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Live it Out!

FBCME Children's Ministries

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Dear FBCME Parent,

Let the journey begin!

A new ministry season is upon us, and the Children & Family Ministry Team is so excited and energized at the opportunity to serve you and your children!

We want you to know that we are your partner. The window of opportunity for a person to begin a strong relationship with Jesus is open widest during childhood, so we're running an important race together. What does that race look like? Here are four general markers we can use to know we are on track:

1. Infants—Toddlers—Two-year old: *I feel God's love and hear about Him from the people who are caring for me.*
2. Three years—Five years: *I can understand basic concepts about God's truth, His Word, and Jesus' love for me.*
3. Kindergarten—Sixth Grade: *I understand my need for a personal relationship with Jesus.*
4. By age 13 (completion of sixth grade): *I can make a well-informed, personal decision to be a follower of Jesus and know that Jesus is the example of how I should live my life.*

Strong partners need to communicate with one another. To that end, I want you to know that I, as well as the ministry team, am available to you. On your side of this partnership, we ask that you please continue to talk with your children about God and Jesus every chance you get. If you need some ideas for conversation starters or family activities, take a look of at the parent pages many of our classes offer. They are full of creative suggestions.

Together we can instill in your children a love for the Lord that occupies their heart, their soul, and their strength. Together, we can help impress these commands on them, and provide resources to talk about His Word when you sit at home, walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. FBCME believes that two combined influences, the church and the home, is stronger than two separate influences alone.

Thank you for the opportunity to support you and your family in your relationship with Jesus!

Partnering with you,

Tammy Middleton and the Children & Family Ministry Team
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The purpose of the Children & Family Ministry at FBCME is to cultivate children's faith in God, train children to live out that faith, and partner with parents to affect the spiritual direction of the next generation.

Growing faith in our homes, community, and world.