

### WHAT IS FAMILY WORSHIP?

Family Worship is a time set aside in family life for worship of God and Biblical instruction in the home. Family worship consists of three fundamental elements: **reading** the Word, **praying** to God, and **singing** His Praises. The family worship guide also incorporates scripture memorization into the time of worship. Regular Family Worship is essential because it helps parents fulfill their God-given mandate to instruct their children in the Christian faith (Deut. 6; Psalm 78; Eph. 6). It also demonstrates that Christianity is not confined to the “church building” and reorients everyone to the Christ-focused nature of the household (Joshua 24:15). Let us make Family Worship a priority in 2012. This guide provides some direction for Family Worship but you should feel free to adapt it to your family needs.

### STRUCTURE OF *THE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE*

- **New for 2012** **Theme of the Month.** Each month we will have a theme that guides the readings and songs. **This month’s theme is the *Four Cardinal Virtues: Moral Courage, Temperance, Justice, and Prudence.*** *Moral Courage is doing the right thing in the face of opposition; Temperance is keeping a balanced life; Justice is a sense of fairness; Prudence is exercising judgment and wisdom.*
- **Read** – each day excerpts from the Bible are recommended that will help your family read the Bible together.
- **Pray** – each day suggestions are given for prayer. Try to cover these items but expand to other more personal topics as well.
- **Sing** – each week a hymn is recommended for singing. Singing hymns glorifies God and helps instruct the faith (Col. 3:16). Sing several songs (contemporary, devotional, kids, etc) as desired but try to sing and learn the recommended hymn of the week. Consider picking a family song for the year that can be sung at the beginning of each week. Also consider getting a copy of the *Songbook* that we use at Keizer. They are inexpensive and can really help the family’s singing.
- **Memorize** – each month a passage of scripture is suggested for memorization. Use a standard translation and adapt the length as needed for your family.

### THREE KEYS TO GETTING STARTED IN FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Parents should be convinced this is God’s Will for the family. Consistent Family Worship will come from conviction, not convenience.
2. Make it part of the family schedule and be as consistent as possible. Remember, something is better than nothing. Ask another family to keep you accountable.
3. Keep it as simple as possible. Follow the basic structure below but be flexible and adapt (shorten) accordingly. Invest in some resources to help you be consistent.

### RESOURCES FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

The Elders have provided each family with Children a Bible story book to be used with in Family worship. These books are identified below and incorporated **three times per week** in the guide.

- *Read and Share Bible* (Tommy Nelson, 2007). Abbreviated as RSB.
- *The Children’s Illustrated Bible* (Dorling Kindersly, 2003). Abbreviated as CIB.
- *Songs of Faith and Praise*. Ed. Alton H. Howard (Howard,1994). Abbreviated as SFP.

JANUARY 1 – JANUARY 7, 2012

**Moral Courage**

**Read the Word**

**Sunday:** Psalm 1

**Monday:** David and Goliath, I Samuel 17  
CIB, pp 118-119, RSB, pp 200-203

**Tuesday:** Stephen the Martyr, Acts 7  
CIB, pp 288-289; RSB, pp 104 -105

**Wednesday:** Psalm 15

**Thursday:** Esther, Esther 4  
CIB, pp 168-171; RSB 258-261

**Friday:** Psalm 23

**Saturday:** Psalm 32

**Sing His Praises**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness* - # 57 in SFP

**Pray To God...**

**Sunday:** that God will be glorified in your *speech* this week

**Monday:** for single adults in our congregation

**Tuesday:** for the University Christian Center at Corvallis and other Campus ministries

**Wednesday:** for the shut-ins of the congregation

**Thursday:** for the Fathers of the congregation (leadership, devotion, wisdom)

**Friday:** for the lonely in our congregation

**Saturday:** that God will be truly glorified in tomorrow's worship service (pray for the preacher)

**Memorize Truth**

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS" - JOSHUA 1:6-9

JANUARY 8 – JANUARY 14, 2012

**Temperance**

**Read the Word**

**Sunday:** Psalm 40

**Monday:** Cain & Abel, Genesis 4; Eccl. 3:1-8  
CIB, pp 22-23; RSB, 266-267

**Tuesday:** Jacob & Esau, Gen. 25 & 27  
CIB, pp 46-47; RSB, 52-55

**Wednesday:** Psalm 42

**Thursday:** Naboth's Vineyard, I Kgs 21  
CIB, pp 144-145; RSB, 370-371

**Friday:** Psalm 51

**Saturday:** Psalm 63

**Sing His Praises**

*Lord Take Control* - # 790 in SFP

**Pray To God...**

**Sunday:** that God will be glorified in your example this week

**Monday:** for children and youth in our congregation

**Tuesday:** for Elders and their spiritual strength

**Wednesday:** for our missionaries in India

**Thursday:** for those in the bulletin with health problems

**Friday:** for the newly baptized in our congregation

**Saturday:** that God will be truly glorified in tomorrow's worship service (pray for the worship leader)

**Memorize Truth**

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS" - JOSHUA 1:6-9

JANUARY 15 – JANUARY 21, 2012

*Justice*

JANUARY 22 – JANUARY 28, 2012

*Prudence*

<p><b>Read the Word</b>  <b>Sunday:</b> Psalm 73  <b>Monday:</b> Solomon’s Choice, I Kgs 3:16-28                            CIB, pp 134-135; RSB, 216-217  <b>Tuesday:</b> Tower of Babel, Gen. 11                            CIB, 28-29; RSB, 162-163 (Deborah)  <b>Wednesday:</b> Psalm 84  <b>Thursday:</b> Joseph and Pharaoh, Gen. 41                            CIB, 60-61; RSB, 82-83  <b>Friday:</b> Psalm 91  <b>Saturday:</b> Psalm 95</p>
<p><b>Sing His Praises</b>  <i>He Paid a Debt - # 376 in SFP</i></p>
<p><b>Pray To God...</b>  <b>Sunday:</b> that God will be glorified in your thoughts this week  <b>Monday:</b> for the Ministers and the Church Secretary  <b>Tuesday:</b> for the Deacons of the Church  <b>Wednesday:</b> for our missionaries in Africa  <b>Thursday:</b> for Spiritual Growth in the lives of Mothers  <b>Friday:</b> for the new members of our congregation  <b>Saturday:</b> that God will be truly glorified in tomorrow’s worship service</p>
<p><b>Memorize Truth</b>  <b>“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS” - JOSHUA 1:6-9</b></p>

<p><b>Read the Word</b>  <b>Sunday:</b> Psalm 100  <b>Monday:</b> Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-32                            CIB, pp 240-241; RSB, 348-353  <b>Tuesday:</b> Wise Men, Matt. 2:1-12                            CIB, 196-197; RSB, 306-307  <b>Wednesday:</b> Psalm 103  <b>Thursday:</b> Mary and Martha, Luke 10:38-42                            CIB, 236-237; RSB, 354-355  <b>Friday:</b> Psalm 121  <b>Saturday:</b> Psalm 130</p>
<p><b>Sing His Praises</b>  <i>Be Still and Know - #31 in SFP</i></p>
<p><b>Pray To God...</b>  <b>Sunday:</b> thank God for the leadership potential we see in the younger leaders of the congregation  <b>Monday:</b> for the members of the Masters class  <b>Tuesday:</b> for the twenty-somethings (<b>by name</b>)  <b>Wednesday:</b> for the homeless and the poor in Salem/Keizer  <b>Thursday:</b> for friends and family who need to know Christ  <b>Friday:</b> for the Elders by name  <b>Saturday:</b> that God will be truly glorified in tomorrow’s worship service (Communion Presider)</p>
<p><b>Memorize Truth</b>  <b>“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS” - JOSHUA 1:6-9</b></p>