PARENT HANDBOOK

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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.

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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
- Rising 1st Grade Celebration
- Move Up Sunday
- Rising 6th Grade Send-off Breakfast

BI-ANNUAL
- Baby 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 Rhythm

Sundays

Taylors Nursery for babies 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
We use Brite curriculum for Preschool. During the 9:40 am hour, preschoolers visit the Sunshine Room for Preschool Praise where they sing, watch videos of the Bible story and memory verses and have prayer time. .

Elementary Life Groups for Children 1st – 5th Grade
9:40 am
We use *The Biggest Story* curriculum for Elementary. Children will meet in their age graded classrooms before walking to the Kids Worship Room for prayer and our Bible story video. They will return to their classrooms to review the story and participate in a craft or activity.

Kids Worship for Children 1st – 3rd Grade
8:30 am and 11:00 am except for the first Sunday of each month
We use *Team Kid* curriculum for Kids Worship. Children have their own worship experience through singing, looking up passages of scripture in the Bible, hearing Bible truths and stories, learning how to pray, and participating in games/activities.

Family First Sunday
On the first Sunday of each month, there is no Elementary programming during the 8:30 am and 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
Children can be a worshiper in training with their parents on any given Sunday. If parents need tips or resources, please ask them to reach out to Lea Hardy, Minister of Children. We have bookmarks for children with tips as well as children's bulletins to utilize during the service.

Wednesdays

Taylors Nursery for babies, 9 weeks to 2-years-old
6:15 - 7:30 pm | Check-in Begins at 6:15 pm

Preschool Classes for Children age 3 through 5
6:15 - 7:30 pm | Check-in Begins at 6:15 pm
Preschoolers will participate in a Bible story, games and activities as well as music in the Sunshine Room. They will be dropped off and picked up in their age specific classroom.

Konnect for Children 1st – 5th Grade
6:15 - 7:30 pm | Check-in Begins at 6:10 pm
Grades 1-5 will participate in music, Bible story time, games and activities and learning about missionaries. They will be dropped off in the Kids Worship Room and picked up in their age-graded classroom.

Our Team

Lea Hardy
Minister of Children

Faith Keefe
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Amy Bryant
Children's Ministry Assistant

Contact Us

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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. Your children will sing, play, and have hands-on activities that reinforce the lesson.

Scan the QR Code to View Sunday's Lessons

Our volunteers have been members at Taylors FBC for at least 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.

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 siblings (unless they are 16 and older) 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.

What To Bring

For infants/toddlers, please bring the following labeled items: a diaper bag with 2-3 diapers, pacifiers or other comfort items, change of clothes, and for infants, a bottle along with clear instructions on how to feed. Children can bring their Bible on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights as well as a water bottle, if they'd like.

Snacks

On Sunday mornings during the 9:40 and 11:00 am hour, we serve Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers with water for children age 2 through 5. Puffs are served in our crawler and 1 year old rooms. We have allergy friendly snacks if needed.

Kids Worship at 11:00 am will receive fruit snacks, most Sundays. 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 (3–5-year-olds) and has an accident, we will notify you to come and 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 intervention 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 are 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.

Salvation and Baptism

If a child is inquiring about following Jesus and desiring to be baptized, our Minister of Children would love to schedule a time to meet with them about their decision. Please reach out to children@taylorsfbc.org to set up a meeting.

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