

Northeast Indiana Family Life Ministry Council



Featured Events

Love Beyond Measure Marriage Get-a-way

E. J. Sauder Heritage
Inn & Village
Archbold, OH

August 2-4, 2013

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Sticky Faith

Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith

According to the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), approx. 50% of kids who graduate from a church or youth group will fail to stick with their faith in college. Only 45% of them will return.

Yet, when graduating seniors ranked the top five people groups in terms of the quantity and quality of support they received from them, what was #1?

PARENTS!

The most important social influence in shaping young people's religious lives is the religious life modeled and taught to them by their parents and it is never too late to be intentional. As we know, life is busy and only getting busier; therefore, implementing quality faith practices that stick takes work. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit builds Sticky Faith. So we must pray; and beg, the Lord to build Faith that sticks!

[Click here to learn more about Sticky Faith.](#)

HomeGrown Faith

Research consistently agrees with God's instructions in Deuteronomy concerning children and faith development -- parents are the greatest influence on the faith life of a child. Unfortunately, too many parents today shy away from their responsibilities in this area. They either feel they are ill equipped for the task or are just too busy.

HomeGrown Faith, written by David and Kathy Lynn, addresses these issues. Parents learn their God-given role in the faith development of their children and offers practical strategies to include faith development practices into busy daily life. Vibrant Faith Ministries also offers a six-session book study on *HomeGrown Faith*, complete with leader's guide and handouts.

For more information about *HomeGrown Faith* or its curriculum, [click here to go to our website.](#)

TRUST™

PROV. 3:5-6

Dr. Micah Parker is an entertaining and inspirational Christian motivational speaker, who spoke at the Indiana District DCE Conference in Indianapolis in May, 2013. Dr. Parker shared

how God used him to get through some very tough circumstances in his life. He challenged us to truly trust Christ in our lives to be so rooted in Christ Jesus that others are blessed around us.

Did you know there are three ways in which to fully Trust God?

1. Praise Trust - You praise God in your life and your actions when things are going good for you...and most of the time things are going good. You exhibit joy in your life when you are rooted in Christ and it spills out to others around you.
2. Adversity Trust - In our suffering, we want to ask God, "Why?" But instead, have enough faith to be rooted in Christ and ask him, "How? 'How will you use this and how will you use me?'" "Whenever the Lord allows a wicked man to suffer, he allows a godly man to experience the same trial so that he can demonstrate how to overcome in God's power."- (heard on a radio station). Trust that God's hand is in everything.
3. The Challenge -
 1. Are you ready to die today? Would you want him to take the one who is ready or one who is not?
 2. Is the Spirit working through you to get others ready? Matt. 28:19...make disciples of all nations.
 3. Thank the Lord daily for your blessings in life...for the good and the difficult. You can, because you know that God will take you out of your valleys. Praise God!

Trust is just one of the many topics that Dr. Parker offers and is based on Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 23, Romans 8:28 and 1 Peter 5:7. Other topics include, but are not limited to: Servant Leadership; Being Chosen Changes Everything; Sexuality and Profanity; Faith in the Field: How to Praise God in Athletics; Trust in the Trinity; Goal Setting, Self-talk, Confidence and Concentration.

Find more information about Dr. Parker's retreats and other events for Christians of all ages, as well as audio cds and t-shirts on their [website](#).

Coming Off a Ministry Mountain Top

Helping Children In Your Congregation Continue to Grow

Returning from Camp

After children are home from camp, they may experience a letdown. They've been through a roller coaster of emotions, including saying good-bye to new friends and a counselor with which they've spent almost 24 hours each day. A close, Christian community has been formed that may, for a time, seem unmatchable. They may even begin comparing everything at home and at church with Camp... "We did it this way at Camp." "They didn't make us eat this at Camp." "Why can't our pastor be as cool as my counselor was at Camp," etc. Be patient, the comparisons will die down as time passes. Mainly, be sensitive to each child's way of processing what just happened. In many cases, a spiritual growth spurt and an excitement about their faith has happened. This is a great opportunity to nurture that both at home and at church. [Read more here...](#)

Returning from a Youth Trip

When your youth return from a "mountain-top experience" at a youth gathering or mission trip, they desire to keep their fire of faith burning, and they want to spread it to others. Consider holding a youth sharing time, either during a church service or Bible Class hour. Each summer Emmanuel, Fort Wayne, holds such a time between services. Everyone is invited, and the sponsors/prayer partners receive a personal invitation from the youth. The youth share personal testimonies and experiences and answer questions from the congregation. They present a slideshow of photos and music from the trip. Everyone benefits from this time of sharing, and the door is opened to future conversations and relationships among the many generations.

Summer Camps

Spread the word about these fantastic summer camp opportunities! Many parents struggle each summer to make quality child care arrangements while their children are on break. No one wants their child stuck in the house watching television all day while mom and dad are at work. Summer camps provide an opportunity for children to get outdoors, learn a new skill, and nurture their faith.

If you would like to add your camp or summer program information to our website, submit your information to [Michelle Leahy](#).

Day Camps

Camp Promise

Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road

Ages 4 through 5th Grade

Offering preschool, rookie (sports), and leadership camps

June 10 through August 9

Monday through Friday 7:00 am -6:00 pm (dismissing Fridays at 1:00 pm)

Cubs Club

Concordia Lutheran Church

June 10th - August 9th

Monday through Friday, 8:15 am to 3:15 pm

Extended Care available before and after each camp session.

Little Disciples' Summer Camp

Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Road

June 10 thru August, Monday through Friday from 8:30am-3:30pm.

Peace Lutheran Summer Camp

4900 Fairfield Ave.

June 18th - August 1st

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

For children ages 3 to those who just finished 4th grade

Residential Camps

Camp Lutherhaven

Albion, IN

Ages 4 through high school, and families

1-6 day adventures

June 4 through August 9

Lutherwald, Lutheran Hills, and Lake Luther

Howe, IN; Morgantown, IN; Angola, IN

Ages 5 through high school, and families

1-6 day adventures

June 15 through August 9

We Want to Hear from YOU!

We would love to hear anything you might share with us for the good of Northeast Indiana family ministry efforts! Do you have a program or ministry idea you would like to share? Do you have a particular topic you would like us to cover? Feel free to [contact us](#) at any time.

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