

Planning for the Year Ahead

Name: _____

Think through how you will be intentional in the coming year to come alongside your child as they enter this new phase of life?

- Pray daily for and with my child.
- Consistently spend time in God's Word.
- Create a one on one time for each week to connect and keep lines of communication open.
- Create a habit of worship with my child.
- Find a way to serve together as a family.

Recommended Resources:

Spiritual Milestones from heritagebuilders.com

Rite of Passage by Jim McBride

King Me by Steve Farrar

Raising a Modern-Day Knight by Robert Lewis

Life on the Edge by Dr. James Dobson



PASSAGE TO ADULTHOOD



RECOMMENDED: 12+ YEARS OLD

What is the Passage to Adulthood Celebration?

The Passage to Adulthood Milestone is a special event in the life of a son or daughter that acknowledges and affirms their pathway towards God-honoring young adulthood. The event is designed to allow parents to bestow a word of blessing to their son or daughter in front of their faith family, as they recognize and make known they now see their child as a an emerging young adult. Families will present their child with a gift to signify the significance of the occasion.

Passage to Adulthood Ceremony

Rock Hill Baptist Church will host a Passage to Adulthood Ceremony every other year for families of children between the ages of 6th to 8th. Families must register to be a part of the special occasion. Please watch the church calendar to find out when our next Passage to Adulthood Ceremony will be held.

During the Ceremony:

Mothers will be asked to work with our media team to create a two minute video. The video will recognize and call out the Godly characteristics they see growing in their son or daughter, the hope in who their child will become as a man or woman, praise and honor to God, and will finish with the statement, "you are my son/daughter whom I am well pleased.

Fathers will be asked to share a verse to read over their child, and make a public proclamation of pride in who God is making their son or daughter to be.

Giving the Blessing:

During the Passage to Adulthood ceremony, once all families have presented their proclamations over their sons or daughters, families will have the opportunity to give a gift to their child signifying the occasion. The gift is to be something that will act as an ebenezer (a tangible keepsake) to remember the event. The gift will be given at the end of the ceremony, within the son or daughters family group. We encourage extended family to gather around the family as the gift is bestowed and the significance of the gift is explained.

Setting the stage:

As this milestone represents a significant time in the life of a young man or woman, we recommend families work to make this time a special occasion. Families are encouraged to invite family members, as well as influential men and women who have invested in the lives of their children.

On the date of the ceremony, we recommend the families make dinner reservations or pick out a place to share a meal with their friends and families to celebrate their son or daughter.

As a parent you are entering the coaching stage of your parenting journey. After the ceremony let your son or daughter know that as they mature towards Godly manhood or womanhood that they will begin to accept new responsibilities that accompany young adulthood. Let your child know that you will be there to help him or her work through the challenges and navigate the landmines as they take ownership for choices and a future walk with God.