

Frequently Asked Questions About the Nursery

When do we provide childcare?

- *Both Sunday morning services (9:15 and 11:00)*
- *Saturday evening service (6:00)*
- *Wednesday morning and evening Bible studies*
- *Other events as requested and approved through the church*

Who staffs the nursery?

The GBC Nursery is staffed with a combination of paid workers and volunteers. Without both groups, our nursery would not be able to function. Our paid staff is composed of enthusiastic, well-trained people with a love for children.

Our volunteers are what make this nursery wonderful! Just having extra hands, eyes, and ears in a room of children make the experiences of the children more memorable, fun, and safe. If you would like to volunteer, contact us at nursery@grace-bible.org!

What should I do before leaving my child at the nursery?

Talk to your child about going to church and assure him or her that we will have a happy time and learn about God and Jesus. We will love your child, and the other children will, too!

Label, Label, Label! Mark all your belongings with your child's name! This includes coats, diaper bag, bottles, pacifier, and any other personal items. If a bottle or sippy-cup is not marked it might not be given to your child. If there is any confusion, we will not risk giving the wrong cup to the wrong child.

Is it okay for me to check up on my child?

If you are worried about your child, please have the floor supervisor check on the child for you - if they see or hear you they may become more upset.

If you attend a Sunday School class or Bible Study group that does not meet in the main church building (example: you are in a class that meets at A&M Middle School), then you must fill out a [medical release form](#) before you can leave your child in the Nursery.

What are these "claim tickets" I keep hearing about?

Claim tickets are issued for each child that is cared for in the nursery on Sunday mornings. *We do this to increase the safety and security of the children in our care and provide peace of mind for parents.*

Arrival: Upon arrival, the parent will sign in the child. The Room Supervisor will give the parent a claim ticket with the child's unique number. The number is also used for the Visual Paging Call System (See Below). Visitors will be issued a visitor card and number. Frequent visitors are asked to register their children for a permanent card and number.

Pick Up: The parent will present the claim ticket upon picking up the child. If the claim ticket is lost or missing, the Floor Supervisor will release the child to parents with proper identification. **Room Supervisors will not release a child without a claim ticket.** Children will not be released to older siblings unless the sibling picking up the child has the required claim ticket and is at least 14 years of age.

How will I know if there's a problem?

Grace Bible Church has implemented a **digital nursery call system to notify parents/guardians if they are needed by their child during church services.** Each parent leaving a child in the nursery will receive a numbered card, a "claim ticket," that corresponds to the number on the child's nametag. **Two small black boxes by the doors to the right and left sides of the pulpit in the sanctuary and one in the overflow area will display the child's number if a parent is needed.**

A limited number of **vibrating pagers** are now available for any parent who will be in a room not serviced by the visual paging system. **However, we will find a parent that is not in the sanctuary if their location is listed on their child's sign-in - whether or not they take a pager.**

Say--do you know any babysitters?

If you need a babysitter and aren't sure where to start, a list of Nursery Room Supervisors willing to baby-sit is available in the Nursery office or by e-mail: nursery@grace-bible.org

How safe is my child in the GBC Nursery?

There will be at least one CPR certified worker present during all Nursery events. Nursery personnel will **not** give medication to children. We can give you a vibrating pager to alert you to come to the nursery to give your child medication. Strict and frequent **hand washing** will be mandatory for **all** workers in all rooms between handling each child.

With consultation of physicians at GBC, the following list of symptoms has been drawn up to decrease the spread of infectious diseases in the nursery. **The nursery will not be able to care for a child with any of the following symptoms:**

- fever of any amount in the past 24 hours
- croup
- persistent, frequent coughing not due to allergies (i.e. the child is coughing a lot and appears sick to the supervisor); this does not include occasional coughing due to typical "runny noses".
- sore throat
- an unexplained rash or skin infection
- vomiting and /or diarrhea
- any symptom of the usual childhood diseases.

If a child arrives with, or develops any of these conditions while being cared for in the nursery, the Nursery Coordinator or Floor Supervisor will notify the parent or guardian so the child can be removed from the nursery. If a child contracts a childhood disease following a session in the nursery, the parent or guardian should notify the Nursery Coordinator at nursery@grace-bible.org.

Workers displaying the above symptoms or other sickness will not be allowed to work in the nursery.