

# THE BLUEPRINT

Foundations of Faith



## FAITH & FAMILY

FBC Russell seeks to assist families in leading their children toward knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and helping them grow in relationship with Him. Our role is to assist families in fulfilling their God-given role of discipling their children. Home and church were designed to work together as partners in this lifelong endeavor. To help you on this journey please check out our parent resources.

## 10 CORE CONCEPTS

GOD  
JESUS  
HOLY SPIRIT  
BIBLE  
SALVATION  
CREATION  
CHURCH  
FAMILY  
COMMUNITY & WORLD  
SELF



## IMPRESS:

We believe family is the primary source for faith training and disciple making.

*"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 upon 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 6:5-7*



### PARENT RESOURCES

- One Conversation Page
- Children's Worship Parent Connection Page
- One Year Bible Reading Plan
- I'm a Christian Now Class
- Nest Family Videos (Available to borrow - see Tina, Minister of Children & Families, for details)



## HOW ARE THE 10 CORE CONCEPTS INCORPORATED IN OUR MINISTRY?

Each class and event is accomplishing at least one or more of our 10 Core Concepts. Sunday Morning intentionally covers each of these concepts throughout the year. Our Sunday Evening children's classes focus on the concept of Bible. Wednesday Night we focus on the concept of Community & World emphasizing the importance of loving others and sharing our faith. Through the year we also have fun and deliberate events that complement our teaching of these 10 Core Concepts. We believe these are helpful for families to disciple their children as the church comes alongside them on this exciting journey.

## HOW DO THE 10 CORE CONCEPTS COINCIDE WITH THE MISSION OF FBC RUSSELL?

The 10 Core Concepts coincide with our church mission statement by providing a solid foundation on which our children can experience a thriving spiritual life. These concepts provide the framework for children to understand and live out the mission statement of our church: GRACE- Going, Responding, Accepting, Challenging, and Exalting. These represent the five purposes of the church - Evangelism, Ministry, Fellowship, Discipleship, and Worship.

## HIS STORY

In the beginning **GOD** created.

He **CREATED** everything around us. He created us in His image. How cool is that! He created us to have a relationship with Him. The problem is we can't! "Why not?" you may ask - the reason is because of sin. The **BIBLE** tells us that everyone has sinned. So what's the big deal about sin? Sin is disobeying God, and sin separates us from God. The Good News is God knew about our sin problem long before we ever did, and He took care of the sin problem.

"What did God do?" That is a great question. God sent **JESUS** Christ to die on the cross. His death on the cross is the payment needed for sin. More importantly, Jesus rose from the dead and through His resurrection we are offered the gift of **SALVATION**. God's salvation through Jesus Christ is that He forgives us of our sin and invites us to be part of His **FAMILY**. His family is called by a special name - the **CHURCH**. The church is made up of men, women, and students who are believers in Jesus Christ.

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Another name for this group of believers is Christians. Christians have been set apart by God to live distinctly in their **COMMUNITY & WORLD**. Living God's way is new to us so He gives us a special Helper to teach us how to do this and to make us successful. His name is **HOLY SPIRIT**. Holy Spirit helps us to not live for **SELF** anymore but to live for Christ.

## A NOTE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTER

I have been blessed to be a part of this church's ministry for over 10 years now. In those years of ministry, I have personally seen these core concepts at work in the lives of children and families. When parents disciple their children at home, it is evident in the life of their family as well as in our church family. I have witnessed children who have grown up to be missionaries in foreign countries who live out the foundations of faith within their ministries. I pray that you and your family will also live out the foundations of faith as missionaries right where you are.

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