

Family Ministry Milestones

Marriage

Parent Dedication

Child Dedications: 4 Step Process

1. Application – the application includes information about parent testimony, marital status, etc. It's designed to give us preliminary information regarding the parents and any opportunities to address prior to starting the process
2. Podcast – the podcast sets the stage by leading parents to take the 'long view' of parenting. Beginning with the value "Imagine the End", parents will be challenged to define what the 'end' is for their kids. The podcast is available on the website and a link is provided to parents once they submit their application.
3. Parent Meeting – the parent meeting is our opportunity to speak from our hearts, sharing the vision of Family Ministries & unpacking the remaining 4 parent values. The parent meeting will have a small group emphasis for two reasons:
 - a. Parents currently in a group: We can provide a 'tool' to the leader of said small group that will allow the small group to rally around the parent during this season
 - b. Parents not in a group: We can provide a connection opportunity to join small group community
4. Dedication – the dedication ceremony will take place during the worship service with the campus pastor praying over the families

Pre-K → K

1. Kid Transition
 - Two weeks prior to transition weekend Preschool kids visit Elementary Large Group
 - One week prior to transition weekend Preschool kids visit Elementary Small Group
2. Parent Transition
 - Four weeks prior to transition weekend parents receive a letter:
 - Briefly describing transition process and the upcoming date of transition
 - Invitation to a parent open house
3. Open House
 - An event designed to take parents and kids through a typical Large Group/Small Group hour
 - We'll highlight how we teach kids weaving the 5 values into our presentation
 - Provide copies of Parenting Beyond Your Capacity
 - Provide opportunity to connect with small group & serving

Faith commitment/baptism

Salvation/Baptism

Kids interested in baptism will participate in a Baptism Class

- Parent(s) will submit a registration form to participate
- Parent(s) participate in the class alongside their child

- Class sizes are intentionally small to allow for increased one-on-one interaction
 - A portion of the hour the Children’s Ministry director meets with the parent(s)
 - Highlights/Reviews Values
 - Provides a copy of Parenting Beyond Your Capacity
 - Explores families involvement in Small Group, Serving & Missions
- Elementary to Middle School 6th grade
 - Elevate is the transition event for students and parents to fpStudents.
 - Open house experience for Wednesday night services
 - Open to students and parents
 - Opportunity to meet student small group leaders
 - Opportunity to meet student ministry staff and leaders
- Commitment to purity/personalizing your faith
 1. As a teen, making a commitment to remain pure is a huge deal for both the student and their parent.
 - Teaching series on purity
 - Parent experience to connect with teens
 2. When students transition to the teen years, they begin the process of “owning” their faith.
 - Weekend/overnight experiences for students throughout the school year
 - Focused on helping students grow spiritually
- Middle School → High School
- High School Senior Year
 - Focused on beginning and end of senior year
 - Senior Recognition