



**Our goal this year is to be a family-based youth ministry. We believe parents (or parental figures) are the most influential people in students' lives, including their faith formation, and we want to make sure our parents feel as supported and empowered as possible for understanding, leading, and guiding their teenagers.**

## Ways we will help you...

- **Parent Small Groups**—From sharing about how to get your 7th grade boy to shower to when your high school girl should start dating, same stage-of-life small groups are vital for everyone...especially parents of teenagers.
- **Parent Seminars**—With possible topics like social media, discipline, and dating, we'll bring in experts on adolescent development and youth culture to help you navigate these scary times known as middle and high schools.
- **Communication**—Each week in our Weekly Update, you'll find the Start at Home symbol which will indicate a challenge or tip for you to try with your family that week.
- **Whole-family Events**—The most effective youth ministry starts when a child is born, not when they start 6th grade. We'll have parties, events, and eventually retreats and trips intentionally designed and planned to provide growth, bonding, and ministry for the whole family.

## Ways you will help you...

- **Be an example.**—Your students see you. Read your Bible; go to worship; pray out loud. Make *your* spiritual life a priority.
- **Make time.**—Plan one family event a month with no electronics, no work, and no distractions. Even 30 minutes a month will make a difference.
- **Take advantage of what you're given.**—Let us empower you. Read the Weekly Update! Come to the events! Let your actions reflect your commitment.