

## **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

Upward Bound Preschool ministers to each child as a whole person. We provide a developmentally appropriate environment in which each child can grow physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually at his /her own pace. Each child is a unique gift from God and we strive to provide a safe and nurturing place where he/she can develop a positive self-image and explore and discover, building their skills to lead a fulfilled and happy life.

## **OUR GOAL**

We believe our job is to provide the opportunity for children to learn about themselves and the world around us through Bible stories, art, science, dramatic play, literature, music, and social interaction with peers. We feel it is necessary to challenge the mind, spirit, and body to develop a well-rounded person.

We believe the Bible is the Word of God. By following its principles, we can live a life of fulfillment with a relationship with the Heavenly Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit, which in turn influences our relationships with others. Therefore, we feel it is our obligation to teach truths found in the Bible and the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through stories, music, and example.

We believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God; that He died on the cross for our sins, and rose again, conquering death and sin; and that He will come again for those who have accepted Him as their Lord and Savior. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Romans 6:6-11; 22-23; I Thessalonians 4:14-17)

We believe that when children are encouraged, they will learn to be proud of their accomplishments and strive the best that they can, accept themselves when they fail, knowing that they can try again.

We believe that boundaries and limits bring security to a child's life. They also teach social acceptance and respect for others and property, as well as self-respect.

We believe that it is our place to come along side the parents, to uphold you as the parent, but not to take your place. The Bible teaches us that we are to obey and honor our parents and that if we do, it will go well with us and we will enjoy a long life. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

The Staff of Upward Bound Preschool commits to pray for each parent. We pray that God will give you His wisdom in rearing the children with whom He has blessed your lives.