

## **SonShine Preschool 2026-2027**

Welcome to SonShine Preschool of Fletcher United Methodist Church! We are delighted to have you and your child in our program. The safety and well-being of your child is our priority.

We strive to create an environment where children can explore, create, and grow in a nurturing and stimulating setting, while also learning about the love of Jesus. Our goal is to meet each child's unique needs and provide a high-quality learning experience that promotes spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and intellectual development.

Our goal is to build a strong rapport with the children and their families, enabling them to feel loved and secure at preschool and to lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning.

Our staff is always available to answer questions or discuss your child's needs. If we work together and make home and school a team, a solution can be found for the needs that your child may have. We want you and your child to feel welcome and at home here at SonShine.

We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and love!

The Staff of SonShine Preschool

## **SonShine Preschool Calendar 2026-2027**

|                  |                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| August 21        | Meet the Teacher                                |
| August 24        | First Day of School                             |
| September 7      | No School - Labor Day                           |
| October 12       | No School                                       |
| October 30       | Trunk-or-Treat                                  |
| November 11      | No School - Veterans Day Holiday                |
| November 25 - 27 | Thanksgiving Break                              |
| December 18 - 31 | Christmas Break                                 |
| January 5        | Back from Christmas Break                       |
| January 18       | No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day          |
| February 19      | No School – Teacher Workday                     |
| March 22 - 29    | Easter/Spring Break                             |
| April 23         | No School                                       |
| May 20           | Pre-K Graduation and Last Day of School         |
| May 21           | Last Day of School for 2 and 3-Year-Old Classes |

**\* Calendar is subject to change - Refer to newsletters, monthly calendars, and Brightwheel for up-to-date information**

# What Will My Child Do at Preschool?

The curriculum at SonShine Preschool is biblically based. Our goal is to introduce all children to the Bible and its teaching in an age-appropriate way. The curriculum also includes a weekly theme.

All lesson plans and the setup of each classroom are catered for the child's development in an age-appropriate setting.

Weekly lesson plans and monthly calendars will be posted in each classroom.

The curriculum planned within the framework of philosophy and purpose for each day at SonShine Preschool includes the following:

**Group Time** – a time of learning, sharing, conversation, and stories

**Teacher-Directed Activities** – crafts (cutting, gluing, coloring), activity tables, working with manipulatives (which help develop hand/eye coordination and small motor skills)

**Outside Time** - free play and structured activities (helps to develop large motor skills and coordination)

**Chapel** – 11:20 AM Tuesday and Wednesday (led by Ms. Belinda)

**Story Time** – Tuesdays (led by Ms. Beth from Fletcher Library)

**Free Play** – Helps to develop social skills

**Other Activities** – Soccer Shots (optional)

# SonShine Preschool Curriculum 2026-2027

## SEPTEMBER

**Educational Theme:** Apples, Self-Concepts, Farm

**Bible Stories:**

|         |                    |                  |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|
| 9/14/26 | Creation           | <i>Genesis 1</i> |
| 9/21/26 | Adam and Eve       | <i>Genesis 2</i> |
| 9/28/26 | Noah Builds an Ark | <i>Genesis 6</i> |

## October

**Educational Theme:** Autumn, Harvest, Fire Safety, Owls

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                     |                      |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 10/05/26 | Joseph's Coat       | <i>Genesis 37</i>    |
| 10/12/26 | Baby Moses          | <i>Exodus 3</i>      |
| 10/19/26 | Burning Bush        | <i>Exodus 3:1-10</i> |
| 10/26/26 | Parting the Red Sea | <i>Exodus 14</i>     |

## NOVEMBER

**Educational Theme:** Family, Native Americans, Pilgrims, and Thanksgiving

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                       |                     |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 11/02/26 | God's Rules.          | <i>Exodus 20</i>    |
| 11/09/26 | The Battle of Jericho | <i>Joshua 6</i>     |
| 11/16/26 | David & Goliath       | <i>Joshua 6</i>     |
| 11/30/26 | Gabriel Visits Mary   | <i>Luke 1:26-38</i> |

## DECEMBER

**Educational Theme:** The Nativity Story, Giving and Sharing

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                    |                       |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 12/07/26 | The Savior is Born | <i>Luke 2:1-14</i>    |
| 12/14/26 | Wise Men           | <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i> |

## **JANUARY**

**Educational Theme:** Winter, Birds, Bears, and Hibernation

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                       |                         |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 01/04/27 | Down Through the Roof | <i>Luke 5:17-25</i>     |
| 01/11/27 | Jesus Feeds 5000      | <i>Matthew 14</i>       |
| 01/18/27 | Jesus Walks on Water  | <i>Matthew 14:22-32</i> |
| 01/25/27 | Fishing for Gold      | <i>Matthew 17:24-27</i> |

## **FEBRUARY**

**Educational Theme:** Dental, Valentine's, Dinosaurs, Dr. Seuss

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                       |                      |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 02/01/27 | Jesus Heals the Blind | <i>John 9:1-7</i>    |
| 02/08/27 | The Good Samaritan    | <i>John 10:25-37</i> |
| 02/15/27 | The Lost Sheep        | <i>Luke 15:4-7</i>   |
| 02/22/27 | Zacchaeus             | <i>Luke 19:1-10</i>  |

## **MARCH**

**Educational Theme:** Dr. Seuss, Easter, Spring,

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                        |                       |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 03/01/27 | Jesus Enters Jerusalem | <i>Luke 19:29-42</i>  |
| 03/08/27 | The Last Supper        | <i>Matthew 26</i>     |
| 03/15/27 | The Easter Story       | <i>Matthew 26, 27</i> |

## **APRIL**

**Educational Theme:** Pets, Weather, Community Helpers, Pond Life

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                        |                         |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 04/05/27 | A Big Catch            | <i>John 21:3-7</i>      |
| 04/12/27 | Jesus Goes to Heaven   | <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i> |
| 04/19/27 | Tell the Good News     | <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i> |
| 04/26/27 | Peter Heals the Beggar | <i>Acts 3:1-11</i>      |

## **MAY**

**Educational Theme:** Planting, Mother's Day/Father's Day, Ocean Life

**Bible Stories:**

|          |                     |                          |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 05/03/27 | Saul Sees the Light | <i>Acts 9:1-18</i>       |
| 05/10/27 | The Bible is True   | <i>2 Timothy 3:14-16</i> |

## Entrance Requirements

A child must be two years old by August 31 of the school year to enter the 2-year-old class.

To enter the 3-year-old class, a child must be 3 years old by August 31 of the current school year and potty-trained.

Your child must be four years old by August 31 of the school year to enter the 4-year-old class.

A completed ENROLLMENT FORM is required. We require that all children be up to date on their immunizations for the protection of your child. The child's doctor must complete the CHILDREN'S MEDICAL REPORT and IMMUNIZATION HISTORY FORM before the child can attend school. The Registration Fee is due with the completed Enrollment Form.

## Tuition

**Tuition is due on the first of each month.** Tuition can be paid in full for the year or in monthly payments. A 2% discount will be given to families who prepay the year's tuition. This does not apply to registration fees. Checks should be made payable to SonShine Preschool. Cash payments should be placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name visible on the front.

The Tuition Schedule is as follows:

|                                                                     |                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Five-Day Program</b>                                             | <b>Yearly \$2925 - Monthly Payment \$315 (Aug. \$90)</b> |
| <b>Three-Day Program</b>                                            | <b>Yearly \$2465 - Monthly Payment \$265 (Aug. \$80)</b> |
| <b>Two-Day Program</b>                                              | <b>Yearly \$2275 - Monthly Payment \$245 (Aug. \$70)</b> |
| <b>Non-refundable Registration Fee – Current Students \$ 100.00</b> |                                                          |
| <b>New Students \$ 110.00</b>                                       |                                                          |

There will be a \$30.00 monthly tuition reduction for the second child from the same family.

**No reductions are given for absences due to illness, vacation, or snow days.** SonShine Preschool is a non-profit organization that relies on registration fees and monthly tuition to cover operational expenses. Therefore, all registration & tuition fees are non-refundable

## Late Fee and Returned Check Policy

If tuition is not paid by the fifth day of the month, a past-due notice will be sent, and a \$20.00 late fee will be added to the tuition charges. If the tuition payment is more than one month overdue, parents will be asked to withdraw their child(ren) from the preschool program until the tuition is paid. A bank fee charge will be added to the tuition balance on all returned checks.

## Withdrawals

The director should be notified at least two weeks before your child is withdrawn.

## Preschool Hours

|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:45 – 9:05   | School opens to receive students |
| 9:05 – 11:40  | School in Session                |
| 11:45 – 12:05 | School dismissal                 |

**A \$20.00 late pick-up fee will be charged if a child is picked up after 12:10.**

## Arrival and Departure

For the safety of your child, please follow these arrival and departure procedures:

We open our doors to receive students at 8:45. **Please have your child at school by 9:05.** For security reasons, the doors will be locked from 9:05 to 11:40 every day. If you need to pick up your child during these times, please notify the director or teachers. Press the call button upon arrival.

**As cars enter and exit the parking lot, please hold your child's hand for safety.**

## **After School Play Time**

For safety reasons, please do not allow your child to play on the preschool playground after school hours. Please feel free to take your child to Kate's Park for after-school play.

## **Emergency Information**

Parents must fill out an emergency contact information form. This data must be updated if changes occur. Emergency information includes your doctor's name, phone number, and place of employment where you can be reached, as well as any allergies and the names and phone numbers of your emergency contact persons. We must be able to reach the parents or designated contact persons at all times.

If you unexpectedly need someone to pick up your child whose name is not on your list, call the office at 828-684-2902 or contact the director or teacher via the Brightwheel app. Before we release your child to that person, they will need your child's pick-up card.

If a child is to be withheld from a legal parent, the parent having custody must furnish a copy of the official papers to be kept in the child's file.

## **Illness and Medication**

Sick children belong at home, where they can get the rest and treatment that they need to improve. For the safety of your child and other children, we kindly request your assistance in maintaining this policy. Your child should stay home if they have any contagious virus or have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever and sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Flushed skin or an unidentified rash
- Discolored nasal drainage

**Children should be kept home for 24 hours after a fever is present and for 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.**

Please report to the teacher any time a child contracts a communicable disease so that we may inform the parents of the other children about their exposure.



**No medications will be administered by the teachers or director.** First aid will be given for minor injuries, and a written report will be provided for the parents to sign. In the event of a serious injury, emergency services will be called, and the parents will be notified immediately.

**If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately to arrange for their pickup.**

## **Clothing**

Dress your child comfortably for preschool. Play clothes that the child can easily handle are recommended. Tennis shoes are preferred for outside play. All students' outerwear, such as sweaters, hats, coats, rain gear, gloves, and jackets, should be labeled with the child's name.

Additionally, an extra set of clothing for your child should be readily available.

## **Snacks**

The parent provides snacks for their child. Please send 2-3 healthy snacks and a drink (a leak-proof water bottle) for your child each day. Lunch boxes may be used for your child's snacks. Ensure your child's name is visible on the lunchbox. Please **DO NOT** send candy or soda.

## **Holiday Parties and Birthdays**

Holidays are celebrated with a party or special snack at school. Birthdays are recognized during snack time. We ask that parents make arrangements with their child's teacher.

## **Snow Days**

If snow or inclement weather is in the forecast, we follow Henderson County Schools' lead in making decisions about school delays or closures. We will use the Brightwheel app to inform you of closings or delays. This information will also be included in the school closings list on News 13 WLOS.

## Behavior and Discipline

Teachers will use positive reinforcement in disciplining your child. If a child is hurting themselves or others, they will be removed from the situation and told why they are not allowed to continue in the activity at that time (a time-out approach). Most discipline problems can be corrected using positive strategies rather than negative comments.

We DO NOT use physical punishment or physical isolation.

Inappropriate behavior could result in:

- A verbal warning to the child
- Time out within the group
- A note sent home to the parent or a conference with the parent
- Dismissal, if the child's behavior proves dangerous or disruptive to themselves or others, and the above alternatives have failed, after consulting with the child's parents.

Because our children are so dear and precious to us, we take the responsibility to protect and care for them very seriously. We are obligated by law to report child neglect and abuse to the proper authorities when observed by us.

## Classroom Visits

Our school has an "open door" policy for parents, and you are welcome to visit the classroom. Please refrain from visiting for the first four weeks of school, allowing all the children time to adjust to their new situation.

## Extra Activities

**Soccer Shots** is offered to all our students for an additional fee. Soccer is offered during the fall and spring. Parents park in the back parking lot and meet their children in the field behind the school. Information will go home before each session.

## Insurance

SonShine Preschool carries an accident policy for children injured while attending classes or activities during preschool hours. However, our insurance policy requires the parent of the child for whom the claim is being made to pay a \$50.00 deductible in the event of an accident or injury.