

Dear Parents:

Allow us to personally welcome you to the Conneaut Church of God and our Nursery Ministry! We are delighted to have you with us and count it a privilege to care for your infants and toddlers.

It is our hope that this brochure will provide you with the information needed to make you feel confident about leaving your children with us during today's service. Enclosed you will read about our general operating procedures, health and safety guidelines, and how we plan to minister to your precious little ones.

Our goal is to provide quality care and age-appropriate Christian education in a safe, healthy, loving environment. We intend to make your children's first years at church a fun learning experience while meeting their physical and emotional needs. In this way, we hope you will then be free to focus on what God has for you in the adult service.

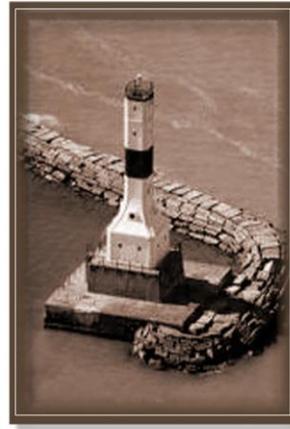
You are invited to contact our Nursery Ministry Director, Theresa Pierce, at craigtheresa@yahoo.com or 440.593.4033 with any comments, questions, concerns or to schedule a private nursery tour.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to care for your infants and toddlers.

Sincerely,
Your Nursery Ministry Team

Conneaut Church of God

Fulfilling the Great Commission by reaching the unchurched of the world with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.



His LightHouse

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Sunday 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Sunday 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14*

Nursery Class:

Each class includes a brief Bible lesson, a short Scripture verse and a related song taught in a fun, age-appropriate fashion. Every child is given plenty of playtime with individual attention, a simple snack or feeding opportunity, and a diaper change.



Staff:

All nursery staff have been through a rigorous screening process including a criminal background check. They are trained regularly on the physical, developmental, emotional, and spiritual needs of infants and toddlers. There are two adult staff present during each class and if six awake children arrive, a third staff member is asked to help.

Registration:

The first time your child visits the nursery, you will be asked to complete a Registration Form. This will give staff information about how best to provide care for him/her.

Diaper Changing/Potty Training:

Please include diapers, wipes, rash cream, and a change of clothing in your child's bag. Changing Stations are available in both the ladies' and men's restrooms if you prefer to change your child yourself. Please notify staff if your child is potty training and can use the child-sized toilet in the nursery bathroom.



Snack/Feeding:

Please give staff the necessary instructions for feeding your infant. A bottle warmer, refrigerator, bibs and spoons are available if needed. If your child is nursing and becomes hungry, you will be paged and provided with a private place. The nursery only offers sipper cups of water and either puffs or fish crackers for toddlers. Your child may bring a leak-proof sipper cup filled with a favorite drink. For safety reasons, staff will not serve any other snacks or beverages.



I.D. Tags & Pager System:

Upon each arrival at the nursery, please sign in your child. You will be given an I.D. tag indicating your pager number. This number will appear on the sanctuary's visual pager box should you be needed, as in the unlikely event of illness or injury. Please indicate on the Sign In Sheet if you allow your child to eat the provided snack and receive a diaper change. To sign out your child, you must present your I.D. tag and place your initials next to your child's name on this same sheet. Please pick up your child promptly at closing time or once the service ends, whichever comes first. If you plan to socialize or pray at the altar, please give your tag to someone who can sign out your child in a timely manner. Your child will not be given to anyone without the proper I.D. tag. The person signing your child in and out must be someone 18 years or older who you trust implicitly.



Separation Anxiety:

If crying or screaming continues after 10 minutes, despite consoling and distracting, you will be paged and asked to retrieve your child. This will relieve the child's anxiety and prevent other children from becoming upset. Please continue to bring your child to class each service. Eventually, he will become familiar with this special place and realize there is nothing to fear. On rare occasions, one parent is allowed in the nursery only briefly to distract the child before leaving quietly.



Behavior:

Behaviors which compromise safety are discouraged, such as throwing toys, hitting, biting, etc. When these behaviors occur, the child is told "no, no" and is taken to another toy or activity. No type of punishment is permitted by staff. Should the negative behavior continue, you will be paged and asked to temporarily remove the child from class. Often when these behaviors occur, the child is tired or ill. We look forward to your child's return to the nursery.

Communicable Disease Policy:



Upon your child's first visit, you will receive information regarding how you and the staff will work together to limit the spread of infectious illnesses.