
National Park Church

Family Life Ministry: Kids, Students, Families



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Welcome to National Park Church!

It's all about Discipleship & Relationships. We want your kids and family to grow, have fun, and change the world as God changes your life. We have a team to help you.

NPC Family Life Ministry will take ownership of the Jesus Mission by loving each other and families who aren't here yet, by serving (outreach), encouraging (fellowship), teaching (discipleship), and worship. We will explore different models of ministry that address time and family commitments, and assist you to take a more proactive role in the faith training of your children at home.

Our goal is that families and students are so saturated by being in the presence of Jesus that they can't help but share what they've seen & heard.

Our Goal

- Disciples who make disciples.
- We desire to train kids/students/families to follow Jesus & share the Gospel with others.
- Have fun.

YOUTH TEAM ROLE

- The NPC Youth Team is made up of NPC staff & NPC families.
- We will lead the way for youth/family by being intentional about sharing our faith; Always leading from a Gospel center through our planning and training.

- 1. Personal Commitment:** Each family tell the Gospel to another family.
- 2. Relational Discipleship:** Growing together and reaching out to those closest to us.
- 3. Ministry Training:** Sunday School, The Shore, Ministry Events
- 4. Gospel Outreach:** Seasonal Events, Camp Create, Sunday Services, Small Groups
- 5. Facility:** Investment, updates, and additions, if needed, to our current facility.

“For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

- Ephesians 2:10

Chapter One

Discipleship

At National Park Church, every child, student, parent, and family will have the opportunity to grow as a disciple of Jesus through relationships, programs, classes, and training.

Gospel training

- All students, teachers & leaders will be trained on how to share the Gospel and teach others.
- The Gospel in 6 Words.

Bible 101 class (a catechism style class): based on “Words that Teach.”

- A 10-week one-hour class for 2nd-4th & 5th-12th students and their families. Each student & Family will have a book and workbook to complete as part of the class.
- This Class is schedule in the winter quarter: Jan to Spring Break.

Leadership Training

- Helping students put into practice what they are learning through public reading, prayer, speech, praise team, serving the congregation: communion, nursery, children's worship, special productions, holiday skits, etc.
- Gender specific teaching and training for integration into the church.

Outreach

- Evangelism training for every age
- Quarterly Gospel Outreach Events: Fall(Fall Festival), Winter(Holiday Event) Spring(Easter Event), Summer(Camp Create)

The Shore & Youth Group Class

- **The Shore** is a kid worship & small group time for ages 3yrs-4th grade on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Spring & Fall. Kids grouped by ages for the small group activities and learning.
- The Youth Group class is on Wednesday Nights in the Spring & Fall at 6:30

Fellowship

- Monthly & Quarterly Events designed to increase fellowship and build relationships
- Fun & service activities
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devos, after school activities

Curriculum

Our kids classes, newborns-12th grade, *Sunday* mornings, use **Bible Studies for Life**—the story of Jesus and His mission to seek out and restore lost people to God. Each book, chapter, and verse of the Bible in both the Old Testament and the New Testament is part of that one overarching gospel narrative. From cover to cover, it's all about Jesus. (Lk. 24:27) He is the thread woven throughout the pages of Scripture that holds it all together.

TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS EVERY DAY

That's the goal. And while discipleship takes a lifetime, the day-to-day work is no mystery. Bible Studies for Life is designed to intentionally move babies through senior adults in the direction of Jesus Christ. With a research-backed, biblical model of discipleship, every session is designed to provide a balanced, relatable, and age-appropriate group Bible study experience.

1. **Christ-centered Study** that helps kids understand that all Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, gives testimony to Jesus Christ.
2. **Chronological Study** that shows kids that the Bible is not just a collection of stories, but one unified story—God's story of redemption.
4. **Missional Application** helps kids understand how the gospel encourages and empowers us to be mission driven.
5. **Age Alignment** that gives us the ability to build an age-aligned discipleship experience throughout the body and equip parents to lead spiritual conversations in the home.
6. **Essential Teachings** help kids grasp essential theological doctrines of the Christian faith.

Sunday a.m. & Wednesday p.m. Classes

Littles:

Nursery Class: Molly Burton

Toddler Class: Jaren Ramer

Prek Class: Kim Hall

Kids:

K-2nd Class: Carla Norman

3rd-6th Class: Russ Norman/Adam Hall

Students:

7th-12th Class: Patrick Luse

Class Times

- **Sunday Class - 9am**
- Coffee & Doughnuts - 9:45-10:15
- Sunday Worship - 10:15
- Kid's Worship - 10:30 (dismissed from service)

Wednesday Class - 6:30pm

- All Ages Classes (Nursery-6th grade)
- Youth Group (7th-12th)

Chapter Two

Faith Milestones

At National Park Church, we want to help every child, student, parent, and family respond to faith in Jesus at every stage of development and life. This can be achieved and tracked through the Faith Milestones Ministry & Faith Milestones Guide.

Milestone Ministry

Milestone: A significant event or stage in life.

We want to be intentional about the way we are supporting and guiding families. The Milestone Ministry helps us mark these events in the life of a child, student, or family as spiritual milestones: times in our life that shape us physically, mentally, and spiritually. We will celebrate, bless, and pray for each other at these special times.

Milestones examples:

- Birth & Family Dedication Service
- First Day of School
- Driver's License
- Graduation
- Significant Transitions
- Accomplishments
- Retirement
- Honoring those who've gone before us

- ▶ Videos from milestones on the NPC Facebook Page & Youtube Channel. Click below.
- ▶ Visit us at nationalparkchurch.org. Click below.



Faith Milestones Guide

Newborn - 4yrs: God Sightings & Faith Talks

- Recognizing elements of the Gospel Story
- Learning to practice the presence of God all day long. See God Everywhere. Begin memorizing scriptures songs and books of Bible songs.
- Key Concepts: “God Loves Me - He made me - I can talk to God - Jesus is my Friend”
- **How Toddlers respond to the Gospel?**
 - Learning to praise, learning to pray, learning to say the key concepts.
 - “I love you God” “Thank you God”

Kindergarten - 2nd: The Word of God

- Learn to love the Bible & navigate the books
- Memorize the books, select verses, 10 Commandments, The Lord’s Prayer, etc.
- Key Concepts: The Bible is God’s revelation to us about Himself, Jesus, and Salvation.
- **How K-2nd responds to the Gospel?**
 - Learn the Gospel in 6 Words
 - Learn Words that Teach
 - “I believe the bible is God’s word.”
 - “I believe the Gospel.”
 - “I believe in Jesus.”
 - “I am sorry for my sins and want to be forgiven.”
 - “I will tell others.”

3rd - 6th: Salvation & Baptism

- Key Concepts: Salvation for sin is found in Jesus alone.
- What is the significance of confession, repentance, and baptism?
- **How 3rd-6th responds to the Gospel?**
 - Learn the Gospel in 6 Words
 - Learn Words that Teach
 - “I believe the bible is God’s word.”
 - “I believe the Gospel.”
 - “I believe in Jesus.”
 - “I am sorry for my sins and want to be forgiven.”
 - Baptism
 - “I will tell others.”

7th - 12th: Journey to the Summit (Holiness & Maturity)

- Key Concepts: “Teaching them to obey all that I have commanded.” Matthew 28:20
- What does a mature disciple of Jesus look like?
- **How 7th-12th respond to the Gospel?**
 - Has learned all the previous age group goals.
 - Purity Classes - Gender Specific, other topical studies
 - Confession, Repentance, Baptism, Sharing faith with others
 - Participates in Gospel Advancing Ministry: Mission Trips, Outreach Events, Serves in the Children’s Ministry
 - A developing Gospel leader in their family, school, organizations

Chapter Three

Calendar

Recurring and scheduled Events. Other activities and events will also be planned and announced.

August

- Back to School Party/Sunday Blessing
- The Shore
- 2nd Sunday Devo
- 4th Sunday Devo

September

- Sunday School Kickoff and Promotion
- The Shore
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

October

- Family Farm/Pumpkin Patch
- Fall Festival (**Outreach**)
- The Shore
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

November

- Kids Xmas Party - Parents Night Out
- Thanksgiving Meal/Santa Event
- The Shore
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

December

- Xmas Parade/Garvan Lights
- NPC Youth Xmas Party
- Caroling at Nursing Home
- Candlelight Service

January

- Discipleship/Leadership Class, 2nd-12th Grade
- Winterfest (Youth Rally Arlington)
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

February

- Discipleship/Leadership Class, 2nd-12th Grade
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo
- NPC Youth Fundraiser Dinner
(Scholarships for Camp, Missions, Etc)
- Christeens

March

- The Shore
- **Camp Wyldewood Registration**
- Spring Break
- Spring Sing
- Easter Service
- Easter Event (**Outreach**)
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

April

- Graduation Milestone
- The Shore
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

May

- The Shore
- End of School Party
- Family Camp/Canoe Trip
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

June

- Camp Wyldewood in Searcy
- Guys & Girls Class
- NPCkids Summer Weekly Events
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

July

- Mission to New Orleans, Carrollton Ave.
- Camp Create (**Outreach**)
- Lake Day
- 2nd & 4th Sunday Devo

Quarterly Events

- Area Wide Church Youth Devos
- Outreach Events
- 3-6th Grade Quarterly Events (bowling, movies, etc)

Chapter Four

Big Summer Events

Camp Wyldewood

- ▶ Wyldewood is a Christian Camp and Retreat Center facility. 300+ beautiful acres just north of Searcy, Arkansas. Established in 1948, it borders the scenic Little Red River and features thick timber, lush meadows and a truly blessed natural landscape. It is a blessing for our students to spend some time with each other and Jesus, building life long relationships. Lots of games, lake time, mountain climbing, and much more.
- ▶ NPC Students attend session 1 the first week of June.
- ▶ Ages 8yrs & up. Day camp available for 5-7yrs.



Mission Experiences

- ▶ *Mission in New Orleans* with the Carrollton Ave Church. This is a mission experience for our students to put into practice their leadership and Gospel sharing skills. We work as camp counselors, activity coordinators, cooks, servers, art & drama helpers.
- ▶ Ages 7th Grade & up.
- ▶ *Mission in Little Rock/Hot Springs*: We are in the process of developing a mission project during the month of June. This will be used as a training time for our younger students to put into practice their leadership & Gospel sharing skills.
- ▶ Ages 5th & 6th Grade.



Camp Create

- ▶ Camp Create is an art, music, and drama camp. It is a time for campers to learn that God created them to join him in creation: using their gifts to glorify Him.
- ▶ Camp is held the last week of August.
- ▶ Ages Prek-6th Grade



Chapter Five

Parent Info

NPC Student Registration

- ▶ We want to get to know your family quickly by building a relationship and we also value safety. By filling out this registration card it helps inform us about your family.
- ▶ Please fill out this card and turn it back it, or fill out form on our website:
- ▶ nationalparkchurch.org/npckids-registration

NPC Online Account

- ▶ You can further help our process by creating an online account. This will help you register quickly for events throughout the year, sign you up to receive our E-newsletter, and also give you the opportunity to be a part of the Church Directory, helping you plug in quickly and learn names and faces.
- ▶ To create your Church online account, go to nationalparkchurch.breezechms.com



Chapter Six

Family Life Ministry Staff

**NPC Family Life Minister
Patrick Luse**



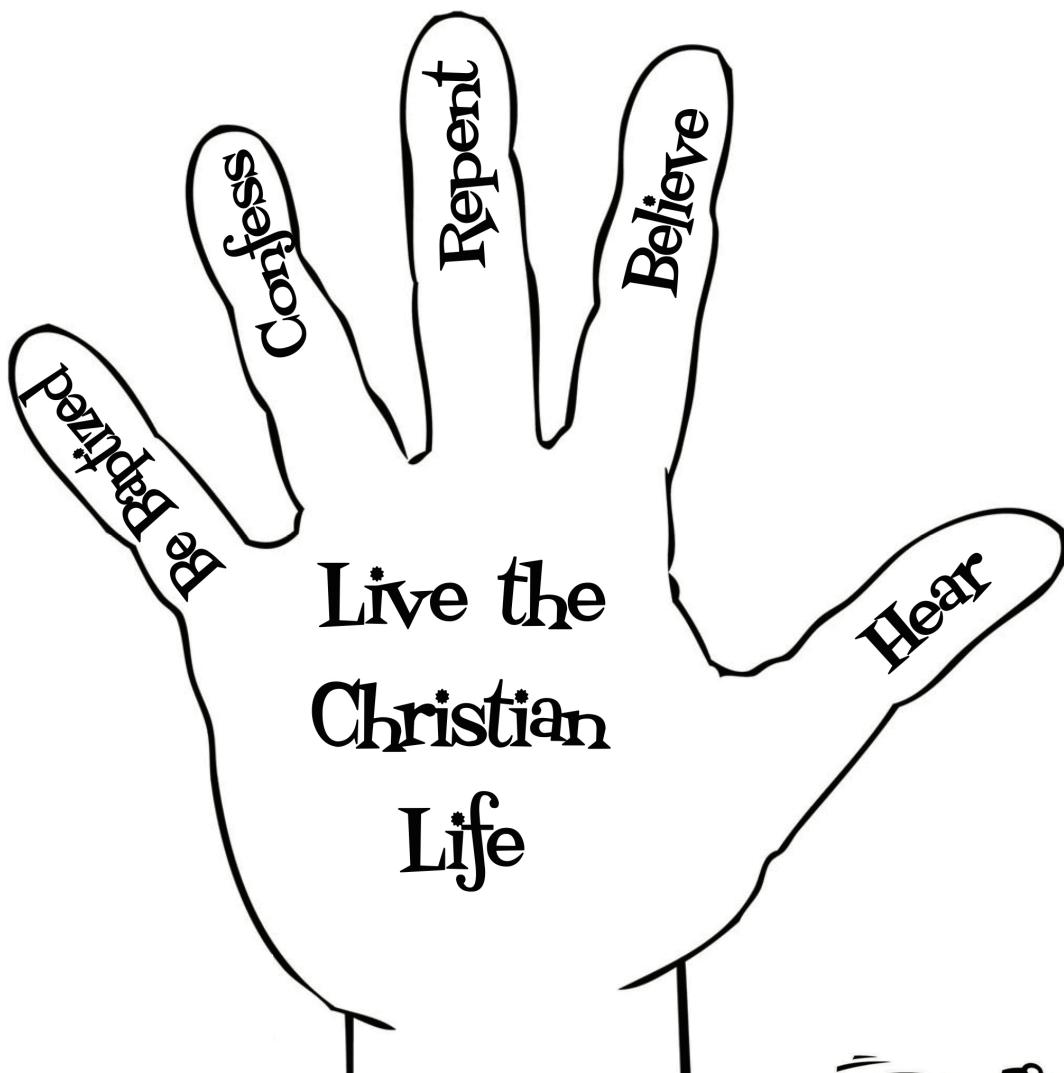
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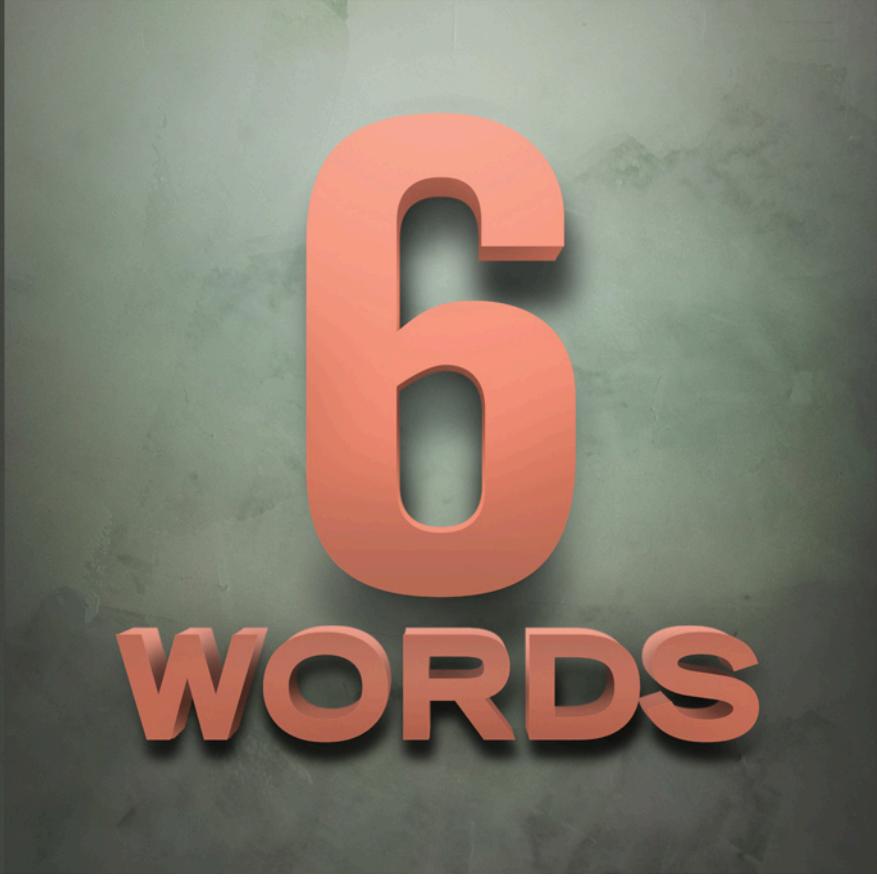
Five Finger Reminders



Hear Romans 10:14

Romans 10:14 asks how can people believe in Jesus if they have never heard about him. In the Bible, “hearing” often means more than just hearing the words, but also understanding them. Hearing the “gospel” of Jesus is the starting point for everyone. The gospel is the good news of Jesus. We want to make sure you know what the message of Jesus is, so we’re going to break it down.





6 **WORDS**

The Gospel & Our Response

GOD created us to be with Him.

OUR sins separate us from God.

SINS cannot be removed by good deeds.

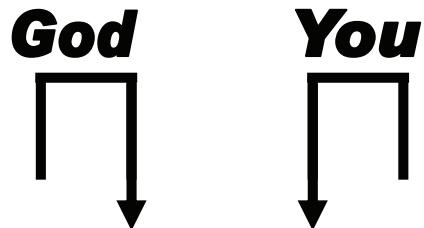
PAYING the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

EVERYONE who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

LIFE with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

The Gospel Breakdown

1. We all have sinned. Romans 3:23
2. Sin Separates us from God. Romans 6:23
3. God doesn't want to be separated from us. 2nd Peter 3:9
4. Jesus paid for our sins. Hebrews 9:28, 2nd Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:8
5. We can have a relationship with God through Jesus. John 14:6, Romans 6:23b
5. We have to do our part. Acts 2:38 - Gift Certificate Example



Believe John 3:16. Romans 10:9. John 20:31

Once you have heard, you have to have faith in God. Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we cannot see.

Thomas... how did Jesus respond? John 20:19-29

Acts 2:3 & 3:19 Repent

Repentance happens when a changed heart changes your life. It's a U-Turn! You were walking away from God and now you're walking towards God.

Sin → **God**

Zacchaeus Repented... Luke 19:1-10

Confess Romans 10:9. Matthew 10:32.
Philippians 2:9-11

At some point, as you give your life to Jesus, you need to confess what's going on in your heart. You say what you believe. You admit it.

Confess to God...

... your love, ...your sin, ... your need for him, etc.

Confess to people...

...that you believe and want to follow Jesus.

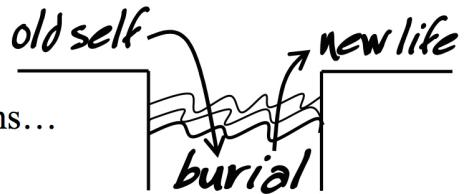


Be Baptized Romans 6:1-4 & Acts 2:38. Matt. 28:19-20

Being baptized is taking all that you have going on in your heart, and doing something about it. It is an outward sign of what's inside.

When we are baptized, we are buried like Jesus.

Our old self dies. We raise to a new life... forgiven of our sins... given the gift of the Holy Spirit.



The early church used to give new clothes to people getting baptized as a symbol of the new life that they would now live.

At **NPC** we practice “immersion” which is a fancy word for dunking. When the early church baptized, it was this way and it points us to being buried with Jesus.

Live the Christian Life Luke 9:23. Ephesians 5:10

Living your life for Jesus is the best thing you’re ever going to do. It will not, however, be the easiest. When you “pick up your cross” everyday, that means that you choose to live for him everyday—and not for yourself!



God doesn’t expect you to do this on your own. He give us the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT! Acts 2:38, 1st Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19.

God’s Spirit that lives within you will help you do many things. Three of those things are easy to remember with the letter “C”.

Comfort... He will help you in your troubles.

Counsel... He will help you make decisions in your life.

Convict... He will tell you in your heart when you are doing the wrong thing.

The fruit of the Spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22-23. What are the ways that a person who lives by the Spirit acts?

Growing Up!

You will continue to grow as a Christian. This decision you make now is based on what you know and feel now. But as you grow, this decision will mean more and more. You will continue to grow by praying, reading God’s word, going to church, serving others and much more. Can you think of ways that will help you grow as a Christian?