



We, the elders of Redeemer Fellowship, would like to thank all of the parents for entrusting their children to First Steps Preschool. For 31 years, we have taken seriously the challenge of providing a quality preschool where children can be educated in a Christian atmosphere.

Redeemer Fellowship has felt and witnessed the movement of God in our church and is experiencing continued growth. With this growth comes challenges to how we function as a church and carry out our ministries. In order to faithfully pursue our ministries with the resources available, we have come to the conclusion that the best way to move forward is to close the preschool ministry permanently at the end of this academic year. We have not come to this decision rashly or without considering the ramifications, but only after much prayer and sober thought.

We realize this may come as a surprise and can create questions. We also understand this statement comes at mid school year. However, knowing registration begins in January, one of the determinations in scheduling this announcement was to allow as much time as possible for parents to seek placement for the next school year. We recommend the following preschools as excellent alternatives for the next school year:

Bethlehem Preschool Center

St. Charles
630-584-2199
<http://www.bethlehempluth.org/ps-main.php>

Hosanna! Preschool

St. Charles
630-584-6434
<http://www.hosannachurch.com>

St. Mark's Nurturing Center Preschool

St. Charles
630-584-4850
<http://stmarksstc.org/preschool/preschool.htm>

St. Patrick Parish

St. Charles
630-338-8000
<http://www.stpatrickparish.org>

Swingset Preschool

St. Charles
630 443-8570
<http://www.uccstc.org/swingset.htm>

This does not signify the end of children's ministry at Redeemer Fellowship. We are extremely committed to sharing the gospel of Christ with children and the community.

In Christ,

Pat Aldridge, Tom Nicoski, Joe Thorn and Jeff Willey

The Elders of Redeemer Fellowship

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1