

2024-2025

# What is the Christian philosophy of the school?

The Preschool and Child Care are part of the overall ministry to children at Beulah Presbyterian Church. We function under, and ultimately answer to, the Session of the church. Our aim is to cooperate with families in helping children develop spiritually as well as cognitively, socially, emotionally, and physically. We believe that each child is a unique gift from God to be appreciated and encouraged. Through our life with them and with each other, we seek to live out the commandment to love one another. We believe that sharing and forgiving cannot be taught; they must be caught. We believe also that where children are treated with respect, shown love and given encouragement they learn quickly and well.

Children have opportunities to worship once a month as age appropriate. Families are invited to worship with us 3 times a year- at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. In addition, children have opportunities to experience both formal and informal prayer (e.g. singing blessing at snack and lunch times; hear Bible stories, and Christian songs).

## What are the current fees?

Child Care:	as of July 1, 2023 <u>Monthly rates</u>	ages 3-5	2 yr. old *	Infants/Young Toddlers*
		\$5.55/hr.	\$6.35/hr.	\$7.90/hr.

\*Minimum of 6-hour days

<b><u>Registration fee</u>:</b>	\$75.00 per family	(non-refundable)	
Activity fee:	\$75.00 per child		
Deposit:	varies depending on schedule of child care		
FOBs:	\$5 each	*Fob for security door access	

## How does the scheduling for Child Care work?

The Program is registered with the Department of Human Services and governed by their regulations. Children are accepted into Child Care pending availability of space in the care room, without regard to race, color, or creed.

The program is open from 7am until 5:30pm daily (5-5:30 – as available) excluding holidays and specified days in August. Hours of use may be scheduled any time within hours of operation with these requirements:

- Usage must be scheduled based on a M-T-W-Th-F. All days must be at least 6 hours. Usage is scheduled according to the signed agreement.
- Families of all children must have a schedule for all five days (M-T-W-Th-F).
- You will be billed for a monthly tuition based on the schedule you choose. The tuition will remain the same whether the program is open or closed or if your child is absent.

## How do I enroll my child?

After your tour, an administrator will go over the "Financial Obligations" worksheet, which you will receive a copy of this signed form.

If after that meeting, you decide our child care is for your family then you will complete our "Application Holding" form along with a \$50.00 fee (this will be applied to deposit once you enroll). Once the Application Holding form is complete and we have space available an administrator will go over a set of forms with you at a convenient time for both parties. At that meeting, you will be asked for the Registration fee, Activity fee, as well as your deposit.

You will meet with an administrator to schedule a <u>transition day</u> prior to your start date. On this transition day, you will accompany your child to the room and plan to stay for about 1 hour as you and your child become accustomed to the room and become familiar with the teachers.

#### What happens if I choose to withdraw my child from the program before I begin?

We require a 60-day notice to refund your full deposit.

#### What happens if I withdraw after my child has started the program?

We require a 30-day notice to refund your full deposit. This notice must be in writing.

#### Do you have policies concerning sick children?

Yes. Because of our care and concern for all the children enrolled, we do have detailed policies concerning sick children and their admittance to care/class; regulations regarding dispensing of medications, health forms, etc. that are detailed in the Family Handbook. The center needs to be informed of any allergies.

Any other questions? Please just ask! 412-242-4424 or <u>bcpccoffice@beulahpresby.org</u>