

## Sub-Committee on Goals for Children's Ministries

Sub-Committee members: Janel Binder, Cheryl Landon, Dana Bacon, Veranda Johnson, Sondra Buell

Meeting of April 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The subcommittee met and started the process of refining our list of goals, first presented by Pastor Scott Shreve.

We reviewed the committee's brainstorming list of "Spiritual Milestones." It was discussed that Sunday School, CCF and worship support goal of our desire for our children to be **Biblically Bright**. Here is our working list.....

- Baptism
- Attend worship: Serving in worship: greeter, acolyte, usher, straighten pews, choir, chimes, read scripture, give announcements
- Attend Sunday School
- Memorization Program, including: Bible verses, Lord's prayer, Ten commandments, Books of the Bible, Psalm 23, Creed ...
- Communion
- Summer Church Camp
- Backpack Blessing Sunday
- Kindergarten Bible Sunday
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Sunday
- CCF – Children's Christian Fellowship
- Vacation Bible School
- Confirmation
- Youth Group
- Youth Mission Trip
- Senior Sunday/Graduation

\*Attendance

When the list is complete, it will be placed into a Passport booklet which parents, teachers, Christian Education Director and Pastor can sign-off on. Dana Bacon is working on a design for this Spiritual Milestones Passport for Faith Development. Note: the name of this passport is still in progress also.

Discussion then centered around how to help parents in the spiritual training of their children, which in turn assists in children in being **Ethically Educated** and **Caring Christians**. Cheryl Landon brought up the idea of a family calendar. Each month would have a photo of the church, and 3 goals for the month: 1) A Bible Verse of the month to memorize, 2) A Family Prayer for the month, 3) Prompts to "Be the Light of Christ" i.e. acts of service, kindness, etc. On the calendar it self, we could put major dates of the FUMC yearly calendar, i.e. BBQ date, VBS date, etc. Janel Binder offered to make up a mock-up of this calendar, and a template for us to drop in verses, prayers, ideas, etc.

Before the next meeting we agreed to have everyone make a list of

1. favorite Bible verses,
2. table prayers, bed-time prayers, blessing prayers, etc

3. ideas for the “Be a Light for Christ “section

When we meet again, we will drop these ideas into the calendar template.

At our next meeting we will discuss ideas on classes/activities/events we can offer parents and guardians to assist them in the spiritual training of their children.

Meeting adjourned with prayer. The next sub-committee meeting will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Sondra’s office.