

# Milestone #1

## FIRST FAITH STEPS & BAPTISM



*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 6:5-7*

### CAMPUS EVENTS

- Baptism Class
- Baptism Ceremony

### CORE COMPETENCY

The parent is the primary faith influencer.

### FIRST STEPS/BAPTISM

Perhaps you are new to the role of parenting or maybe you've been in the game a long time. Parenting is an amazing adventure that will forever change your life. Having children stretches you to the limit as priorities and schedules are rearranged. Life can become so fast paced that we have little time for anything other than the essentials. You have the charge to teach your child about the most important things they could ever learn: to love God with all their heart, soul and strength.

The first step on The Path is recognizing your role as the primary faith trainer. Chapelwood offers a class and participation in the sacrament of baptism for your child during worship service or a private baptism. The baptism class offers ways that the church will partner with you through the faith development of your children. Parents will learn the Methodist view of infant baptism, the development of your child, the importance of mom and dad and ways to bless your child and build biblical foundations. Learning opportunities are provided for new parents desiring to baptize their child, recognizing the gift of grace given to each of us through Christ, and the commitment a parent makes at this time to become the primary faith trainer of their child. During the actual baptism ceremony, the church body commits to partner with the parents in the faith development of the child for the duration of the journey.

### RESOURCES

*It Starts at Home* by Kurt Bruner & Steve Stroppe

*Spiritual Milestones, Celebrating Your Children's Spiritual Passages* by Julie Baker, Gail Ledbetter, and J. Otis Ledbetter

*Spiritual Growth of Children* by Kurt Bruner, John Trent, and Rick Osborne

*Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide* by Dr. James Dobson

*God and Me!: Devotions for Girls Ages 2-5* by Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer

*Gotta Have God: Devotions for Boys Ages 2-5* Lynn-Marie Ittner Klammer

*Walk the Path: A Guide for Training Our Children Spiritually* by Brian Haynes

*Bedtime Blessings Vol. 2: 100 Bedtime Stories and Activities for Blessing Your Child* by Trent, John T. (Focus)

*Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes...in You and Your Kids* by Scott Turansky & Joanne Miller

*Parenting Is Heart Work* by Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller

*The Power of a Praying Parent* by Stormie Omartian

*God Knows My Name* by Debby Anderson