

## **Parent Relations**

### *The "Keep Parents Informed" Policy:*

Our church's policy is to inform parents about all events social, educational & spiritual that pertain to minors. This includes costs, lodging, requirements for attendance, and other relevant details. Parents may always be informed through email/print publications, letters and the church's website. Ministry leaders are also available to help keep communication alive. Keeping informed about events allows parents to plan ahead financially or also for things like family vacations.

It is also our policy to inform parents about the overall content that is being taught to their son or daughter. All lessons and teaching materials are available to parents. Additionally, parents shall have accessible all information pertaining to the progress, and performance of their son or daughter.

In the event of an incident involving a minor, a well-informed childcare provider or ministry leader will inform parents of what happened. To help with this, "Incident Report Forms" may be filled out for any incidents of behavior, injury, or any other emergency. Pastors or Department Directors are then to follow up as needed.

### *The "Keep Church Informed" Policy*

Our church requires parents to fully inform the church office about how to best care for their son or daughter. This includes details relating to allergies, medication needs, special behavioral patterns, activity limitations, dietary instructions and other things.

Registration forms, medical release forms, permission slips and verbal communication are requested to help us provide the attention and love needed.

It is also necessary for the parent to inform the teachers even when a minor is hyperactive, is under the effects of medication, or has had something tragic happen to them. Essentially, anything that could help us grow in understanding and care must be communicated.

To properly care for minors, the church would like parents to inform caregivers and leaders preferences regarding pick up the minor after any church event. This would prevent bad situations, or even abduction. Lastly, we would like to be informed of custody issues.

### *The Baptism of Minors:*

Our church realizes that parents should be informed & supportive when it comes to water baptism by immersion. We have available to all prospective baptism candidates a baptism packet that gives Biblical teaching about baptism and how it is an important step after a someone starts their journey as a Christian. Parents can show support by signing the form enclosed in the packet.