



## Ministry Goals

**\*\*The first and foremost goal of the preschool is to truly follow our Philosophy of what the school is centered around. The philosophy is as stated:**

The Church of the Covenant Weekday Preschool believes that each child is a unique person created by God who will grow in his or her own special way. We seek to provide, in an informal learning environment, the kinds of experiences and activities that will contribute to each child's cognitive, physical, social, emotional and spiritual growth.

We want the children to feel loved and appreciated for who they are, rather than what they do. We encourage them to learn to live, work and play cooperatively in a comfortable social setting.

Through the use of stimulating materials, "hands on" experiences, opportunities for making choices, speaking and asking questions, interacting with adults and peers and freedom of creative expression, the children will explore and discover their world. By learning to care for their own physical needs and developing their bodies with good nutrition, proper rest, and exercise, we hope to foster an appreciation for health.

In all these ways, we will endeavor to ensure that each child has a feeling of self-worth as a special and loved child of God.

1. Continuing to provide scholarships to families who are in need via The Roger Johnson Scholarship Fund that has been established. Would like this outreach fund continued to be listed on the Memorial Gift Donation list.
2. Continuing to update clearances according to the new PA state law that was established in Dec. 2014. Each teacher is required to have three clearances and any adult who is volunteering in classrooms.
3. Continuing to improve/update our child protection policy within the preschool and church.
4. Academically—continue our set curriculum to match public school expectations as well as containing a Christian learning avenue.
5. Associate God, Jesus and the Bible with warm, loving feelings.
6. Know that Jesus is a very special friend who cares about everyone.
7. Receive encouragement to give love, respect and acceptance to others.

**\*\*The following are additional goals that the Preschool functions as mission/outreach according to the denomination of the Presbyterian Church:**

- Evangelism and Witness—The Preschool provides and creates opportunities for families to become familiar with our church and offers the chance to become members.
- Justice and Compassion- The preschool encourages to support community service projects such as food drives and “Toys for Tots. We also provide scholarships to families that are in need and ensure future success of the children.
- Spirituality and Discipleship- Established curriculum provide children opportunities to learn about Jesus, his life and stories. Overseen by the CE committee, the preschool provides opportunity to “raise up a child in the way they should go.”
- Leadership and Vocation- God’s love can be seen in the classroom environment where children are challenged, encouraged and loved and instructed and cared for. The successes of the “preschool alumni” have resulted in school leaders, honor role students and young people that understand the role of God’s love in their lives.

These goals are timeless but are built upon when necessary. This is seen in our curriculum.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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