

SOBC Nursery Welcome & Mission

We at South Orlando Baptist welcome you and your 0-3 year old child to the Nursery. Our desire is to care for your child in a secure atmosphere of love and warmth while you are attending Sunday School and Church Service.

This handout will introduce you to some important highlights of our ministry. Please take a moment of your time to read the following information so that we can work together to serve your family efficiently.

Our Mission

To help your child build positive feelings about being in church through a variety of stimulating experiences.

To provide your child with a feeling of security and love at church by having Physical and emotional needs adequately met by caring adults in a safe and nurturing environment.

To allow parents freedom from child care responsibilities so that they and other attendees can study, minister, worship, and fellowship.

However this is an effort that is afforded to us by caring parent volunteers.

A policy to be aware of is any parent who brings their child to the nursery on a regular basis will be required to be worked into the rotation schedule.

Check-in Procedures:

Sign in your child in by filling out a 4 part label provided. Please indicate where you will be while we are caring for your child. (Such as sanctuary, Sunday school specify teachers name of your Sunday school class.)

Also: at this time let us know of any allergies you child has.

If your child is ill, in accordance with **The Florida Department of Health guidelines**, (see page 3) Your child may not be allowed into the nursery. If after check-in, we discover that your child is ill, a nursery coordinator will ask that you come and get your child. This is for the safety of your child as well as the others in the Nursery.

Our utmost goal is to make the nursery a safe, and healthy place that you as a parent, feel comfortable with. It is very difficult task to tell a parent that we cannot accept their child due to an apparent illness, but it is a standard that cannot be compromised.

Please Label you child's belongings (bottle, Pacifier, Diaper bag, etc.)
Masking tape is a good way to do this at home, however if you forget, we are happy to provide the labels for this purpose.

The **number** you receive at check in has 3 purposes .

1. You will need it to pick up your child, to ensure you are the the authorized person to do so.

2. We use this number system as a way to alert you during the church service if your child would need you to return to the nursery.

In this situation, your child's number will appear on a small screen, to your left while seated in the sanctuary. This is a somewhat rare occurrence and happens only if a child is crying inconsolably for a lengthy period of time or your child is showing signs of illness. However it is important to be **mindful** of this procedure in case your child would need your assistance during the service.

3. If you forget to label your child's belongings; there are extra number labels to place on your child's diaper bag, bottle, or sippy cup etc.

That's it in a nutshell. We hope that your experience here at South Orlando Baptist Church is always a positive one. We look forward to seeing you again and again.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Swope
Nursery Director*