

CHILDREN & FAMILY

PARENTS' CORNER

With the beginning of the new year, many people write resolutions and make fresh starts. One good activity for your family this year is to write a family mission statement. A family mission statement is your motto that encourages your family towards living out your Christian faith. This can be a written-out statement - short phrase or even a Bible verse that the family can memorize. A family mission statement can help keep your priorities clear and make it easier to pick and choose what goes on your calendar this year.

How to Create a Family Mission Statement

Write your family's priorities. Ask yourself what is best for your family. And be honest; decide what is best for *your* family, not someone else's.

Read Scripture, meditate and pray about it. See what God calls you to do.

Ideas of Priorities with Scripture References

1. Always keep a strong and energetic relationship with God (*John 15:5*)
2. Purposefully pursue my spouse (*Ephesians 5:21-33*)
3. Practice Christ-Centered parenting (*Deuteronomy 6:6-7*)
4. Create a healthy home (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*)

Example of a Family Mission Statement

By God's grace, we, the Weikle family, commit to striving always to put Christ first. We want to nurture an environment in our home where everyone can be intentional, purposeful and passionate in growing in their faith.

Always love and forgive one another, even when it is undeserved. Always rejoice and give thanks to God.

We promise to model Christ to our children and loving each other as Christ loves us, selflessly. We aim to resolve conflict quickly with good communication, empathy and application of Scripture.

To care genuinely, love always, serve others, walk humbly and find joy in every moment.

BIBLE CAMP

July 26th—31st Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, New London, MN

Students 1st grade through 7th grade are invited to join us as we grow in our faith and have fun at Bible Camp! At camp, we make new friends, experience meaningful worship, play exciting games, learn about Jesus in Bible study, swim, tie dye, and enjoy sitting around a campfire as the sun sets over the lake.

We want to make camp possible for everyone, so stop by the office to pick up a scholarship application if needed. When you register online use the promo code LAUNCH2020 for \$10 off every program and if you sign up by February 14 you get another \$40 off each registered program!

Sign up by going to gllm.org

Upcoming Events

January 12
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Faith Family Fun:
Bowling

January 19
B23 Class

January 26
Annual Meeting with
Child care

SAVE THE DATE

As your 2020 calendar fills up, please mark these dates down and make them a priority for your child's faith.

B23+

June 1, 15, July 6, 20,
August 3, 17,
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School

June 22-25, 9 a.m. - noon
Pre-K to 4th grade

Bible Camp

July 26-31
1st grade to 7th grade

Day Camp

August 3-6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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