



## GRAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESCHOOL

**LICENSED PRESCHOOL** Director- Nikki Judy

(Licensed at 2-Star Level by Department of Human Services)

**Members---** Children 18 mo. – 5 Yr.

**Rooms** FLC Preschool

**Size Limitation---**24

**Time:** Year-Round, M-F, 7:00am-6:00pm

**Our Mission** Because we believe that children are a gift from the Lord ( Psalms 127:3) and that today's families need assistance in "rearing their children," Gray UMC Preschool provides for the families of the church community a weekly childcare ministry. This ministry's primary focus will be to provide a healthy, cheerful, and loving atmosphere which will maximize each child's individual spiritual, physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development.

**Our Teachers** Our teachers are specially chosen for their dedication to meeting the developmental and educational needs of children. Each member of our staff meets the qualifications set by state laws and completes a full orientation and submits to a background check. Our teachers are required to attend sixteen hours of professional development sessions each year.

**Our Education Philosophy** We believe that the first five years of childhood are the most important in development and learning. Our educational curriculum is designed to help children reach the fullest potential. Our preschool programs feature fun, developmentally appropriate lessons, and activities that help develop the whole child physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially.

Each child is encouraged to explore and discover at his or her own pace. Each day children have an engaging variety of learning activities and fun play experiences to choose from, planned with the specific age and interests of the child in mind, and with the goal of preparing the child for the next level of learning.

**Our Goal** The goal of Gray UMC Preschool is to minister to children and their families by providing a loving and safe, secure, and healthy environment for their children. We want to build collaboration among our parents, teachers, board membe, and the director to help build the future of our children. We want to encourage spiritual growth of the whole family and help our children to grow up to be better world leaders. It our belief that God created each child as a special and unique being with a need to love and know God, The childcare facility and the church will work together to develop a love for God, His word, and their families.

**Licensing** We are licensed by the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

GrayUMC Preschool is an equal opportunity provider. We accept applications for admission and employment without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, color, creed, physical or mental disability, or any other protected status.

*Gray United Methodist Preschool reserves the right to change existing policies or introduce new policies to center operations at any time.*