

MOM'S DAY OUT

Lively Stones Parent Guide

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We are excited to partner with you in nurturing your child's faith and knowledge, providing a strong foundation for their spiritual and educational growth. Our team is committed to creating a loving and engaging environment where children can learn, explore, and thrive in Christ. It is our joy to walk alongside your family, guiding and encouraging your little ones as they grow.

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This manual will provide information concerning the Lively Stones, Mom's Day Out Ministry at Parkway Baptist in Fort Oglethorpe, GA. We are privileged to partner with parents in educating, equipping, and encouraging their children.

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Message from the Pastor

Dear Parents,

As the Pastor of Parkway Baptist, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for entrusting your child(ren) to our care. Partnering with you in their growth and development is a true privilege. Our dedicated Lively Stones staff has prayerfully and diligently prepared an engaging, Christ-centered experience that is both exciting and educational. It is our joy to teach, encourage, and celebrate new discoveries with your children, and we pray they will have a wonderful time learning and growing with us.

We understand that choosing the right program for your child can feel as complex as solving a Rubik's Cube—sometimes overwhelming and uncertain. That's why we take your trust seriously and are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and spiritually enriching environment for your family.

With that, I want to extend a big, warm welcome to you and your child(ren) as part of our Parkway family and Lively Stones Ministry. May your time with us be a blessing, and may God richly reward this season of investment in your child's life.

Missional Until He Comes,



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Titus 1:3



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1 Peter 2:5

*Ye also, as **lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Purpose

The purpose of having a ministry, such as Lively Stones, is to provide an additional arm of outreach from Parkway Baptist to our community. We believe in an active, hands-on approach to learning with children. Your child will enjoy many activities, such as singing, learning, and laughter, in every experience. *Lively Stones Mom's Day Out* offers a flexible program to help your child develop basic social skills. Our staff will assist your child in learning how to participate in a group, share with others, learn new games and songs, and, most importantly, learn how God loves them. We look forward to helping your child learn and make new friends at *Lively Stones*.

Enrollment

We provide classes for nursery ages and 1-5-year-old children. Classroom placements are based on the child's age as of **September 1st, with no exceptions.**

Price and Fees

The first day will begin on **August 11th**. Thereafter, we will follow the Catoosa County School calendar. We will operate the ministry four days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- **Age 2-5 yrs.....4 days a week (Monday – Thursday).....\$320 per month**
- **Babies—5 yrs.....3 days a week (Tuesday—Thursday).....\$270 per month**
- **Babies—5 yrs.....2 days a week (Tuesday and Thursday)\$220 per month**
 - Special events and Chapel are on Thursdays. The two-day-a-week program must include Thursday as one of the days. This eliminates any student missing special events.
 - **Early Care:** We will also offer early care, starting at 8:00 am and costing **\$5** per day or **\$40** a month.

Multi-Child Discounts:

- A **\$20** discount on the second child registered.
- A **\$30** discount on the third child registered.
- **Please Note:** 5-year-olds will be accepted only if they are 5 years old after the Catoosa County School cutoff date or are homeschooled.

All Registration Fees are Non-Refundable:

- Registration fee.....\$75
- Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. Any payment made after the 10th of each month will incur a **\$25** late fee.
- Thursday, we offer pizza lunch at the cost of **\$4** per child.
- Field Trips will most likely be scheduled on Thursday. This is still considered a paid school day. **We cannot change days or give days in lieu of a field trip.**
- **We cannot change days anytime during the year. We staff accordingly. In the event of an emergency, we will try to accommodate. We must stay within proper ratio guidelines.**
If we can accommodate an extra day, the fee will be **\$25.**

Late Pick-Up Policy and Fees:

In the event we are not notified of an emergency, any child picked up after 1:00 P.M., a fee of \$5.00 will be charged to your account per child for the first 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, an additional fee of \$1 every minute will be charged to your account. After 15 minutes, we will begin to call the authorized escorts from the parents' list. If, however, no one responds to our calls, and the child has not been picked up by 1:30 P.M., we will notify the Fort Oglethorpe Police Department and register a report.

Daily Schedule

We will teach basic phonics and numbers, and more importantly, we will teach them the Scriptures. We will offer crafts, playtime, snacks, and music during their time with us. **However, each child will need to bring their own sack lunch.** Each Thursday morning, we will have Chapel, and one of our staff or staff pastors will bring the lesson.

Curriculum and Check-in

Our curriculum is Bible-based and designed to prepare children for social interaction, emotional responses, and basic motor skills. Recognition of letters, numbers, days of the week, and months of the year is all part of the fun of learning. Additional learning skills will include sorting, grouping, following directions, and communication skills.

Use of Videos: A recent study from the Education Development Center and the U.S. Congress-supported Ready To Learn (RTL) Initiative found that a curriculum that involved digital media could improve early literacy skills when coupled with strong parental and teacher involvement. Interestingly, the study focused on young children, and 4-5-year-olds who participated showed increased letter recognition, sound association with letters, and

understanding basic concepts about stories and print.¹ From time to time, we will use videos to enhance learning through visual means, along with teaching songs to the class.

Our Check-In System makes the process very easy for parents. It gives them peace of mind that their kids are protected and secure. The system also allows parents to provide our staff with all the needed information so that we can provide their child with the best experience possible.

Pick Up Policy

1. Anytime a new person or someone the staff is not familiar with is sent to pick up a child, he/she will be asked to show I.D., and they must be on the Parental Pick-Up sheet that the parent has authorized.
2. We ask that emergency contacts and the persons authorized to pick up your child who are listed on your application be updated regularly. Please make sure that the people listed can pick up your child in an emergency.
3. Under **NO** circumstances will your child be released to anyone **NOT** on your list.

Security

Safety procedures—We are Child CPR Certified. We have established emergency operations to include— circumstances due to fire and evacuation procedures due to natural disasters or unforeseen circumstances. These procedures will be rehearsed throughout the year to ensure safety, and parents will be notified of all procedures during the orientation meeting.

Background checks for all volunteers and employees who come into contact with children are extremely important for child safety and the protection of Parkway Baptist. Our volunteers and staff have completed the background check process and passed all requirements.

Doors will be locked during operating hours. Anyone who needs to enter the building during this time must ring the doorbell. A staff member will need to identify them before letting them in. This is for the safety of all our children and workers in the program.

¹ ABC News Report: <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/technology/2011/12/the-benefits-of-video-games/> (accessed July 2013).

Discipline

Appropriate behavior will be praised. However, despite our attempts to encourage positive behaviors, children sometimes misbehave. When this occurs, we will treat the situation as an opportunity for teaching rather than punishment. When necessary, our method of discipline will be to warn the child that a “timeout” will result from misbehavior. The duration of the timeout corresponds with the child's age. For example: (*If the child is 2 years old, their timeout can only last up to two minutes.*) Your child will likely stay only a few seconds in a timeout. However, please know we will never go beyond their age with a timeout. No physical contact will be used as a form of discipline. Biting cannot be tolerated. When necessary, the parent will be called to remove the child from the program for the rest of the day. If problems continue, parents may be asked to attend a meeting with an MDO representative and the Pastor.

Sick Policy

1. If your child has any of the following symptoms and/or illnesses listed below, we require that you keep your child at home:

Fever (*it is considered a fever if a temperature is over 100° unless accompanied by other symptoms.*)

Questionable Rashes
Vomiting Impetigo
Mumps
Strep Throat

Green Runny Nose
Chicken Pox
Head Lice
Flu
Any Communicable Disease.

Diarrhea
Measles
Scarlet Fever
Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

2. If your child is being treated with antibiotics, he/she should be on the medication for at least 24 hours before returning to the Lively Stones program. Your child should be fever-free for 24 hours. In the case of a viral infection, children should be free of vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours.
3. If your child has a continually clear runny nose or rash due to a non-contagious illness or allergy, please let us know. We realize some symptoms hang on long after the child is no longer contagious. Remember that our goal is for all our children to remain healthy and happy!
4. **No** medications will be administered at school under any circumstances. (*The only exception to this policy is in the case of severe childhood allergies.*)

The Staff is trained to watch for the following allergic reactions:

MOUTH	<i>itching & swelling of the lips, tongue, or mouth.</i>
THROAT	<i>itching and/or a sense of tightness in the throat, hoarseness, and hacking cough.</i>
SKIN	<i>hives, itchy rash, and/or swelling about the face or extremities.</i>
STOMACH	<i>nausea, abdominal cramps, vomiting, and/or diarrhea.</i>
LUNG	<i>shortness of breath, repetitive coughing, and/or wheezing</i>
HEART	<i>“irregular” pulse, “passing-out”</i>

5. If a child contracts a childhood disease following a class session, parents are asked to inform the Lively Stones Director so that they may inform the other parents to take preventive care. If a child appears ill while in class, he/she will be isolated, and the parents contacted.

Disposable Gloves—All teachers will wear disposable gloves when tending to children's physical needs (such as diapering, wiping noses and drools, or tending to a bump or scrape that has broken the skin).

Snack Time

If your child is allergic to certain foods, you must fill out an ***Allergy Prevention Form*** listing all food items your child(ren) are allergic to.

The snack we will not serve:

- ☒ Peanuts/nuts
- ☒ Foods high in sugar content
- ☒ Grapes, *unless cut in half*
- ☒ Hot dogs
- ☒ Citrus Food (*pulpy and with seed*)
- ☒ Raw carrots
- ☒ Raw celery
- ☒ Seeds
- ☒ High-sugar powdered drinks
- ☒ Peanut butter

We believe nutritious snacks are essential for optimal growth and development for young children. The energy provided by healthy foods ensures that children will be ready to participate fully in the day's learning opportunities. During snack time, we will teach the children that God expects us to take care of our bodies. We will help the class learn to make nutritious choices and develop healthy eating patterns.

We will diligently maintain a healthy, safe environment for food preparation and eating areas. Consistent attention is placed on staff and children's handwashing. Proper washing and sanitizing procedures will be followed for cleaning tables used for eating, snack preparation surfaces, and snack equipment before and after use. The recommended procedure for cleaning eating surfaces involves washing tables with a soapy solution and then sanitizing them with a bleach-water solution. Tables should be dried with disposable paper towels. Staff will always wash their hands after wiping tables and before serving snacks. Child handwashing before snacks consists of washing hands with soap and water, drying hands with a paper towel, and going directly to a table. Snack times will be a prime opportunity for extending high-quality teaching practices and child learning outcomes.

- practice emerging independence by allowing students to set tables, serve themselves, and clear their places.
- interact in a pleasant social atmosphere as they participate with peers and adults in decision-making, sharing, communicating with others, and practicing good manners during family-style mealtime settings.
- learn healthy habits such as handwashing.
- develop mathematical understanding by counting and sorting during snack time.

***Teachers or caregivers should wash hands...**

- ☞ Upon arrival in the classroom or before beginning a teaching assignment outside the room.
- ☞ Before preparing, serving, or eating food.
- ☞ Before and after feeding infants or children.
- ☞ After using or helping a child use the toilet.
- ☞ After every diaper change.
- ☞ After removal of disposable gloves.
- ☞ After contact with body fluids (such as spit up, nasal discharge, tears, saliva, urine, stool, blood or vomits).
- ☞ After handling soiled items.

***Infants and children should wash hands...**

- ☞ Before preparing, handling, or eating snacks.
- ☞ After every diaper change.
- ☞ After using the toilet.
- ☞ After contact with body fluids.

**According to the Center for Disease Control, the proper method to wash hands is to wet them, rub soap into lather and rub hands together for 15 seconds. Rinse. The faucet should be turned off with a paper towel after drying your hands.*

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