# PARENT HANDBOOK





## Taylors First Baptist Church exists to **Change the World for Jesus**. Our mission is to **REACH all Peoples** by Encountering God, Equipping Believers, Engaging the World, and Establishing the Church.





**Elementary and Preschool** 

#### **PURPOSE**

Taylors Children exists to come alongside parents to raise up the next generation to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.

#### **GOAL**

Children are changed by Jesus and learn to love Him through the reading and studying of God's Word.

#### **MISSION**

- To help them Encounter God through the teaching and singing of God's Word.
- Equip them to know foundational truths about God and engage God's Word.
- Help them to Engage and love others by sharing the Good News of Jesus.

#### **MEANS OF DISCIPLESHIP**

#### WEEKLY RHYTHMS

- Life Groups on Sunday morning for Preschool & Elementary.
- Large Group on Sunday morning for K3 to 3rd Grade.
- Konnect on Wednesday evenings

#### CORNERSTONE EVENTS

#### **ANNUAL**

- VBS
- Move Up Celebration for Rising 1st Graders
- Move Up Sunday

#### **BI-ANNUAL**

Parent / Child Dedication

#### **QUARTERLY**

Parent and Child Date Nights

A disciple is one who...

has been changed by Jesus, walks with Jesus, and is sent by Jesus.

#### Our Team



**Lea Hardy**Minister of Children



Faith Keefe
Preschool Coordinator



**Melissa Mayer** Ministry Assistant

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## Our Rhythm

#### Sundays

**Taylors Nursery for babies, 9 weeks to 2-years-old** 8:30 am, 9:40 am, and 11:00 am

Preschool Life Groups for Children age 3 through 5 8:30 am, 9:40 am, and 11:00 am

Elementary Life Groups for Children 1st – 5th Grade 9:40 am

Kids Worship for Children 1st – 3rd Grade 8:30 am and 11:00 am except for the first Sunday of each month

### **Family First Sunday**

On the first Sunday of each month, there is no Elementary programming during the 8:30 am and the 11:00 am hours. Children should attend Worship with their families on these Sundays. Use this time to teach your elementary aged children how to worship corporately as the body of Christ.

#### **Worshiper In Training**

Your child can be a worshiper in training with you on any given Sunday. If you need tips or resources, please reach out to Lea Hardy, Minister of Children.

## Wednesdays

Taylors Nursery for babies, 9 weeks to 2-years-old

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Check-in Begins at 6:15 pm

Preschool Classes for Children age 3 through 5

6:30 - 7:30 pm | Check-in Begins at 6:15 pm

Konnect for Children 1st - 5th Grade

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Check in at Taylors Rec Center at 6:00 pm

#### What To Expect

Taylors Children at Taylors FBC is a safe and loving environment where your child will receive excellent care. Each classroom is stocked with age-appropriate toys, furniture, and activities. Our volunteers come prepared to deliver engaging Bible lessons from *The Biggest Story*. Your children will sing, play, and have hands-on activities that reinforce the lesson.



Scan the QR Code to View Parent Resources on our Website

Our volunteers have been members at Taylors FBC for at least on our Websi six months, and have a cleared a background check. For the safety of the children, we only allow students and adults that have been through our volunteer training and background screenings to be present inside the classroom.

## First Time Guests

For your first visit to Taylors FBC, we suggest that you park in the guest parking spaces across from the Worship Center and enter our Welcome Center. You will be greeted by our Guest Services Team who will ask you to provide some basic information and walk you to the Preschool Welcome Desk. We will print a security tag for your child to wear and a matching parent tag for you to present at your child's classroom upon pick-up. This ensures your child's safety while in our care. After your initial visit, we suggest that you park in the back of campus and enter one of the children's building doors. Stop by the Preschool or Elementary Welcome Desks and we will assist you with our check-in system.

## What To Bring

For infants/toddlers, please bring the following labeled items: 2-3 diapers, pacifiers or other comfort items, change of clothes, and for infants, a bottle along with clear instructions on how to feed.

## Check-in, Drop-off, and Pick-up

We ask that parents be present for check-in, drop-off, and pick-up of their children. Please do not allow children or older siblings to use the iPads or to pick-up children.

Always remain on campus when your child is in our care, and be available should any emergency come up.

#### **Snacks**

We serve Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers with water for children age two through five at our 11:00 am hour. Puffs are served to those in Rooms 42, 43, and 44. Please notify us if your child has any dietary restrictions/allergies.

#### **Mothers Room**

We offer a private nursing room near the preschool nursery hall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We request that dads remain outside the room for the comfort of all mothers.

## **Potty Training**

We understand that every child is different on their potty-training journey and we certainly know that accidents happen. Let your child's teacher know when your child is potty training. If your child is in one of the preschool rooms and has an accident, we will notify you to have you assist the child in changing. Pack extra diapers and pull-ups along with a change of clothes and shoes.

## **Behavior/Discipline**

We strive to create a safe and loving environment that will minimize behavior issues. If a child is struggling to respect others or their surroundings, we may notify the parent to help the child successfully rejoin the classroom environment. We expect all classroom teachers to demonstrate gentleness, forgiveness, and grace when administering any sort of discipline or redirection.

#### Your Child's Health

In order to provide the safest possible environment, we ask that you keep your child at home if they display any of the following signs of sickness within 24 hours.

- If child has a wet-sounding or dry cough, or sore throat
- If child has a fever 99.9 or above without medication (be fever free for 24 hours)
- If child has an upset stomach or vomiting
- If child has a rash
- If child has persistent runny nose with discharge
- If your child is lethargic
- If child has a contagious sickness

If a child in our care and begins to exhibit any of these symptoms, we will contact the parent to pick up the child. Toys that enter a child's mouth are placed in a bin to be sanitized according to DHEC regulations. Classroom tables, doorknobs, and floors are cleaned after services.

## **Safety Procedures and Evacuation**

If there is an emergency and the children have to be evacuated, please do not go pick up your child. Our volunteers our trained with our procedures and will exit the building with all the children. You are able to pick up your children once you receive an all-clear. Depending on the situation, you will pick up your child outside or in their classroom.

## Things to Know

God loves me.

God created everything.

God speaks to me through His Word.

Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus died on the cross to save me from my sins.

I have a purpose.

I can pray to God.

I can worship God.

The Holy Spirit is my helper.

God keeps His promises.

