

## **Youth Ministry Principles, CCC**

### **I. Key Principles:**

1. Our Youth Director is first and foremost a recruiter, trainer, and equipper who mobilizes gifted members of our congregation for this ministry.
2. The family is the primary channel of God's grace for our covenant kids.
3. The primary goal of our youth ministry is to participate with God, according to his transformative means of grace, in helping kids become faithful and loving disciples of Jesus Christ.
4. We will work to provide a loving, visionary gospel community that wins, builds and sends kids for Christ.
5. We recognize the importance of trust and budding ownership of the gospel, so we want to foster responsibility in our kids and provide an environment where kids are encouraged to initiate ministry and service.
6. Recognizing that it is a temptation for us as parents to desire worldly success in our kids, and to create a youth group that promotes these sorts of ends, we will seek to set Word, prayer and covenant as orienting priorities of our youth ministry. We could see this working out in strong Sunday Schools, small group Bible studies, occasional youth meetings and works of service, and occasional social events.
7. Since middle school and high school concerns vary significantly, we will try to separate kids along these lines for instructional purposes. However, we will also work to promote discipleship of middle schoolers by high schoolers, and coordinate events where deemed profitable.