

Dear Bethlehem Homeschool Group,

These past twelve weeks have flown by and we are already looking with anticipation to our spring semester. With so many restrictions and changes with Covid around us it was such a blessing to be with you in person, enjoying the children and seeing them thrive and learn each Thursday. From preschool to high-schoolers, I loved seeing their faces as they walked into the building at Bethlehem Baptist.

As your new director, I have big shoes to fill. I am thankful for Bethany Broadwell's vision as she set up this group five years ago, and Michelle Woodard's continued hard work to see so many families involved in our homeschool group and have quality classes from experienced and incredible teachers. Her heart is the families that come each week. Michelle will continue to be around during Thursday for encouragement and help as we teach and disciple our young ones, as well as leading the adult women's Bible study.

Now, on to our 12 week spring semester. **Our classes will be each Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm, from January 13 - March 31, 2022**, with additional Thursdays tacked to the end in the case of inclement weather or teacher make-up days. As always, check your email and website for any cancellations in classes because of snow or ice.

We are excited to have even more classes this semester and two new teachers. The teachers truly are the backbone of our homeschool group and many have been with us from the beginning 5 years ago. The classes this semester are intended to challenge and bring out the best in your children. They are designed to support the hard work you are doing with your children in their education at home.

Remember to register your family each semester, and then email the teachers for signing up for individual classes. The family registration is crucial for you to get the updates and information you need throughout the semester. All class information and registration can be found on **www.bethlehemhomeschool.group**

Also, per the church's safety committee the following guidelines are currently in place:

- Masks are optional. They are not required.
- Teachers will wipe down their classroom after its use if another group of students is coming into the space.
- Those wanting to socialize before or after class may do so in the Fellowship Hall or outside the building.
- Groups will enter and exit through the Christian Life Center doors.
- Teachers must contact Beth Perkins if they suspect there has been an exposure to the group or its members by someone currently infected with COVID 19.
- Should exposure or an outbreak in the group or facility take place, groups must be ready to stop meeting on campus for a minimum of two weeks.
- Teachers will take roll each week, so we will know who was in the class each week.
- The spaces and classrooms we use in the CLC and Fellowship Hall will be sanitized on Friday each week.

Thank you for your support of Bethlehem Homeschool Group, and we look forward to being with you in the spring semester.

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