

Where Love, Learning, & Play go Hand in Hand

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Director's Corner

On April 1st of 2021 Children's House celebrated 50 years of sharing God's love through the care of children. In the fall of 1970 the children's committee of Central Baptist church held a meeting proposing the idea of extending a ministry to serve families with young children. In January of 1971 work began on the creation of preschool care. After much research and planning, Children's House opened its door to the community on April 1st 1971. It began with a mission to provide a planned environment in which the child is free to discover and develop growing skills and concepts. A program based on sound educational guidance in a Christian atmosphere of love and concern for God-created individuals.

In 1982 a family enrolled in Children's House expressed his family's gratitude in a written letter to Dr. Compton, then the pastor of CBC.

"Most fundamentally we are impressed that a program such as the Children's House is seen as an integral ministry of your church. ..We see expressions of the genuine caring, the sense of the child's personal worth, the sensitivity to and awareness of the mysteries and beauties of life around."

Fifty years later the original mission of the children's committee continues to flourish and be maintained in the daily operation of the center.

September 2021

In August of this year the 50th preschool class graduated from the center. After the ceremony a family member shared with me his gratitude and expressions of the care his family received at Children's House. He noted he and his family have always felt a warmth in the building and could immediately feel the love in the atmosphere. He could not praise the staff enough for their labor of love and dedication to the children. Equally he felt his child was more than prepared for "life in Kindergarten" and received a well-rounded education that focused on each child as a whole. His only wish was that we had a Kindergarten wing so his son could continue at Children's House.

Often when visitors come into the building, no matter their nature of business here they always note the love they can feel in the building. It is apparent this has been the culture set fourths and continued since 1971. We love each child and family because we were first loved by him. Sharing God's love through everyday experiences and interactions. Providing a Christian curriculum into daily planning but also following the mission of CBC, Love God, Love people, serve the world. Our doors welcome each and every child, no matter the ability or needs. Each child is seen for who they are and loved.

Over the years many things have evolved and changed. The center has grown from 14 children in one program into a six-room center, serving a capacity of 96 children. Staffing and operations have changed, classrooms redesigned, a summer program added and playgrounds reinvented. One thing remains: Gods' love is always present and high-quality care remains an important mission. Moving forward we know these things will remain and we hope to continue the mission of Love God, Love people and serve the world. We can accomplish this by staying open to new ways of learning and welcoming children of all abilities and life experiences.

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Classroom News

Director's Corner continued

I am excited to see where this ministry will go and grow in the years to come. Knowing the footprints already left in this community and the possibilities that lay ahead. A special thank you for the continued support and love of the CBC members and staff. With a sincere heart thanking those who created Children's House and its mission. Today's staff recognizes the founders dedication and expectations and strives each day to continue the legacy.

Information Station

Attention Children's House families!

Mark your calendar!

On Sunday, September 19 at 10:45 a.m. a special ceremony will be held during Central Baptist Church worship service to honor and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Children's House.

Families and staff are invited to join us for this very special event.



September Birthdays

Students

9/14 Lincoln, Rainbows 9/16 Stella S., Baby Bunnies 9/17 Eli, Rainbows 9/18 Bingham, Sunshines 9/20 Astoria, Shooting Stars

Teachers

9/11 Ms. Connie 9/30 Ms. Karlene



Staff Superheroes

Superhero: Ms. Rae

Secret Identity: center support teacher

C.H. Mission start date: 9/3/19

Superpower: Can handle any assignment **Super Strength:** Ms. Rae answers the call for assistance in all classrooms when needed. She is always there to with love and support.

Baby Bunnies

In August, the Baby Bunnies learned all about animals. Luka and Barrett loved putting cotton balls onto contact paper to create a sheep and taking the yarn off the contact paper in the Free the Snakes activity. Christian loved listening to all the books we read about animals. Stella loved listening to all the music about animals including Old Mc'Donald Had a Farm and Bingo. Sylas loved squishing his hand in paint to create muddy pig art. Quincy is growing bigger every day and loves watching her friends. This month, we welcomed Sophie, Reese, and Theo to the Baby Bunny class and wished Luka good luck in her next adventure in the Busy Bee room. In September, we will be focusing on "Back to School". We will learn about colors, ABCs, and 123s, our five senses, and more books.

> Ms. Loretta Ms. JoJo Ms. Laura



Classroom News

Busy Bees

Fall is on its way and with it comes a brand-new school year. So, our theme for September will be Back to School. We will have lots of fun playing and learning together.

Here Are Our Themes:

Week 1: Song: The Wheels on the Bus. We will learn fun, new nursery rhymes, talk about the color yellow, and find circle shapes in our room.

Week 2: An Apple for the Teacher. We will taste different apples, print with apples (not at the same time!), and talk about the color red. Nursery rhyme: Ten Little Apples.

Week 3: Play is Learning. We will sort toys by color, drive our cars on the blue lines (pre-writing), play hide and seek with shapes, and learn the ABC song. Week 4: Making Friends. We ill work and play about learning our names and how to play together and share. We will learn the "Good Morning Song."

Ms. Alison Ms. Erica

Sunshines

Happy September! We want to take this time to welcome our newest Sunshines to our classroom. We are happy to have them join us/

For this month we will be focusing on reptile and amphibians. We will be learning about where they live and what they eat. If you have any books that focus on this, please feel free to send them with your child.

So many new and fun activities are with this unit! Have a wonderful month!

Ms. Wendy Ms. Cassandra

Shooting Stars

Hello Shooting Star Families!

Welcome to the new school year! Welcome to the new school year! Our Shooting Stars are growing up so fast and some are transitioning to bigger things and we couldn't be prouder.

We're bringing in the new month with new themes and fun learning! For the month of September, we're going back to purple for our monthly theme color.

Our weekly themes are:

Week One: Fairy Tales/Nursery Rhymes

Week Two: Pets

Week Three: Apples/Introduction to Fall/Autumn

Week Four: Birthdays

We wish all of our Shooting Stars and their families many blessings as you learn and grow through these new transitions! You will always be our Shooting Stars!

We would like to welcome our new Shooting Stars and their families as we are excited to begin a new year: Eli, Waylon, Ben, Jaxson, Esadora, and Maryn. Good luck to the following Shooting Stars as they promote to the Pre-K Fours: Landon, Warrick, Weston, Magnolia, and Wyatt.

Ms. Rebecca Ms. Connie

Rainbows

Central Baptist Church

We have returned to in-person worship at both locations! 10:45 a.m. at Springfield and 9:00 a.m. at New Berlin. If you are looking for a church home, we are always glad to have you join us in worship!

Wednesday Night Dinner is on hiatus

Central Baptist Church volunteers prepare a meal the first and third Wednesday nights of each month during the regular school year (September – May. Children's House families are always welcome at dinner. Dinner is served cafeteria style from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Carryout meals are also available. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

If you plan to order, please let Ann or Rachael in the church office know by noon on Tuesday.



Parenting Article

10 Parenting Tips to Inspire You!

In this Preschool Professor article are ten parenting tips meant to inspire you, even on the days you feel like you live in a zoo! Some of these tips are:

- Have perspective. Your children are only this young for awhile.
- Consistency is key. Children thrive on consistency in their daily routines, discipline, and even food choices.
- Forgive yourself. We all make mistakes.
 Apologize to your child if you have hurt their feelings.
- 4. Set up some one-on-one time on a regular basis. Think of what your child is most interested in and do something together related to that interest.

To read more of these inspiring tips, click here.

Couples Article

27 Actually Creative Date Ideas to Try This Year

Date nights are important for all couples, but sometimes babysitters are not available or finances are tight. This article by Becca Evans offers date night ideas for both inside and outside.

Some of these date night ideas are:

- Game night. Play a board game, download a game app, or play a relationship game. This can easily happen once the children are in bed.
- 2. Mini movie night. You can rent a movie projector, buy movie candy, and popped some popcorn. Watch your favorite movie.
- 3. Scrapbook your family history. Gather family pictures and you will have fun scrapbooking together.
- 4. Fantasy vacation planning. Plan your dream vacation. Chose where you will go, how you will travel, and where you will stay. Also plan the activities you will do. You can try to "sell" the idea to your partner.

To read more of these date night ideas, click here.

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