CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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Equipping Kids - Encouraging Families

A place for children to know God and be known

Love God and be loved - Serve God and be served.

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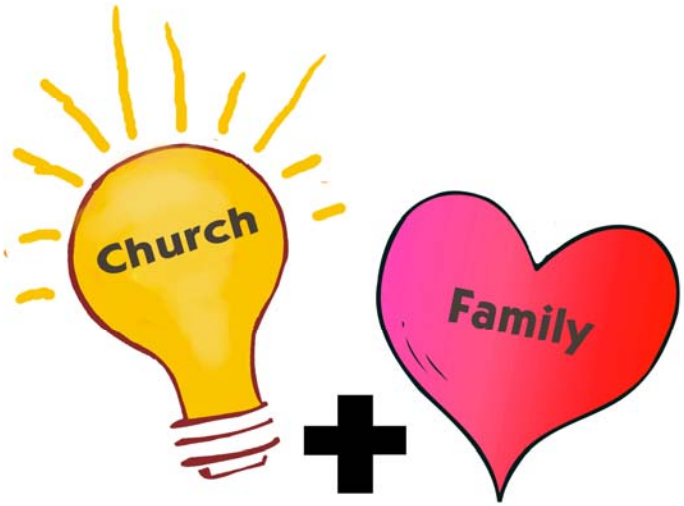

= PARTNERING with PARENTS

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RELATIONSHIPS MATTER TO US HERE AT GRACE

As we experience growth, we want to partner better with parents to impact the next generation. Even though Grace continues to become big, we want to remain small by maintaining a meaningful connection with our children and their families. We want children to experience real community.

This fall we will be "Partnering with Parents". As we build community, our goal will be to go deeper with our teaching on Sunday mornings and at our mid-week Girl's Grace Adventure and Boys of Grace programs. We also want to broaden our invitation for parents to become more involved. We want your children to become comfortable with their church family by seeing faces they will recognize and families you will all get to know, while elevating your parental role as the spiritual leader in your home.

Involvement is the key to our success

We want this school year to be the best year in your child's life, but we can't do this alone. It will take all of us cooperatively working together to make community happen. We want your child to have consistency on Sunday mornings so we have asked all our servant team volunteers to commit to a team schedule of one month on/ one month off – even and odd month teams. This system will allow for more continuity. We also want to ask parents to commit to a service time so that we can build small groups on Sunday mornings and plan for greater connection. This isn't to say that volunteers and families can't switch around, but we need a starting point as we begin to move forward.

Here's how this will be accomplished and how you can help:

Please fill out the "Make A Choice" Small Group card with the following information:

Indicate A Service – Most of our church families generally attend a specific Sunday service. This year we are asking that you let us know which service you are more likely to attend and try to commit to that service. This will assist us as we plan for small groups, rosters and projected attendance. (This does NOT mean that you can't attend either service.)

Identify A Friend –Give us the name of one friend that you would like your child to be with on Sunday mornings.

Investment – We can't do it without you . . . it takes collaboration between both the family and the church to make Sunday morning a success. Investing in your child's ministry will model serving to them and elevate your role as their spiritual leader. Pray about how you can be a part of Grace's Children's Ministry team and your child's small group. Areas where you can serve are described on the back of the *Make A Choice* card. We are asking all families to submit these cards either electronically or by hard copy within three weeks, by :

Sunday morning August 14th.

BETTER TOGETHER

We are blessed at Grace to have a team of committed staff and servant volunteers who make decisions regarding this ministry. But we know we don't have all the best ideas, so if you have questions or feedback, please contact any of our staff directors.