

Butter Bears Purpose Statement:

We strive to assist parents at Faith Evangelistic Center to model and teach biblical principles to their children. We believe the primary responsibility for Biblical, spiritual development is given to the parents as clear instructions in the Bible. Our desire is to help children know, grow and show God's love by providing a safe environment to learn and have fun.

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Ps. 78:4

Core Values and Beliefs

- Children are gifts from God.
- Children like adults are seriously flawed and in need of a savior.
- Children can grow in grace and use their spiritual gifts for the Glory of God.
- The church family has a responsibility to fulfill its pledge to nurture and train children in the ways of the Lord.

Our Objective

To collaborate with parents, family members and the church body in instilling a deep-seated desire to:

- Love Christ (Know)
- Live for Christ (Serve)
- Lead others to Christ (Evangelize)



Welcome to Butter Bears

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Pam Day
Butter Bear Director

Butter Bear Opening Times:

Sunday 9:00am Service: "Children's Activity Time" directly after praise and worship.

Sunday school: 11:00am

Sunday 12:30pm Service: 12:10 pm

Wednesday 7:00pm Service: 6:40 pm

Butter Bear Class Age: 3 years old (fully potty trained) through pre-school.

Note: To limit distractions in the children's learning process we do not accept children 10 minutes after services have began; with the exception of first time guests.



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General Policies

Wellness / Medication

1. Children must be symptom free from sickness (without medication) for at least 24 hours before entering a classroom.
2. If a child develops any of these symptoms while checked in, the parent will be asked to pick up their child.
3. We are unable to administer medications. If your child requires medication, please make arrangements to personally administer what is required before check-in.
4. Parents of children with allergies requiring the potential use of an EpiPen must supply their own.

Non-Attending Parent Policy

Infants up to 5 years old; due to the requirements of this age group we **do not** allow children to be checked into the nursery or preschool class without a parent or guardian 18 years or older attending services.

Parent Volunteers

In building a successful family ministry we encourage all parents to volunteer in their children's classrooms. As a part of the team parents receive first-hand knowledge of what the children are learning, doing and will create memories that last a life time.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact our Nursery, Preschool or Children's Director.

Parent Information

1. It is beneficial for the parents to expedite the check-in process. This lessens separation anxiety and helps your child adjust to the classroom.
2. To eliminate confusion and crowding, we ask that parents refrain from entering the classroom area at check-in.
3. At the completion of service promptly pick up your child in order to allow our volunteers to clean up and close the classrooms.
4. For the safety of your child we **do not** release children to anyone not listed on the sign in roster or under the age of 18 without advance consent of the class director.
5. We ask for children shoes to remain on in case of an evacuation & to prevent injury.
6. Please leave all toys, dolls and additional accessories at home. These items are easily lost and can often be objects of contention between the children.
7. For the safety of children with food allergies we ask that no snacks be brought from home. A light snack is provided for children who are old enough when necessary.
8. If your child has any allergies, special needs or conditions, note them at check-in to ensure the teacher is aware.

Children's Ministry Rules

1. Respect God:

Don't do anything that would be displeasing to God. (Examples include throwing trash onto the floor, writing on the tables or running in His house.)

2. Respect Others:

No touching of any kind to anyone.
No taking or touching things that are not yours. No name calling or tattling.

3. Respect Yourself:

Follow the rules and do what is right

Corrective Actions

The Butter Bear classroom utilizes a 3 Strike System:

- If a child receives "one strike" (indicating unacceptable behavior) they will lose the chance of receiving a good behavior incentive.
- At receiving a third strike, a child will be removed from class to sit with the parent or director for the remainder of the service; possibly the next service depending on the behavior of the child.

Additional Information:

- Our staff handles each situation individually if possible; giving children the opportunity to correct unacceptable behavior and make good choices.
- Incident reports are turned into the class director regarding discipline; the director will ensure parents receive copies upon request.
- If a child displays **aggressive behavior** (biting, hitting, pushing) he/she will be removed from class to sit with their parent or director immediately.