

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Faith Family Fellowship children's ministry exists to **equip** children, **engage** families, and **edify** the church.

Equip Children: *"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ." Colossians 1:28*

- This is the cornerstone of our children's ministry – We will proclaim Christ and teach our children to know (John 17:3) and love God (Matthew 22:37) through the faithful teaching of His Word so that they might come to know Him as their Savior and live their lives in obedience to Him.
- Everything we do serves to make disciples among our children.
 - o *"Discipleship is the fulfillment of the Great Commission through the teaching of Biblical truth in intentional church community for the purpose of making mature, obedient followers of Christ who employ their gifts to make God's glory known among the nations."*
- We will pursue this goal through age appropriate, Biblically faithful material and teaching. We will make it our goal to equip those who are teaching and leading our children as well.

Engage Families: *"For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments." Psalm 78:5-7*

- Children's ministry in the local church seeks to come alongside parents to help them in the discipleship of their children that the next generation might know Him.
- Families have needs and struggles, therefore, a healthy children's ministry will come alongside families to engage and serve them in every season of parenting and family life.
- We will pursue this goal by loving children well, equipping and encouraging parents to be active participants in their child's discipleship and preparing parents and families to fulfill the Great Commission even in their own homes.

Edifies the Church: *"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God Who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

- No ministry is an island unto itself or a separate entity detached from the greater church body, therefore, children's ministry exists to edify the entire church body.
- Children's ministry provides many people within the church an opportunity to use their spiritual gifts in service. It also provides opportunities for fellowship to occur.
- We will pursue this edification of the church through a leadership team made up of those serving in all areas of children's ministry and also encouraging leaders and teachers to remain active and connected to the Body as an example to those they are discipling. We will teach children about the importance of the local church and ways to use the gifts they've been given to serve the local Body.