

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

We nurture faith in children by building trust. When a young child's needs are met in a loving and timely fashion trust is built. It is our hope that later in life, this trust will be transferred to God. We want all children to experience church as a safe and happy place. During these early years when a spiritual foundation is taking shape, we use familiar songs ("Jesus Loves Me") and introduce the vocabulary of faith ("Love," "Joy," "God") while having fun with biblical stories, music, art.

## RITUAL OF FAMILY DEDICATION

Believing that children are a gift from God, MPBC offers a sacred service of Family Dedication and Blessing. This beautiful liturgical event takes place on a Sunday morning at the opening of our worship hour in the sanctuary. It is an opportunity for parents and church members to voice aloud a promise to nurture children in the ways of God's love.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact either Dr. Shoemaker or Rev. Patterson.



We strive to make your child's experience in our Toddlers' Room and Twos' Room a happy one. If you have suggestions or questions, please let us know by contacting our Early Childhood Minister, the Reverend Cheryl Collins Patterson.

*At any age children are welcome to be  
with their parents during Worship.*

## MESSY ART MORNING

Every Monday, beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>, our youngest children (two year-olds and YOUNGER), meet with their parent for an hour of art, storytelling and singing. Join us upstairs, in God's Garden, Room 213 (at the end of the hallway) from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

*It is the mission of our experienced  
and dedicated staff to partner with  
parents in nurturing the spiritual  
growth of our youngest children  
while in a safe and loving environment.*



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# Myers Park Baptist Church



Vincent Van Gogh, *First Steps*

Toddlers' Room

Twos' Room

*where children and their  
families grow in God's love*

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# Welcome

Welcome to the Toddlers' Room, #104, and the Twos' Room, #105, at Myers Park Baptist Church

When your infant begins to walk or turns 15 months old (whichever occurs first) then she/he is ready to move from our Nursery to the Toddlers Room, #104, located near the stairwell that leads to the Youth Hall.

Your child's stay in our classroom begins with a welcome from our outstanding teachers, childcare providers and parent volunteers. Dennis Testerman, Stephanie Miller and Rachel Palmer Jones bring over 30 years of experience to our young children.

Our Twos' Room, #105, is for children who have turned 2 years old by August 31, 2011 and is located next to the Toddlers' Room and our childcare providers include Kirby Stanley and Stevie Phillips.



## DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES

Safety is our primary concern for all the children in our care. Please follow these procedures when dropping off/picking up your child:

Each time you drop off your child, please step into the room and close the door behind you. Sign-in your child recording his/her name, your name, your cell phone number and where you will be on the church campus while your child is in our care. Your child will be given a nametag to place on your child's back. When picking up your child, please sign out, noting the time of pickup. If you need a pager, please let us know at the time you sign-in.

## WHAT TO BRING

Please bring any supplies your child may need while staying with us. This might include bottles, sippy cups, pacifier, diapers, a change of clothes, etc. You may place your child's belongings in the cubbies provided. Label the outside of the diaper bag, bottles, cups, etc. with your child's name.

We do offer a light snack of graham crackers and water for our Toddlers and Two Year Olds. We are happy to serve your child any snack that you provide.

*Please alert us to any allergies your child might have.*

## HEALTH POLICY

In order to provide a safe, healthy environment for all our children, we ask that you keep your toddler or two year old with you any time he or she exhibits the following symptoms:

- Fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea within the previous twenty-four hours
- Any symptoms of childhood diseases such as scarlet fever, measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough
- Any unexplained rash
- Runny nose with any persistent or colored discharge
- Any skin infection
- Pink eye and other eye infections
- Head lice (child should be free of all nits)
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If your child is being treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the drug for at least 24 hours before returning to Church.

While general first aid, such as applying band-aids to minor scrapes will be administered, our teachers, volunteers and childcare providers are not permitted under any circumstance to administer medication.

*While children are in our care, parents are required to remain on the church campus grounds in case it becomes necessary to contact you.*



## First Floor

