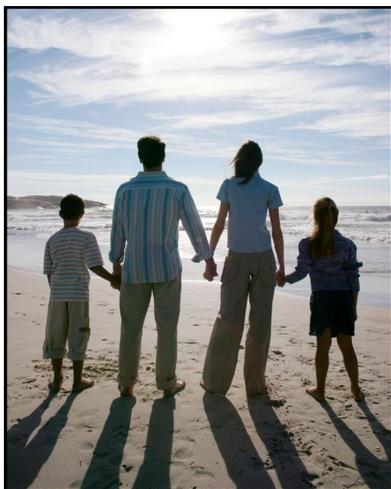


“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God,
the LORD is one. Love the LORD your
God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength.
These commandments that I give you
today are to be on your hearts.
Impress them on your children. Talk
about them when you sit at home and
when you walk along the road, when
you lie down and when you get up.”
Deuteronomy 6:4-7

“He said to them, ‘Take to heart all
the words I have solemnly declared to
you this day, so that you may
command your children to obey
carefully all the words of this law. They
are not just idle words for you - they
are your life.’” *Deuteronomy 32:46-47*



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As Christians, we recognize that nothing is more important than our life in Christ. Matthew 28 reminds us that, as we embark on a life-transforming journey of faith, we have a responsibility to not only be a disciple of Christ, but also to disciple others. While the church functions as an avenue of resourcing, encouragement and support, what happens in the home has the greatest impact in our lives. Deuteronomy 6, Psalm 78 and Ephesians 6 compel parents to give the spiritual training of their children the highest priority, recognizing that they are the primary spiritual equippers of their children.

How does a parent take on the responsibility of 'primary faith trainer' in the life of his growing child? **First**, it is impossible to pass on what one does not have. The parent needs to grow in his or her own relationship with Christ and understanding of the Bible. **Second**, a parent must recognize the importance of the family dynamic and the role the church plays as a support and guide. **Finally**, a parent will take advantage of the opportunities to be equipped and resourced, and put them into practice in their home.

By creating a Faith@Home focus, we become more intentional about investing in biblical discipleship, engaging in evangelism, and creating a legacy of faith.

At Christian Fellowship Assembly, we are developing a strategic plan that will help us be intentional about growing in our faith and raising up a generation of spiritual champions through intentional spiritual parenting. We call this plan **The Legacy Path**. When this plan is fully developed, the spiritual formation process will begin in infancy and continue through senior adulthood, designed around seven **Legacy Milestones**.

These Milestones are:

1. Parent/Child Dedication (infancy)
2. Salvation and Baptism
3. Preparing for Adolescence (Gr. 5/6)
4. Purity for Life (Gr. 8)
5. Rite of Passage (Gr. 10)
6. High School Graduation (Gr. 12)
7. Life in Christ (adult)

What does walking the Legacy Path look like?

It involves having intentional Faith Talks and, as a church, we are committed to offering a variety of resources and training opportunities to assist in this area. It also involves capturing God Sightings, recognizing the hand of God within our everyday lives. As well, it includes Celebrating Milestones, both as individual families and corporately as a church family.

We are still developing some components of the Legacy Path, but we have resources available for the following Milestones:

1. Parent/Child Dedication

The 'First Steps' class helps parents learn about their role as their child's primary faith trainer. It also provides resources to help them write a prayer of dedication and blessing, which they share with the congregation in a dedication ceremony held during a Sunday morning service.

2. Salvation and Baptism

Recommended for parents with children ages 5-12, the 'Salvation and Baptism' parent session reviews key terms and concepts, and provides parents with resources to help them lead their children toward a decision for Christ.

3. High School Graduation

The 'Preparing My Student to Leave Home' session helps parents prepare their 16-18 year-old students for the world outside of the nest by developing practical and spiritual skills. Issues such as basic apologetics, courtship and marriage, determining the will of God, life skills for living away from home, and other biblical issues are explored. Parents are also given resources to help them write a spiritual blessing for their child and this blessing is presented at CFA's Graduation Celebration event in June. These words of blessing will stay with their child forever!