



10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

of Effective Child, Youth and Family Ministry

The goal of Grow Ministries is to support and equip congregations to move from isolated programs for children and young people to an intergenerational ministry culture that nurtures faith for life.

1 LEADERSHIP

Leaders in homes and congregations have a strong understanding of the nature and practices of effective child, youth and family ministry, and their role within it.

2 INTERGENERATIONAL

Meaningful intergenerational church experiences are intentional and valued.

3 FAITH AT HOME

Faith is integrated into family identity and practice.

4 MENTORING

Children and young people have multiple adult mentors of vital faith.

5 LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

People of all ages are discipled in faith through the different stages of life.

6 PEER RELATIONSHIPS

Faith formation is encouraged by building Christian relationships through quality, age-specific ministry.

7 PERSONAL CRISIS

People of all ages are engaged in a Christian community that provides support during times of personal crisis.

8 GIFTS AND TALENTS

Opportunities are given to discover and express gifts and talents.

9 ACTS OF SERVICE

Opportunities are given to participate in acts of service that show the love of Christ.

10 MISSIONAL

Ministry practices and approaches have a strong missional focus.

