



January 2012

creating enthusiastic opportunities for each child to meet Jesus and equipping them to minister for a lifetime

## Setting Goals for our Child's Growth

As the beginning of a new year dawns it is normal to have high aspirations for a fresh start or "turning a new leaf." Taking some time to evaluate our lives through the guidance of the Holy Spirit is a great way to begin a new year. And I want to encourage you to include seeking the Lord regarding the growth of your children in that time as well. Here are a few areas to get us all started:

**Spiritual Growth:** How can I encourage and guide my child(ren) in the development of their own personal relationship with Jesus? How can I model – in a natural way – my desire to grow closer to Jesus too? I encourage you to find books, i-pod apps, worship CD's or other types of media that will aid in you/your child in the process of filling their minds with good things. And encourage them to pray and take time to "be still and know that the Lord is God."

**Relational Growth:** Then there are the personality areas that will be helpful for them as they play with friends and interact with family and people who are older. Teach them to be courteous, to display a grateful attitude, to think of the interests of others first... intentionally going the opposite direction of the self-seeking nature of our world.

**Character Development:** You know best what gets your child worked up and the areas of weakness in their hearts. Rather than getting overwhelmed with the multiple ways you would like to see your

child change, this is a great place to choose one area at a time to work on and be creative in how you help aid the development of godly characteristics in your child's heart. Remember, it takes at least 40 days of working on something to create new habits... don't give up on helping your child persevere!

**Physical Maturation:** Teaching our children how to make healthy choices while they are young is a gift to them when they are old! Help your children learn about the healthy care of their physical bodies... and model it!

Now, after you are finished thinking through these things for your child... I wonder what will be on your own list of growth point this coming year?

The awesome thing is, according to God's perspective, each day brings the chance to start anew... so set some goals for the purpose of fulfilling the vision of raising children who will love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength but do not forget the compassion and mercy and grace of the Lord each new DAY!

Lamentations 3:22-24 – Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Happy New Year!  
Kendra Musser - Children's Pastor

## January Leaders

### January 1

Children's Team      Steph Yarberough  
                                  Chuck Martin  
                                  Dwayne Musser  
                                  Kathy Martin (leader)  
 Kid's Service              Kendra Musser  
                                  In adult service for worship

### January 8

Children's Team              Grant Graber  
                                  Lois Zimmerman  
                                  Kathy Martin  
                                  Kendra Musser (leader)  
 Kid's Service                  Deb Weinhold  
                                  Ann Martin (worship)

### January 15

Children's Team              Nicole Monteforte  
                                  Chuck Martin  
                                  Tara Geissinger  
                                  Dwayne Musser (leader)  
 Kid's Service                  Kendra Musser  
                                  In adult service for worship

### January 22

Children's Team              Grant Graber  
                                  Matt Sensenig  
                                  Dwayne Musser  
                                  Chuck Martin (leader)  
 Kid's Service                  Kendra Musser  
                                  Sara Miller (worship)

### January 29

Children's Team              Steph Yarberough  
                                  Chuck Martin  
                                  Tara Geissinger  
                                  Kathy Martin (leader)  
 Kid's Service                  Kevin Geissinger  
                                  Sara Miller (worship)

## Nursery (6-36 months)

Nursery care is provided during the sermon for children ages 6 months through 36 months. You may take your child to the nursery when the children are dismissed. Please pick up your children immediately following worship.

## January Events

**Boxes of Hope Update:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Boxes of Hope project for Christmas. The Impact children packed 30 boxes with the offering money and the kind gifts of several people to sponsor boxes! In addition, many families joined in the project and the total number of boxes prepared to ship is 80! Thank you to everyone who helped with this project!

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