

### How to register:

Send Diane or Bethany an email with your name, contact number, church, and classes you would like to attend. You will receive a confirmation email back.

The cost of each seminar is \$50

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### Purpose of Certification Program

The purpose of this Certification Program is to equip leaders in the Preschool and Children's areas of their church to be more informed about the basics of ministry in order for them to meet the needs of preschoolers, children, teachers and parents. Ministers who have risen from the laity of the church, but who do not have seminary training will gain vital information and guidance in planning and implementing their ministry.

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# TEXAS ★ BAPTISTS

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Certification Program  
for Childhood Educators

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Seminars are not sequential, therefore, can be taken in any order.

Assignments must be completed before credit is given for the seminar.

### Session Dates

**January 12**

Characteristics of  
Preschoolers and Children

**March 10**

Essentials of Ministry  
Theology of Children

**March 11**

Ministry vs Proqramming  
Family Ministry

**August 12 - 13**

**Childhood Summit**  
Guidance in the Classroom  
Safe Ministry Area  
Principles of Teaching

**September 8**

Leadership in the Church  
How to Choose Curriculum

**September 9**

Characteristics of  
Preschoolers and Children  
Guidance in the Classroom

**October 6**

Safe Ministry Area  
Principles of Teaching

**October 7**

Ministry vs Programming  
Family Ministry

The certification program consists of basic and advanced classes.

### *Basic Certificate*

#### Essentials of Ministry

- ◆ What is your call into ministry? This is much more than a job, it is a calling and commitment. Ensuring a strong philosophy as well as how to communicate that is emphasized during this time.

#### Theology of Children

- ◆ What does the Bible say about children? How does God view children? This seminar deals with what the Bible says and how that relates to the importance of Preschool and Children's Ministries.

#### Characteristics of Preschoolers and Children

- ◆ The reasons we teach preschoolers and children as we do rests in the facts that research has told us about their characteristics.

#### Principles of Teaching

- ◆ What teaching style needs to be incorporated with Preschoolers and Children? Why is it important? This seminar will deal with learning through activities, room arrangements, and class schedule.

### *Advanced Certificate*

#### Ministry or Programming

- ◆ Is your church being intentional in teaching Bible content to Preschoolers and Children? Is there a balance of your ministry design? This seminar will help the minister to evaluate all of their ministries to ensure that all areas of spiritual development are being emphasized.

#### How To Choose Curriculum

- ◆ We teach Preschoolers and Children, not curriculum. But, curriculum guides the learning of Preschoolers and Children. How do you know you are using the best curriculum for them?

#### Guidance in the Classroom

- ◆ Discipline is the #1 reason why Bible Study teachers quit. How can the minister learn to keep great teachers from becoming discouraged and quitting? Learning how to be the guide in the classroom and still maintain order is stressed in this seminar.

#### Leadership in the Church

- ◆ The importance of maintaining records, evaluating the yearly calendar to make sure there is an intentional balance of Bible content taught in fun and serious times will be covered in this seminar.

#### Implementation of a Safe Ministry Area

- ◆ Safety, security and screening are necessary components of Childhood Ministry. This seminar helps you evaluate, compare what others are doing, then gives the minister tools to meet these needs.

#### Family Ministry

- ◆ As a minister, it is imperative to be involved with the family unit, but how do you get to know families and what do families want? This seminar deals getting to know families and developing seminars, Bible Studies and events to meet their needs.