

DEAR PARENTS

Welcome to our Preschool Ministry! You have blessed us by allowing us to care for your child. We want to be a blessing to you by providing the finest Bible-based care possible.

Much more than a baby-sitting service, we believe children from the earliest age can learn basic truths about God's love. Learning simple concepts like "Jesus loves me" and "God made the world" provides a strong foundation for every child. Our teachers and caregivers love Preschoolers and strive to care for them while demonstrating the love of Christ through a multitude of ministries each week.

Please read the following policies thoroughly. They ensure that your children are safe, loved and able to learn about the love of Jesus while in our care. We depend on your cooperation to help us maintain the standard of excellence we desire in caring for your child.

For the Children,

*Ms. Lanette*  
Lanette James  
Children's Minister

*Mrs. Jenny*  
Jenny Bien  
Preschool Associate

INTERESTED IN QUALITY CARE  
FIVE DAYS A WEEK?

Early Education Center (EEC)

We provide full-time care for Infants through Kindergarten. Morning-only Preschool Classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds are available. After school care is provided for children in First through Fifth grades who attend Andy Woods, Clarkston and Bell Elementary. For more information, call the EEC Director, Leigh Evans, at 903-525-1104.

P.S.  
Got a question or suggestion?  
We are available to you!  
Please contact us at  
903-525-1122  
or  
children@mail.gabc.org

# OPPORTUNITIES

We Need You!

The Children's Ministry is a volunteer-based ministry that revolves around parent participation. There are many opportunities for service with the largest need on Sunday morning. With several options to choose from, it is no longer necessary to make a weekly commitment! Along with Sunday mornings, there are many other opportunities to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact the Children's Ministry Office at 903-525-1122.

VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- A love for children.
- A national, security check and approval by our Children's Team.
- Volunteers ages 14 -16 must serve in classrooms of children who are at least two years old. Children under 14 are not permitted in Preschool classrooms.
- Two adults will always be placed in each classroom.

PALS volunteer with preschoolers during their second hour of Sunday School. Preschoolers from birth through 4 years old, enjoy a less structured hour of story time, music, play time and Bible related activities. We ask all of our parents to serve a minimum of once per quarter (with some choosing monthly). All curriculum, materials, schedules and activities are provided.

PALS

GABC  
PRESCHOOL  
POLICIES

EVERYTHING  
You Need To KNOW  
ABOUT THE...

CARE

SAFETY

&  
HEALTH

OF YOUR  
CHILD

# Care

## We Care For Your Kids

### The Diaper Bag

Send all necessary supplies in your bag including: diapers, wipes, bottles, sippy cups and an extra change of clothes (for children under the age of 3).

*Snack: Please read our allergy policy under HEALTH.*

### Labeling

Label **EVERYTHING** with your child's name: diaper bags, pacifiers, bottles, etc. Labels help us ensure your child's items are returned and kept for their use only.

**Babies:** Only pack plastic bottles\* with pre-measured formula and water. (\**Due to the number of children in our care, we are only able to bottle feed.*)

**Preschool:** Beginning in Toddler classes through age 4, children receive a snack of either apple juice\* or water. (\**Unless another beverage is listed on the Allergy Alert sign.*)

**Nursing Room:** A nursing room is available in the Preschool Building for feeding and changing.

### Special Needs

If your child has special needs, we encourage you to contact the Children's Ministry Office prior to bringing your child to Sunday school. Mainstreaming is available when deemed appropriate or a Special Needs program can also meet individual needs. Our Children's Ministry Team will work together with you to determine the best placement for your child.

### Promotion

Babies through Toddlers promote to older classes within the preschool year as they mature and develop in their abilities.

Parents will be notified by mail when Preschoolers promote to a new placement.

2-year-olds (as of September 1) and older promote annually.

All Preschoolers entering 5-year-old Kindergarten classes (our Elementary Ministry) begin attending "Big Church" with their parents.

An annual Big Church Seminar for Preschoolers and their parents is an excellent way to prepare families to attend worship together. Children will receive their first "Big Church Bible"!

### Big Church

## Safety is Our Priority

### Safety

A computerized Check-in System is provided for Preschoolers (Birth—Pre-kindergarten). Parents will receive three labels: one for the child, one for the teacher and one for parents to use when picking up their child. Labels are cross-checked before the child is released. Misplaced labels are available at the Children's Welcome Desk upon providing a picture I.D.

Text pagers are available to all parents if needed.

Our Security System will ring your cell phone or text the pager provided if you are needed. (Please turn your cell phone to "vibrate" mode and keep it nearby.)

Parents must remain at the door when dropping off and picking up children in the classrooms.

### Check-in Security

## Your Child's Well-Being Matters

# Health

### Illness Policies

For the safety and health of all children, pediatricians recommend that children be kept at home until free of the following symptoms for at least 24 hours:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Persistent cough
- Runny nose

For a complete list of Preschool Health policies, please contact the Children's Ministry Office.

We strive to maintain a nut-free environment (and/or foods processed near nuts).

All snacks are provided. Snacks from outside environments are not permitted. (Children who cannot consume a classroom snack because of allergies may make arrangements ahead of time to provide their own.)

Snacks are posted monthly on the church website [www.gabc.org](http://www.gabc.org) and weekly for each session outside the classroom door. Detailed snack information (labels, etc.) provided upon request.

Please make your child's teacher and the Children's Ministry Team aware of your child's allergies. Allergy notes may be filed in our database and/or printed on your child's label.

For a complete list of allergy policies, please contact us.

### Allergy Policies