

Welcome to the Nursery Ministry!

We welcome you and your children to the Parkside Church Nursery. We are delighted to have you as a part of our Children's Ministry. We hope this information will be helpful in making the nursery an enjoyable experience for you and your child. Your adherence to the following guidelines enables us to provide children with the good care you want them to have and we want to give.

The nursery coordinators and workers are volunteers from Parkside Church. All workers 18+ years of age are asked to complete a background check. All new workers are also asked to attend an orientation where the basic guidelines of nursery care are reviewed. For the safety of children & workers, Parkside Church adheres to a two-adult rule in all areas of Children's Ministry.

In order to adequately staff the nursery, parents who utilize the nursery ministry are asked to serve on one of our nursery teams. For the safety and comfort of all children, we ask parents to not come behind the classroom counter unless you serve in the nursery. If your child needs assistance, please comfort him or her in the entryway to the room or sign your child out of the nursery if you prefer.

We recognize that, in caring for these little ones, we are showing them the One who made and loves them. It is our desire and prayer that every child will some day come to faith in Christ.



Nursery workers begin welcoming children 20 minutes before each service. To make drop-off as smooth as possible, please do the following:

- Check in at any digital kiosk to receive 2 child nametags & a parent receipt. If visiting, please go to the information desk in the children's wing for assistance.
 - One nametag will go on your child's back; the second nametag will be given to the nursery worker when the child is dropped off (attenders); visitors will receive matching wristbands (one for child/one for parent).
- Nursery rooms are labeled at doorways by age of babies in months (birth-6 months, 7-12 months, etc.). Look for the room that corresponds to your child's age. When entering the room, give the second nametag to a worker who will place on a clipboard and ask about any special instructions for your child.
 - Please make sure to label all diaper bags, bottles, cups, etc. with your child's first and last name.
 - If your child needs assistance during the service, **we will text you**. Please be sure that the number you used to check-in is the number of the phone you will have visible to you during the service (visible but silenced). When called to assist your child, please do not enter the room behind the counter. You may either comfort your child in the entry way or sign him or her out of the room.
 - **PICK-UP:** Please do not re-enter the room until you are ready to pick up your child as this can cause upset to your child and other children in the room. At pick-up, present the parent receipt with matching paging number as your child's nametag, or if visiting, the matching wristband. No child will be released with a receipt. If receipt is lost, a Parkside elder, pastor or the Director of Children's Ministry must authorize release of child; identification will be required.

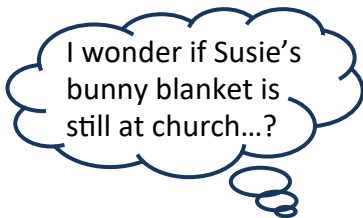
Illness Guidelines

We want parents to be able to worship and know their children are well cared-for in our nursery ministry. For the health of all children in our care and the well-being of our nursery workers, we ask parents to adhere to these illness guidelines:

Please do not bring your child if he/she is ill. Symptoms of illness include:

- Fever above 100° within last 24 hours
- Vomiting/diarrhea within last 24 hours
- Yellowish discharge from the eyes or nose (normally, teething should not cause a colored discharge)
- A “barky” or mucous-filled cough (babies can’t cover their mouths!)
- Skin rash (other than diaper)
- Suspicion of strep throat; even if your doctor did a throat culture, please do not bring your child to church until the lab results are known. If positive, please keep your child home for 24 hours after treatment has started.

If there is a question of illness when a child is signed into a nursery room, the Nursery Coordinator may contact a health professional who will determine whether the child may remain in the nursery. You may be called to pick up your child if a medical professional determines he or she is too ill to remain in the nursery or may be contagious.



In each of our nursery rooms, we have a **Lost and Found** bin. Simply ask the nursery workers if you'd like to take look at the bin, and hopefully you will find those important missing items!

Pacifiers and other unmarked personal items may be thrown out for hygiene reasons. Other items will be kept in the nursery for several weeks. After that time, items will either be donated or thrown away.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

- On Sundays, look for the Nursery Coordinator. She will be wearing a maroon smock and will be glad to answer questions you have or convey any concerns to the church office.
- Email or call the church office:
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- We are always glad to have parents serve in our Nursery Ministry! It is a wonderful way to connect with others at Parkside Church, and it is an “easy” way to serve. Workers serve approximately once per month, either in the morning or evening. You may register online or call the church office to sign-up.

