

Seven Spiritual Milestones



Baby/Child Dedication

(Third Sunday of each month)

The first on the milestone path is when parents dedicate their child to God along with being reminded of their God-given role to be the primary spiritual leader in their child's life. Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me"* Matthew 19:11

First Bible (1st grade)

(First Sunday in May)

An important milestone in the life of a believer is when they can pick up God's Word and read for themselves how He longs to be in relationship with them. Upon graduating the first grade each child will be given a Bible and blessing as they begin to read the story of God's love for themselves. *"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."* Ps 119:105

Christianity 101 (5th & 6th grade)

(February/March)

It's important for our students to have an understanding of the basic truth of their Christian Faith. Our fifth and sixth graders will be encouraged to attend a four-week series where they will learn the basics of their faith. *"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* John 8:32

Baptism (Elementary grade on up)

(Several times throughout the year)

An important milestone in the life of every Christ follower is baptism. We will partner with the parent to lead their child toward baptism in Jesus Christ. We will also offer a baptism orientation class the Sunday prior to our Baptism Sunday. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."* Matthew 28:19

Purity for Life – "True Love Waits" (Junior-High School)

(February/March)

In our culture it is obvious that we must address "sex" from a biblical perspective. In a 4-week series we will address the biblical standard for sex and purity for both the student. The goal is to help families have intentional conversations about the importance of accountability, identity in Christ and healthy friendships. *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

Philippians 4:8

Take a Stand - Defending Your Faith (10th & 11th grade)

(March/April)

It is important that we empower our students to stand up for their Faith. They need to know what they believe and why they believe it. In 1 Peter 3:14b-16 we find a biblical command to *"...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...."*

Graduation (High School)

(May)

Parents must help their students develop the practical and spiritual skills to leave home. This experience aids parents in preparing their students for the world outside of the nest. This can be a very healthy time in the family journey if parents continue to keep the lines of communication open with their student. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* Jeremiah 29:11-13