

SAINT ELMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NURSERY POLICIES

Welcome to St. Elmo Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the nursery program at SEPC is to provide a warm, safe environment for all children whose parents or guardians are attending worship services, church sponsored programs or special activities at the church. It is our desire to offer a consistently healthy and positive place for our covenant children and visiting children in a welcoming, nurturing and loving atmosphere. Our church nursery policies are stated below so that all parents and all who work with our children in the nursery will be aware of them.

GENERAL POLICIES

The nursery opens 15 minutes prior to services and other scheduled events. Children are to be brought to the nursery by their parent and will only be released to their parent. Parents should pick up their children immediately following the service or event they have been attending.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS PROPERLY LABELED. THIS INCLUDES:	
Diaper Bag	Bottles
Pacifiers	Drinking Cups
Coats/Clothing	Blankets
Any items that are not labeled will be labeled by one of the nursery volunteers.	

HEALTH POLICIES

For the protection of your child and the other children, parents are requested not to bring a child who appears to be ill. A child should not be placed in the nursery when any of the following exists:

- **Fever -- currently or within previous 24 hours**
- **Vomiting or diarrhea**
- **Significant, persistent nasal drainage which is green or yellow in color,**
- **Any symptom of a childhood disease, such as scarlet fever, German measles, mumps or chicken pox.**
- **Common cold**
- **Sore throat**
- **Any unexplained rash or skin infection**
- **Pink eye or other eye infection**

IMPORTANT NOTES	
We will not administer any medication.	If the child develops a fever or other symptoms of illness while in the nursery, he/she will be separated from other children and the parents will be contacted to take the child home.
If your child has a physical condition which may require specialized intervention or pre-caution, please contact Ellie Potter at 423 xxx-xxxx.	If your child develops an infectious disease (chicken pox, etc.) after he/she has been in the nursery, please contact Ellie Potter at 423-xxx-xxxx so we may notify other parents of their child's exposure.
Toys used by the children are washed or sprayed with FCA approved disinfectant at the end of each session and at other times when necessary.	