

### Liability Release

I hereby agree to my child's participation in ballet lessons with Courtney Gunter and Kelly Spaugh and various assistants at Westminster Presbyterian Church, with or without parental supervision. I fully understand that my child's participation in the ballet lessons exposes my child to the risk of property damage, illness, personal injury or death. I hereby acknowledge that I am voluntarily assuming any such risks to my child and agree that my child is participating in the ballet lessons upon the express agreement and understanding that I, on behalf of my child and my child's heirs and assigns, HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND AGREE NOT TO SUE Courtney Gunter or her heirs and assigns, Kelly Spaugh or her heirs or assigns, and any individual assisting in the lessons and his/her heirs or assigns, Westminster Presbyterian Church for any illness, injury, death, or damage to or loss of personal property arising out of, or in connection with, my child's participation in the ballet lessons from whatever cause, including the active or passive negligence of Courtney Gunter or any other instructors or participants in the ballet lessons. I also agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Courtney Gunter from any and all liability, claims, lawsuits or judgments arising out of, or in connection with, my child's participation in the ballet lessons. By this agreement, it is my intention to relieve Courtney Gunter and Westminster Presbyterian Church of any duty to my child and I assume the entire risk of any illness, injury, death or damage which might occur during or as a result of my child's participation in the ballet lessons.

I hereby execute and deliver this Waiver and Release to induce Courtney Gunter and Kelly Spaugh and various assistants at Westminster Presbyterian Church to teach my child ballet, and I represent that I have taken the time to carefully read and understand this WAIVER AND RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND COURTNEY GUNTER, KELLY SPAUGH, AND ANY OTHER ASSISTANT, AND WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# *Westminster Ballet*

## Class Schedule and Registration

### 2009-2010



A ministry of  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Westminster Ballet

Classes Begin Tuesday, September 8

## Tuesdays

3:45pm-4:30pm Pre-ballet (3-4 year olds)

4:30pm-5:30pm Beginner Ballet 1 (5-7 year olds)

5:30pm-7:00pm Beginner Ballet 2 (8-12 year olds)

## Thursdays

5:00pm-6:30pm Beginner Ballet 2 (8-12 year olds) – *Additional technique class offered to students who take on Tuesdays at 5:30pm*

6:30pm-8:00pm Adult Ballet Class

## Dates to Remember

September 8: First day of classes (Parent meeting for first 5 minutes of each class)

November 24/26: No class – Thanksgiving week

December 15/17: Last week of class for 2009 – Christmas break

January 5/7: Classes resume

May 18/20: Last day of classes

## Registration Fee and Class Tuition

Registration Fee: \$25 – Due with Registration Form (1 registration fee per family)  
Tuition is based on the total number of classes in the entire year not the number of classes in an individual month.

Pre-Ballet - \$32/month

Ballet 1 - \$40/month

Ballet 2 (Tues.) - \$48/month

Ballet 2 (Tues. & Thurs.) - \$86/month

Adult Ballet tuition on per class basis - \$12/class

## Dress code:

Solid color leotard without skirt, pink tights with feet, pink ballet shoes.

Hair in a bun or secure and out of face. No jewelry.

## Dance Supply Recommendations:

<http://www.discountdance.com>

Center Stage Dancewear:

Marietta – 70 S. Park Sq. NE (770) 425-9055

Duluth – 3675 Satellite Blvd. #510 (770) 814-9500

## Mission Statement:

Westminster Ballet exists to glorify and delight in the Lord through the art form of dance.

Westminster Ballet offers quality dance instruction with a Christian perspective.

- Training students to do all things unto the Lord
- Producing beautiful strong technically proficient dancers
- Glorifying the Lord through the art form of dance
- Encouraging spiritual growth

## Instructors:

Courtney Gunter | *Director/Instructor*

Courtney hails from the mountains of Western North Carolina where she began her dance training at a very young age. While in Asheville, Courtney studied with various teachers and studios including: private ballet instructor and mentor, Veronica Zink, Ballet Spartanburg, Center Stage Dance Studio, Fletcher School of Dance, and Pat's School of Dance. During her summers as a student, she studied at prestigious schools such as The Paul Taylor Dance School, Dance Theatre of Harlem, and The Joffrey Ballet School in New York City, and lastly, The North Carolina Dance Theatre in Charlotte, North Carolina. In December 2005, Courtney graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance. In her senior year, Courtney served as a head instructor at Wildwood Ballet, a ministry of Wildwood Church in Tallahassee, FL. There she taught multiple levels of ballet, pointe, tap, and modern dance. In addition to Wildwood Ballet, she was also an instructor for DanceChance, a program of the Tallahassee Ballet that teaches underprivileged children in public schools and promotes diversity in ballet. Since relocating to Atlanta, Courtney danced with choreographer George Staib of Emory University and has taught master classes at Emory University. She currently teaches advanced modern dance at Perimeter Church's Academy Ballet and serves as the director and principle instructor at Westminster Ballet since creating the program in Spring 2008.

Kelly Spough | *Instructor*

Kelly Spough grew up in Florida. She started dancing at Academy of Ballet Arts in St. Petersburg. Her training continued at the San Francisco and Pennsylvania Ballet Schools. She danced professionally with Tampa Ballet, State Ballet of Missouri, Alabama Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Michigan Opera Theater, and International Ballet Rotaru in Atlanta. Kelly taught at Gwinnett Ballet Theater for 6 years.

## Westminster Ballet Policies and Guidelines

We are so thankful that God has given us the opportunity to offer ballet classes again this year! We see each one of our students as a BLESSING and GIFT from the Lord! Here are a few policies and guidelines that will help us as we start classes:

- Completed Registration Form and Fee are due by Sunday, August 2nd.
- Classes begin on Tuesday, September 8th. On the first day of classes, there will be a brief parent meeting at the beginning of each class. The child must be within age bracket by September 8th to attend specified class.
- TUITION IS DUE ON THE FIRST CLASS OF EVERY MONTH. Cash and checks accepted. Make checks payable to: Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please write your child's name on the memo line or if you have cash, please place in envelope with your child's name on it. Please note that registration fees and tuition are non-refundable. When enrolling your child at Westminster Ballet, you are responsible for tuition payment from September – May. There will be make-up opportunities offered at the end of each semester so your child can make up missed lessons. If a situation arises where you need to take your child out of ballet, please communicate that to us as soon as you can.
- Throughout the year, please feel free to contact Courtney with any concerns you have. If you want to discuss your child's progress, or if you have a neighbor or friend who wants to take ballet classes, we ask that you please communicate that to us. We value communication between the parent and instructor! ballet@westminster-pca.org or (828) 280-6811
- We have designated a waiting room for parents and students. It is located to the left of the ballet studio. When you arrive for class, we ask that you please wait in the waiting room and the instructor/assistant will gather students for class.
- At the end of each class, students will not be allowed to leave the ballet studio until their parent/guardian is present.
- With our younger students, we are going to implement Ballerina Manners. Each child has a clothespin with their name on it that is pinned to a pink ballerina ribbon. If a child misbehaves, they receive a warning. If they continue to misbehave, their clothespin is moved from the pink ballerina ribbon over to the brown ribbon. This means they will not receive a special ballerina stamp/sticker at the end of class. If the child still cannot behave, the student will be asked to sit out and watch the remainder of class, and the parent will be notified.
- No food or drink in the classroom. You may bring a water bottle to class.
- Please make sure your child goes to the restroom prior to coming into class.
- Please mark ALL dancewear with your child's name.

## Registration Form

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday/Age \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_



**Please mail/turn in signed and completed registration form and \$25 registration fee to church office by Sunday, August 2nd.**

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Ballet  
1438 Sheridan Rd NE  
Atlanta, GA 30324

For more information please contact:  
**Courtney Gunter – ballet@westminster-pca.org or (828) 280-6811**

**See back of Registration form for Liability Waiver.  
Please sign and date.**