

# THE PARENT PAGE

MAY 2022



## Preteen Abide Retreat

**the pause.**  
learning to seek God

May 13 - 14

5th & 6th Grade

Mt. Lebanon Camp

\$25.00 per student

REGISTER TODAY AT THE  
KIDS' CHECK-IN DESK.



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, May 25th

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

STBC Outdoor Pavilion

Join us as we celebrate and enjoy our last  
Wednesday night together before summer!



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**KIDS CAMP 2022**

June 27 - July 1

Completed 3rd - 6th Grade

Cost: \$195.00

\*partial scholarships available

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Dawson Foster - 5th

Riley Bilbrey - 7th

Robert Hernandez - 10th

Jackie Frazier - 11th

Emma Orozco - 15th

Ta Eh Paw - 28th

Mercy Lay - 29th

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**NEW DATE!**

**July 25-28**

**6:30pm-8:30pm**



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Leading Your Child to Christ

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Leading your Child in a relationship with Christ is not a one time experience. It is an experience that builds upon lots of little moments. Parents often times will feel a sense of urgency and even sometimes anxiousness when it comes to making sure that their child decides to follow Jesus. While a parent is the number one influence in the life of a child spiritually, it is the Holy Spirit that draws the heart of your child to seek a relationship with God.

Your responsibility as a parent is to lay the foundation through bible teaching, prayer and modeling a Christlike life of faith in how you live out your every day life. Here are a few practical tips for laying the foundation:

- Don't be awkward - make it natural! As you read your Bible in the morning, or pray for a friend who is sick, talk about what you are doing and why you are doing it.
- Share stories from the Bible in everyday situations. Is your child experiencing fear or anxiousness? Encourage them with the story of Joshua and how God told him "do not be afraid because I am with you". Let them know that fear is normal but God is bigger!
- Ask questions, lots of them! What did you think about the lesson you learned in Connection Group today? What would you do if you were Noah? Is God stronger than anything or anyone?
- Pray. Pray for them and with them. Pray when things are great and when they are struggling. Pray for others and with others. Prayer is something that we can do to help our kids know that they are never alone in their fear, worry or sadness. God is with our kids when we are not!!

As you lay the foundation of faith, you will begin to see your child becoming curious about following Jesus as the Holy Spirit works in their heart. Don't panic! You've got this and leading your child to Christ will be one of your greatest moments as a parent. A few indicators you might see:

- They have a respect for the Bible and are eager to learn more about what it says.
- They will begin to ask questions about baptism, heaven/hell and people who have passed away.
- They begin to show signs of recognizing when they sin (showing sorrow or embarrassment). It is important that they understand their need for a Savior (Romans 3:23).
- They LOVE Jesus (Matt. 22:37)!
- You can tell that the Holy Spirit has drawn them to Him which means it can happen at any time and any place (John 6:44).

When your child expresses that they want to ask Jesus to be their Lord, ask God to give you discernment and wisdom as you talk with them. Let your child express his or her desire to follow Jesus in their own prayer. Once they have made this decision, encourage them to begin to share that decision with others and then discuss baptism with a minister at the church. \*There are times that parents wait a bit for baptism, this is totally your decision as you know your child better than anyone.

And rejoice! Give thanks to God for your child making a decision to follow Him and for allowing you to experience one of the best moments you will have as a parent!