

January 29, 2012

Dear Church Family,

Wonder. Discovery. Passion. Those are the key words for what's coming on March 4 in Sunday worship. I want to give you a head's up about this now so that you will make plans for this special Sunday service. If you're thinking about inviting someone to Windsor Road, this will be a great Sunday for you to make the ask; especially if they have children from pre-school to high school. For quite some time now our Family Life Minister, **Jason Wetherholt**, has been working with **Donna Robbins** (pre-school), **Justin Craig** (elementary), and **Brandon Minett** (student life); together they have authored a very insightful and helpful Family Life Ministry plan for Windsor Road. Our Family Life team has been asking some of the wisest, best questions about family ministry, such as:

What does God want the children to become? What does He want the students to become? When they graduate from high school, when they walk away from Windsor Road to go to college or start their vocation, what exactly is it that must be in them? What is it that they must treasure most?

At the heart of these questions are three words: Wonder. Discovery. Passion.

Wonder— helping our children put their faith in a God they can't see so that they can ultimately wrap their arms around a God who is bigger than anything they'll ever face.

Discovery—partnering with our children in such a way that they can actually begin to see who they are in the light of who God is. (Isn't that what we've been learning in Ephesians?)

Passion—connecting our students with the truth that if Jesus stepped onto the planet and Jesus is in us, then why would we think that we should not give our lives as a sacrifice for those around us?

We're going to hear more about these words from our Family Life team on March 4, but I just wanted to give you a quick preview of what's to come. Also, on **February 12**, we'll be recognizing our children in worship for **Family Blessing Sunday**. It will be a wonderful day as we pray over and love on the precious treasures God has put in our lives. Be sure to contact Donna Robbins (359-2122) if you would like us to pray over and bless your child.

Church, it should be clear that the home front remains *our greatest opportunity to make transformational change in the lives of our children. We want to bring the home and the church together in a biblical partnership to raise up a generation that loves God and loves others.* We can do this with God's help as we equip and support parents in making their homes ministry centers for the spiritual growth of their children. It's called, "Discipleship through partnership."

Privileged to be your pastor,  
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