

Passing on the Faith Ministry
Grace, Hendersonville

Super Saturday

Each year, in April, our Social Ministry Committee hosts a service project day for our congregation. Teams go out into the community to do service projects for our helping agencies. These projects may be raking leaves, planting flowers, spreading mulch, painting, washing windows, etc. The Social Ministry Committee is very intentional to arrange projects for every ability level and age. We publicize this as well, reminding families that service together is one of the 4 Keys in passing on faith. This is a Cross+Generational event that lives out our faith by caring for other people.

Passing on the Faith Workshops

On the third Thursday of each month during the school year we invite the parents of our preschool and congregation to a *Passing on the Faith Workshop*. We begin at 5:30pm with a simple supper. At 6:00pm the children go to enjoy supervised play time, while the parents gather to discuss topics related to passing on the faith at home. We begin with a presentation on the topic of the evening by the Director of Youth and Family Ministry and/or one of the pastors. They also provide resources on the topic – web sites, books, articles, etc. Then the session is opened up for discussion and families sharing what works for them. Some of our topics have been: family devotions, rituals and traditions, vacations, time management, discipline, marriage enrichment, etc. At times we have invited the children to join their parents to “practice” what we had been discussing. For example, before Lent we discussed Lenten Devotions and let the parents practice how to do these devotions at home.

This has been a great way to reach out to families in our preschool who are not members of Grace. It has served well to develop support and encouragement among the parents.

Quilts for Graduating High School Seniors

Each year our quilting group presents a handmade quilt to each of our graduating high school seniors. These quilts include the colors of the student’s high school and other symbols from their activities at school, as well as the name of the church and Christian symbols. These quilts are presented during our Sunday worship service to remind them that they are always wrapped in the love of God.