



Family Discipleship Guide

Helping Kids and Students Become Disciples of Jesus

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ENTERPRISE





WE WILL NOT HIDE THESE TRUTHS FROM OUR
CHILDREN BUT WILL TELL A FUTURE GENERATION
OF THE PRAISEWORTHY ACTS OF THE LORD.

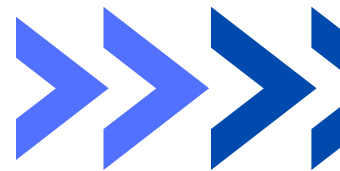
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WELCOME



The Family Ministry of First Methodist Church exists to help kids and students become disciples who, empowered by the Spirit, know Jesus, grow as Christ-followers, and go live on mission. It consists of all our age-graded ministries, including Preschool (Birth-K), Kids (1st-6th), Students (7th-12th), and Young Adults.

It is never too late to spiritually invest in the lives of your children. If you missed a milestone or key event, we would love to talk with you about alternative options for your family and meet you where you are today. The family ministry here at First Methodist is a ministry of the whole church. We are here to partner with you as you raise your children to know, follow, and serve the Lord.

MISSION OF FMCE

TRANSFORM THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

OUR STRATEGY



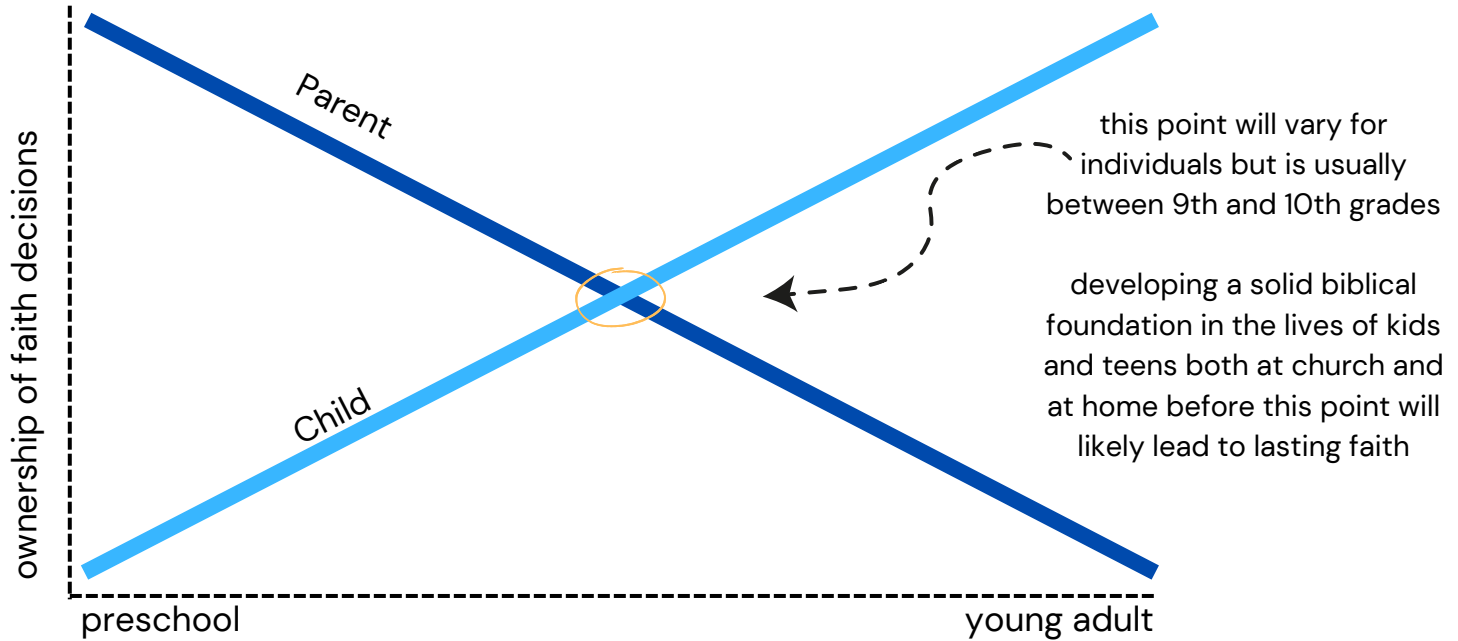
OUR MEASURES

Know: Do I know the gospel?
Do I own the mission?
Do I know my purpose?

Grow: What Scripture is shaping me?
Who are my 2AM friends?
What spiritual discipline am I working on this week?

Go: Who am I currently discipling?
How am I serving in the church?
Where am I going on mission this year?

FAITH JOURNEY





The Family Ministry of FMCE exists to develop disciples of kids and students who, empowered by the Spirit,...

KNOW

Jesus and His Word.
What they believe and why.
How to share the gospel.

GROW

In community with each other and the church.
In their practice of the spiritual disciplines.
As resilient disciples of Jesus, becoming more and more like Him.

GO

Live out their faith in obedience to God's Word.
Serve the Lord by serving others.
Share the gospel of Jesus in their contexts.

The Family Ministry of FMCE commits to being:

CHRIST-CENTERED

Everything in the Bible points to Jesus; therefore, what we do points kids and students to Christ as Lord, Savior, and Friend.

WORD-GROUNDED

The Bible is God's living Word. It feeds us, comforts us, teaches us, and disciplines us. It is to be read, meditated on, and memorized.

FAITH-DRIVEN

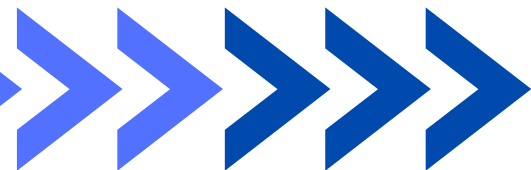
It is by faith that we believe, and it is by faith that we are saved from our sins. True faith always produces observable fruit.

RELATIONSHIP-ORIENTED

Just as Jesus had a circle of friends, we cultivate relationships at FMCE. We provide multiple opportunities for kids and students to fellowship within each ministry and together.

MISSION-FOCUSED

Jesus came to earth as a servant and taught us how to love and serve others. We provide opportunities for kids and students to live out their faith through mission and service projects.



The Family Discipleship Pathway is made up of four age-graded ministries aligned in three areas with one vision to make disciples of the next generation.



CURRICULUM

PreK/K, Kids, Students, and Adults use the same or similar curriculum to facilitate intergroup and at-home discussions of God's Word.

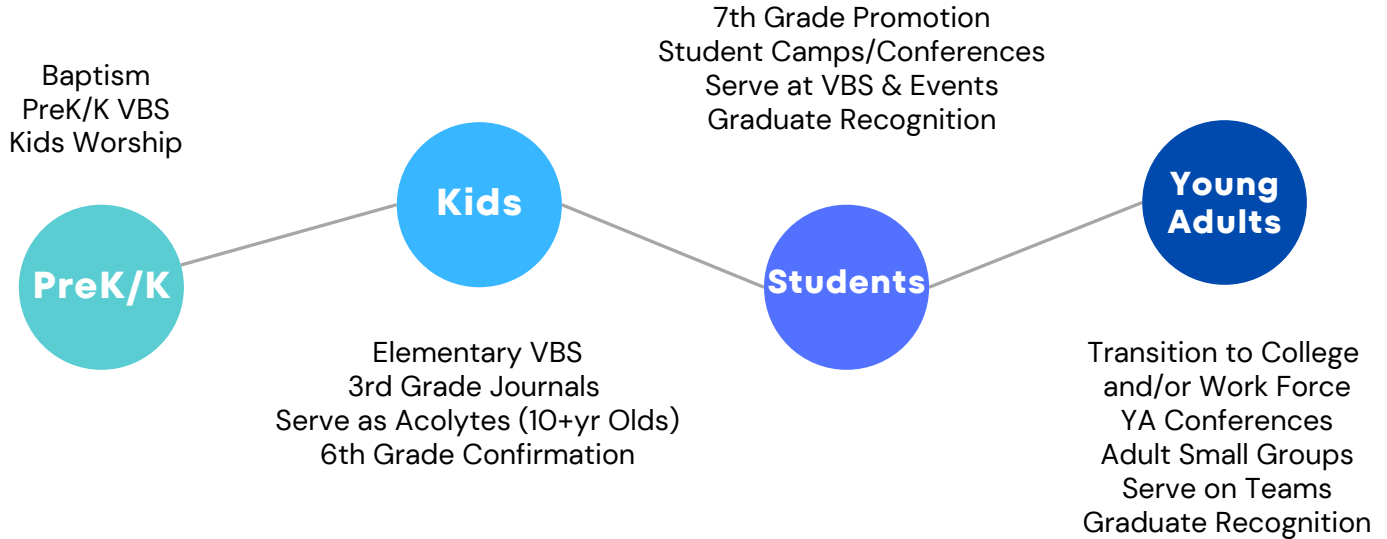
MILESTONES

As a church family, we recognize and celebrate significant milestones such as baptism, confirmation, and graduation. We also encourage family units to celebrate milestones specific to their households.

TRANSITIONS

Growing from PreK/K to Kids to Students to YA is often difficult. Therefore, the church strives to make these transitions as fluid as possible through alignment between ministries and strategic, intergenerational events.

MILESTONES AND KEY EVENTS





In FMCE Kids, we strive to create a safe and fun environment where kids worship God, learn His Word, and are equipped to live for Him. We also seek to partner with parents in helping kids become disciples of Jesus and grow as Christ-followers. All of our Bible studies and events are geared toward making this vision a reality for each child and family unit.

For more information about FMCE Kids, contact our Children's Director at children@fmce.church.

Regular, In School Schedule
Summer Will Vary

Sunday

9 AM Kids Worship

(preK-2nd Grade)

10 AM Bible Study

11 AM Kids Worship

(preK-2nd Grade)

5:30 PM Bible Study

Wednesday

5:30 PM Activity &
Bible Study



In FMCE Students, we strive to create a contemporary and welcoming environment where teens want to be and are excited to come. Our primary goal is to worship God, learn His Word, and live as citizens of His Kingdom. We also seek to partner with parents as they spiritually lead their teens to love and follow Jesus. Everything we do in FMCE Students is to accomplish these goals for all teens and family units.

For more information about FMCE Students, contact our Family Ministries Director at familymin@fmce.church.

Regular, In-School Schedule Summer Will Vary

Sunday

10 AM
Bible Study

5:30 PM
Student Worship

Tuesday

6:30 AM
AWAKEN
Bible Study @
local restaurant

Wednesday

5:30 PM
Activities &
Bible Study



Young Adults

College and Career

Young adulthood (18–29ish), is one of the most exciting times in one's life, but it can be challenging to transition from high school to college and/or the work force.

At FMCE, we seek to provide resources and encouragement to equip young adults to live out their faith on their campuses and in their careers. We also desire to celebrate milestones such as college graduation, promotions, engagements, weddings, childbirths, and adoptions.

Our young adults are encouraged to join a small group, participate in both young adult and adult events, and serve the church on a Team.

Sunday Morning Group | 10 AM in the Library.

For more information about Young Adult ministry, contact our Family Ministries Director at familymin@fmce.church.



Biblical Foundation for Family Ministry

Deut 6:1-9

“This is the command—the statutes and ordinances—the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you... Do this so that you may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life by keeping all his statutes and commands I am giving you, your son, and your grandson,... Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me. Don’t stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” After taking them in his arms, he laid his hands on them and blessed them.

Romans 8:14-17

For all those led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Matt 28:19-20

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”