



Bright Beginnings Daycare

First Baptist Church

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To Our Bright Beginnings Family,

Subject: The Bright Beginnings Daycare will be closing permanently on May 12, 2023.

It is with great sadness that we, the Bright Beginnings Board, must announce that we will be closing the Daycare portion of our ministry permanently. We plan to resume the Preschool portion in the fall of 2023.

First Baptist Church Bloomfield began its daycare ministry over 20 years ago. From the beginning, it was intended to be an affordable daycare based on Christian values and teachings. For most of its duration, it has thrived and been self-supporting.

While the daycare is a ministry, it is also a business. As a non-profit organization, the goal is that the income (daycare fees and other subsidies) equals the cost of running the organization (wages, materials, and equipment). That balancing act is complicated because the number of caregivers must be adjusted to correspond to the number (and ages) of the children. Due to changing work practices (partially due to COVID restrictions and increased working from home), the demand for daycare has declined. With fewer children in attendance, the total fees received has decreased while the expenses have increased.

We increased the wages of the caregivers, hoping to attract new caregivers and retain a stable staff. We attempted to recruit more children but were unable to fill the rooms that were open. We considered raising fees, but a price increase to offset the finances would be too large a burden for the parents.

We have watched as the Daycare has continued to lose money with no indication that the finances will improve. Therefore, we have decided it is time to close the daycare portion of this ministry.

To our caregivers and staff,

Thank you for being part of the Bright Beginnings family. You have been a blessing to us and to the children. With the closing of the daycare, your final day as an employee will be May 12, 2023.

To the parents of our Daycare children,

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We hope we are giving you enough time to make other arrangements for the care of your children. Childcare will remain available through May 12, 2023.

To the parents of our Preschool students,

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Preschool will continue as normal through the end of this school year, May 12th. We plan to resume the operation of the preschool at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Your Servants in Christ,

The Bright Beginnings Board

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