

## “Family-Focused”

*A New Direction for Children’s Ministry at Unity*



This year marks a new emphasis and many activities geared toward family involvement together and parents taking the lead in the discipleship of their kids. The shift will benefit our church in at least four ways.

**Revitalization of our overall children’s ministry** through the D6 philosophy based on Deuteronomy 6 and the responsibility of parents to disciple their kids (materials of explanation are available in the Fellowship Mall), family- focused activities (see the reverse side of this handout), and strengthening our other existing programs like Sunday morning kids’ worship and Wednesday night activities.

**Renewed emphasis on family discipleship.** Pastor Jeff will be preaching a series entitled “Family-Focused” beginning on September 17. We are also planning periodic Family Sundays in which the whole family will take part in worship together, with family centered activities in the evening.

**Relaunch of small groups with families in mind.** We hope to see some new small groups that could include their kids in some aspects of group life.

**Rest and renewal for our army of volunteers.** We are making a new commitment to prevent burnout of over-burdened volunteers with busy schedules.

Please pray as we move forward and begin implementing these strategies and work to advance God’s kingdom through reaching children and families with the gospel.

## Family-Focused Kid’s Events

Sept 23	Family-Focused Picnic
Oct 29	Family-Focused Worship
Oct 31	Trunk-or-Treat//Truth-or-Treat combo
Nov	Family-Focused Volleyball and Kickball
Dec 2-3	Children’s Christmas Program
Jan 19	Family-Focused Movie Night
Feb 3	Super Bowl Weekend Flag Football
Feb 17	Daddy/Daughter Date Night
Mar 16	March Madness 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and All-Nighter
Mar 24/31	Family Fun Day with Easter Egg Hunt
Apr	Family-Focused Photo Scavenger Hunt
Apr 29	Family-Focused Worship
May 19	Splish-Splash Saturday (water games, slip-n-slides, water inflatables, etc.)
June	Vacation Bible School

NOTE: In addition to all the fun and games, all activities will have a devotional time where kids and parents will be challenged from God’s Word.