



2019/2020

*A Drop-In Indoor Playgroup
for ages 0-5*

Thursdays from 9:15-11:15

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Hello Parent/Caregiver!

Welcome to Scooters at Emmanuel Baptist Church! We are so glad that you and your little one(s) are here! Scooters is a playgroup for parents or caregivers and their little ones (newborn to age 5).

Scooters is a time to meet, play, jump, run and share, all within the Emmanuel Baptist Church gymnasium and Fellowship Hall. We come together midway through the morning for Circle Time, where we sing songs, have a snack, and get to know each other. Our primary goal at Scooters is to build and foster relationships between families in the community; as such, we are not equipped to accommodate daycare providers at this time. Please stick close to your children throughout the morning, to keep them and others safe.

Scooters runs Thursday mornings during the school year from 9:15 to 11:15. Circle Time happens around 10:00, but you're welcome to come and go at any time throughout the morning. In the interest of safety, we do have a daily cap on the number of families we can accept each morning – the earlier you arrive, the better your chance of being admitted. Once we have reached our daily limit, we will post on our Facebook page and put a large yellow sign on the West doors of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Our Scooters calendar contains all dates and information for the 2019/2020 season; any cancellations will also be posted on our Facebook page.

Scooters charges a small fee each time you join us. This money is used to cover the cost of our weekly coffee bar, to repair/replace equipment, and to meet other Scooters community needs as necessary. We rely on our regular attendees to volunteer their time and efforts to assist with clean-up, healthy snacks, and special activities – Scooters would not be possible without your assistance!

We hope that you and your child(ren) have a great time at Scooters as you play and make new friends!

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The
SCOOTERS

Mission Statement

We aim to create a community where children and their parents/caregivers can play with each other and engage with new friends, in an environment that is friendly, fun, safe, and welcoming. Through our care for you and your children, the Scooters team hopes to share God's love with each person who joins us.



The Scooters Team

Elya Lam ----- Volunteer Coordinator

Beverly Toth ----- Director of Children’s Ministry
at Emmanuel Baptist Church

Kari Elliott ----- Director of Care & Community
at Emmanuel Baptist Church

From time to time, we may also have “Scooters Sidekicks” – trusted and committee approved volunteers who are here to visit with you, play with children, and cuddle babies. All Scooters Sidekicks are required to wear ID badges.

If you are interested in being involved with Scooters in a more formal capacity, please send us an email (scooters@ebap.ca), or speak to one of the Scooters Team Members.





What Does a Morning at Scooters Look Like?

The Scooters space is divided into several distinct play areas:

Gymnasium – This space is set-up for energetic free play, and includes a bouncy-house and other toys to get kids moving.

Fellowship Hall – A mixed use area, with the majority being set up for quiet play. Usually includes coloring, puzzles, cars, or other fine-motor activities. The second half of the space is a rotating selection of gross-motor skills activities, such as ball hockey, parachutes, or tents and tunnels.

Scooters Lounge - A private room just off the gymnasium for changing diapers, breastfeeding, or quiet time.

Designated Infant Play Areas – In both the gymnasium and the Fellowship Hall, you will find spaces set up for your littlest children. You'll find exersaucers, infant-safe toys, soft floor mats, and bean bags chairs for the adults to relax in!

Our time at Scooters consists mostly of parent-supervised (and parent-involved!) free play in any of our play areas. At 10:00, we come together for Circle Time, where we make introductions, announcements, and sing songs. Our Circle Time expectations are as follows:

- When you hear the "Make a Circle" song, put your toys away (no toys at Circle Time please!) and join us in the gymnasium.
- Children must sit with their parent/caregiver.
- Circle Time is short – 5 minutes maximum! – so do your best to encourage your little ones to listen quietly and participate when asked to do so.
- If your child is having a day when they cannot respect the Circle Time expectations, please feel free to engage them in quiet-play activities in the Fellowship Hall while you wait for Circle Time to end.

Immediately following Circle Time will be Snack Time. Once your children have eaten and cleaned up, they can continue playing until you hear our Clean-Up song at around 11:10. We appreciate your help in putting away toys and equipment each week.

REMEMBER: It is expected that you stick close to, and play with, your children throughout the morning, to keep them and others safe. If you are not actively watching or engaged with your child, a Scooters team member may issue a reminder that you must always be by their side.

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DO'S and DON'TS

DO:

- Watch your child carefully **AT ALL TIMES**. Parents/caregivers are responsible for their children's actions at Scooters. Hitting, biting, pushing, or other play that may injure a child is not tolerated. If you are not actively watching or engaged with your child, a Scooters team member may issue a reminder that you must always be by their side.
- Treat all toys and play equipment with respect. Please ensure that children are playing with toys and equipment in a way that will not damage them.
- Be kind and respectful to others! If you have a conflict or concern with another person at Scooters, please speak to a paid EBC staff member.
- Volunteer your time and energy to keep Scooters running. We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, healthy snacks and special activities. And remember – volunteering means guaranteed admission!
- Introduce yourself to people you don't know! Scooters is open to both members of the community as well as those who attend any of Emmanuel's services.

DON'T:

- Bring any food (for yourself or to share) that contains nuts. Emmanuel Baptist Church is a nut-aware building.
- Discipline children that are not your own. If you have a conflict or concern with another person at Scooters, please speak to a paid EBC staff member.
- Bring your child to Scooters if you suspect he/she might be ill.

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Scooters Fees

Drop-In Fees:

\$2/child
\$5/family

Pre-Paid Family Pass:

1 child families - \$15/9 passes
2+ child families - \$20/9 passes

Pre-paying does not guarantee entrance to Scooters Playgroup. Pre-paid passes are non-transferable; all children must be declared at the time of purchase. Any Pre-Paid Family passes are final sale and will not be reimbursed even if they are unused. Purchasers of Pre-Paid Family Passes are required to volunteer a minimum of one time for each pass (9 entries) they purchase - this can be in a snack supply or kitchen cleanup capacity.

Scooters and the staff of Emmanuel Baptist Church reserves the right to limit the number of participants on any given day.



Volunteering with SCOOTERS

Many of our weekly Scooters offerings are volunteer facilitated, meaning we rely on YOU in order to offer fun programming for children from age 0-5. Each week, we ask all our families to stick around until 11:15 to help put away toys and equipment in our Scooters storage room. You'll know it's time to lend a hand when you hear our cleanup song!

If you have purchased a Pre-Paid Family Pass, you are required to sign your family up to volunteer at least one time for each pass you purchase. Each time you volunteer to bring snack or do kitchen cleanup, you will receive GUARANTEED ADMISSION for your family that day.

Snack: Each week, two families bring a snack to share with everyone at Scooters. It doesn't have to be fancy! Apple slices and cheese, muffins, a box of Goldfish crackers... Just make sure it's nut-free. (And we always have back-up snacks if you end up with not quite enough!)

Kitchen Clean-Up: Each week, we need at least two people to sign up for kitchen clean-up (washing dishes and putting away coffee/tea). You'll know it's time when you hear our clean-up song!

Please sign up on the Volunteer sheet at the Scooters welcome table. If you are unable to make your scheduled volunteer shift, we ask that you find a friend to switch with you. Please email scooters@ebap.ca to let us know about any changes, or if you are unable to find someone to switch with.

Do you have an idea of how you could contribute to Scooters in a way other than listed above? We'd love to hear from you!





Scooters 2019/2020

September 19 – First Day of Scooters!
September 26
October 3 – Colour Day – wear your favourite colours!
October 10
October 17
October 24
October 31 – Dress-Up Day - wear a non-scary costume!
November 7
November 14
November 21
November 28 -
December 5 – Last day before Christmas – wear Christmas colours!

January 9, 2020 – First day back!
January 16
January 23
January 30
February 6
February 13 – Valentine’s Day Celebration – wear your favourite red or pink outfit!
February 20 – NO SCOOTERS (February Break)
February 27
March 5
March 12 - Pyjama Day – wear your coziest PJ’s (stuffed animals welcome!)
March 19
March 26
April 2
April 9 - Easter Celebration
April 16 – NO SCOOTERS (Easter Break)
April 23
April 30
May 7
May 14 – Scooters Wind-Up Celebration!

Upcoming EBC Community Events

October 26 – Pumpkin Bash

December 8 – Kids Christmas

Program & Crafting

*** Other EBC Community Events will be announced throughout the year***



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Registration and Release Form
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Please fill out the following basic registration information and return to the main office or submit to one of the Scooters Team Members.

Parent(s)/Guardian
Name(s):

Children's Name &
Birthdate:

Phone Number:

Family Email Address:

Address:

Name of adult accompanying child to
Scooters (if different from parent/guardian): _____

Do you or your children have any allergies/medical conditions/other important information that you would like the Scooters leaders and Emmanuel staff to be aware of?

How did you hear about Scooters? _____

I am aware that, in the interest of creating a safe and welcoming Scooters community, there is a limit on the number of families allowed each week. Pre-purchased passes do not guarantee entry, and are non-transferable. If I have volunteered to bring snacks or do kitchen cleanup, I will be guaranteed a space in the playgroup for that day.

Initials: _____

(When Scooters is filled to capacity, a Facebook post will be made, and a large yellow sign will be placed on the West-side doors of Emmanuel Baptist Church – this means we cannot accept any more children that morning.)

Parents and caregivers are responsible for the full supervision of children while they are attending Scooters. By signing this registration and release form, I acknowledge and agree to the Scooters rules outlined in the “Do’s and Don’ts”, and consent to receive emails from Scooters and Emmanuel Baptist Church. I understand that every precaution will be taken for the safety and good health of my child, but in the event of accident or sickness, I hereby release Emmanuel Baptist Church, its staff, and its volunteers from any liability.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____

Date: _____



Want to know more about Emmanuel Baptist Church?

- Take a minute to browse our church website (www.emmanuelbaptist.ca) for more detailed information about our church – what we believe, when we meet, and how to get in touch.

- Join us at one of our two services:
 - Morning Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
 - The Connection – Sundays at 6:00 p.m.Each service incorporates music, teaching time (and good coffee!) and offers programming for children ages 0-Grade 6.

- Check out the bulletin board beside the back Fellowship Hall doors for posters and flyers about upcoming EBC events and programs. We have programs and events for kids, youth, men, women, and families, as well as marriage ministries and ESL classes.

- Do you know of a person or situation that needs some practical care support? We're here to help! Emmanuel Baptist's Care Ministry aims to provide practical support in a variety of situations. For more information, contact Kari Elliott, Director of Care & Community Engagement (kari@ebap.ca).

For more information on any of the programs listed here, please contact Emmanuel Baptist Church, or any of the staff members. They would love to chat with you!

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