

Who is a PRO at First Baptist Church??

**All parents (moms *and* dads) of infants through 5th graders at First Baptist Church support the spiritual education of their children by becoming a PRO.

**A PRO is a "Parent Reaching Out" to children by assisting in a preschool or children's classroom.

**A PRO serves for one hour each month (*that's only 12 hours in a whole year!*).

What are the benefits of PROs??

FOR FAMILIES:

- Parents will learn first-hand the growth & development of their children and age-appropriate ways to teach spiritual truths at home.
- Parents will be guaranteed great church experiences for their child each week.
- Children will learn how special they are as their parents actively participate in their class.
- Parents will get to know their child's regular teachers, other parents, and their child's friends.

FOR TEACHERS:

- Teachers will have one or two PRO's assisting in each class.
- Teachers will develop ongoing relationships with parents and ultimately expand the ministry from the child to his total family.
- Teachers will be able to give their primary focus to teaching the class and loving the children individually as PROs offer support and extra hands during each session.

FOR the CHILDREN's MINISTRY:

- Adequate staffing will make it easier to recruit and keep excellent full-time teachers in each class.
- There will be less teacher burnout!
- Parents will have a much better understanding and appreciation of what is done with our precious children during time spent at church.
- Being a PRO provides excellent on-the-job parent education.
- More parents will actually follow through with their commitment to help because it will directly benefit their child.

When & How does a Parent Become a PRO??

All parents have the opportunity to become a PRO. The biggest need at this point is to have folks plugged in and supporting the S.S. Teachers on Sunday mornings, particularly in the Preschool area. There are slots available at both hours with many different ages. The Preschool Coordinator will be glad to help you get started.

Please contact Mandy Riley, Preschool Coordinator @ 547-7565 or sixmriley@comporium.net

Are there exemptions from PRO status?

- ✓ All parents (moms *and* dads) become PRO's.
- ✓ *Regular* Preschool and Children's Teachers in Sunday School, Wed. night activities, and Sunday night activities are not asked to participate.
- ✓ Parents who teach weekly in youth or adult areas are asked to be a PRO during a time they are not serving.
- ✓ Parents of multiple children can be a PRO in one child's class this year and the other child's class next year. Moms & Dads may be a PRO in different classes so each child will have a parent.