

## Dear Parent:

One of the core values of Friendly Avenue Baptist Church is that God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The Faith Path initiative exists to partner with you as you guide your child's spiritual journey one step at a time. Age appropriate kits have been created to help you leverage the best faith formation strategy for your child's stage of development. In this *Prepare to Lead Your Child to Christ* kit, you will find practical ideas and suggested resources to help you feel more confident whenever that wonderful opportunity arises.

We make this kit available to parents of children ages five and older. As the parent, we encourage you to remain faithful as you explain the gospel to your child/children. Some children are ready to respond to the gospel at a young age. For others, it may take longer for them to grasp the significance of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Therefore, use this material to prepare yourself in preparation for when your child expresses interest. We've included a guide that offers practical tips with, what we consider, the best resources on the topic. You will find access to two resources: 1) The *Prepare to Lead Your Child to Christ* video and; 2) a booklet titled "God Wants You in His Family." We believe these resources will make that conversation easier when the time comes. You will also find two other items to use on that day:

My Faith Decision: This card can be completed as a keepsake for your child's My Faith Box.

My Child's Faith Decision: Use the return envelope to send this card to the church in order to receive a free Salvation & Baptism kit.

If your child is registered with Friendly Avenue Baptist Church, you will receive an email at select birthdays with information on how to get the free kit appropriate for his or her age. If you would like to confirm your family's registration or if you would like additional coaching please contact:

Jamie Burkett, Student Ministries | <u>jburkett@friendlyavenue.com</u> or Shelby Hallquist, Children's Ministries | shallquist@friendlyavenue.com.

I hope you find this kit helpful in the process of forming the faith of your child at home. Feel free to contact our staff to learn more or to determine if your child/children are ready for other Faith Path steps. Be sure to download the Friendly Avenue Church app as it will be updated with Faith Path materials soon.

Because He Lives,

Dr. Daniel Dickard Pastor, Friendly Avenue Baptist Church