on their child and then leaves, it frequently upsets their child plus the other children and the nursery routine. If we feel that your child needs you, we will make sure that you are notified immediately by posting your parent number on the screens in the sanctuary. We also have a monitor system

that allows you to check on your child from the foyer hallway via cameras located in the nursery and preschool areas.

- Nursery Team members cannot mix formula for babies, or dispense any medications.
- Please label your child's diaper bag, coat, bottles, and other belongings with the child's name.
- Please bring extra diapers (disposables are preferred) and a change of clothes for your child. Pull-ups vs. panties or underwear are preferred if your child is toilet training.
- Please do not bring your child's personal toys. Comfort items are the exception. (security blankets or stuffed animals)
- One parent must remain on the church premises while your child is in our care.
- Please pick your child up promptly after the service ends. You will need to present your parent pickup receipt number before taking your child from the nursery.
- Snacks and juice are served during service times. There will be a sign that lets you know what the snack will be for that day. Juice is typically diluted 1:2 with water. Please let a nursery team member know of any food allergies or special needs relating to food your child might have.

### **Sickness/Illness Policy:**

In order to maintain a high standard of health, children will NOT be accepted if they are affected or infected by any of the following illnesses/symptoms:

Fever, Diarrhea, Vomiting, Mumps, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Chicken Pox, Whooping Cough, Impetigo (runny cluster of blisters), Flu, Measles, Mumps, Pink Eye, Meningitis, Roseola, severe cough, colored nasal discharge, or any other Communicable Disease.

If your child is being treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the drug for at least 24 hours before coming to the nursery. No medication will be given by caregiver.

### **Accident Policy:**

If an accident occurs while your child is in the nursery, you will be notified. An accident report form will also be filled out and given to you.