

Pillar verses:

I • (I Thes. 5:17, Phil. 4:6)

II • (Deut. 6:5-9, Eph. 4:12-13)

III • (Ps. 78:5-8, Prov. 1, 8, 10, 15 Eph 6:4)

IV • (I Cor. 12:27-28, Matt 9:38)

V • (Acts. 2:42-47, I Cor. 12:12-27)

VI • (Matt. 22:37-40, Acts 2:42-47)

VII • (Matt. 19:14)

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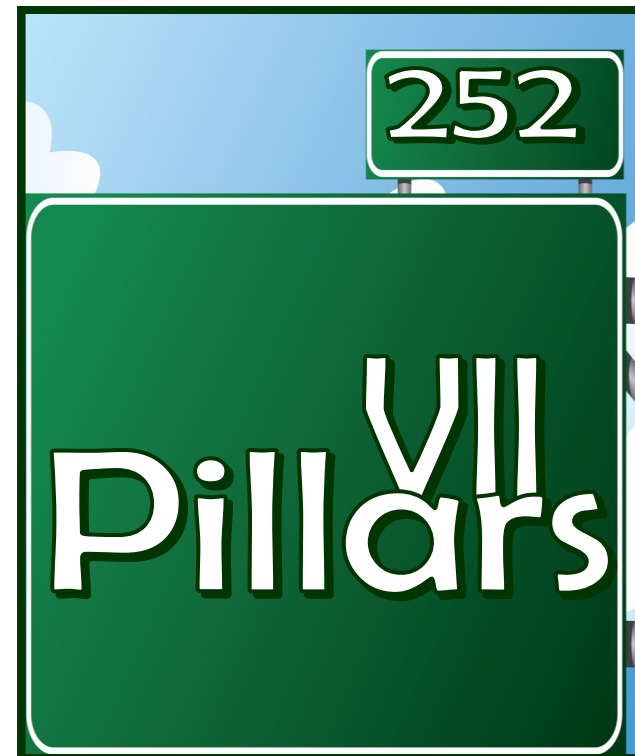
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“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

- Luke 2:52

VII Pillars

Ministry to Parents & Children will be upheld and shaped by prayer

Parents, teachers, elders and any Children's Ministry workers will be encouraged to pray earnestly for the children under their care.

Ministry to Parents & Children will be an equipping ministry.

Since Scripture's greatest mandate for nurturing the faith of children is given to parents, it seems most strategic to encourage parents to take their responsibility seriously and to train them to be effective in their instruction of their children. The most important area to nurture faith in children is within the home in the context of the family.

Ministry to Parents & Children will make an effort to inspire fathers to set God-centered goals for their children and to lead their families.

While we stress the importance of mother and father working as a team in nurturing the faith of their children, we will emphasize the father's responsibility before God to nurture the faith of his children and provide spiritual leadership in the home.

We will trust God to raise up and empower gifted teachers for ministry to children.

We will give serious attention to training Godly people to be effective in their handling of God's Word and in their understanding of how to teach children. Our teachers will be trained to teach for response reaching both the

Serious effort will be given to weaving children into the life of the church.

We want to esteem our children as integral parts of the body of Christ. We will strive to encourage our children to be active participants in the body of Christ here at Grace.

Ministry to Parents & Children will encourage the people of the body to minister to each other through relationships of love.

Intergenerational gatherings will be encouraged for the benefit of all ages.

We encourage and welcome children with special needs (and their families) into our Children's Ministries.

We will endeavor to teach them with our words and actions that they, like all children, are created by God, in the image of God and for the glory of God.