

# **BOND OF FAITH**

Children's Ministries



*"Bonding with God through Circles of Faith"*

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# **BOND OF FAITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

## **INVITATION**

The greatest hope we all have as Christians is that we will live again someday in Heaven forever. We do not know when Christ will return to take us with Him, but we know that He will return. We also know that as we await His coming, we are driven to spread God's Word to all so that they may accept Jesus as their Savior and have eternal life in Heaven. The Bond of Faith Children's Ministries was inspired by God as a way of spreading His message. We invite you to join us in this effort of serving Him. Through this ministry God is assembling Christians who are willing to go forth and help plant and solidify His Word in the hearts, souls, and minds of our relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others with special emphasis on our youth. This ministry is not meant to interfere with your church participation, but to broaden your service to the church and provide another effective way to serve Jesus and your fellow man. This is a person-to-person discipleship movement. Jesus serves as our example. He went to those in need of His holy healing, which is expressed best in His own words:

*"Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." (Luke 15:3-7, NIV)*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to join with fellow Christians to mentor, teach, and share God's Word with families and to develop a strong, unbreakable bond of faith in God that will continue to be passed on from generation to generation.

## THE BIRTH OF THIS MINISTRY

This ministry is the culmination of many years of walking with Christ. It comes from my spiritual life and how it has evolved over time. The following is my testimony.

*There are times in our lives when we make decisions that change things forever. I was the ripe old age of 76 when I made the biggest decision of my life. That year I finally and absolutely without question decided to give my life to Christ.*

*I was reared in a rural county in Southeast Georgia. We were sharecroppers and poor. We all worked hard together to provide food and clothing. Our material wealth was minimal, but my six siblings and I were given the greatest gift parents could give. They brought us up in a loving Christian home. In my youth we attended churches of various denominations primarily, Methodist, Baptist, and Church of God. My mother finally settled us in the Baptist Church since she approved of their less formal but ordered approach to worshiping. Truthfully, I never understood why we did not all worship together since it simply comes down to Jesus.*

*The Lord has blessed my family and me throughout my life. He provided an exceptionally good education up through college and led me through two successful business careers. I have always felt His presence and knew He was close. Like everyone who lives as a Christian, I have always felt that someday the Lord would ask me to do something special for Him. The older I grew, the more I began to think that the small things I was doing, witnessing for Him, acknowledging Him as my one and only God, attending church and Sunday School, tithing, and being a good citizen were all that He would require of me. Brother, was I wrong! The more I read His word and prayed, the more I felt His presence. He speaks to us through the Bible and prayer. He allows us to sense, feel, and react to His guidance.*

*Family has always played a big role in my life. It was through my family that God revealed how He wanted me to serve Him. My wife and I have been blessed with three loving children and seven exceptional grandchildren. Since my retirement, I have had the pleasure of driving the two youngest grandchildren back and forth to preschool and school for several years. I always used this time as a teaching opportunity, since for a short while, I had their undivided attention. I presented them with easy-to-understand lessons on life, with God included. Then, when the school year began in August 2020, an inspiration came, no doubt from the Lord, to hold abbreviated Sunday School lessons in my truck to and from school. From the beginning, I was saddened to find how little my five-year-old and seven-year-old grandsons really knew about Jesus and His story. The one thing they did know, that lifted me, was that Jesus loved them and everyone else. They had no idea what Easter was all about except the Easter bunny and hiding eggs. Christmas was dominated by Santa in their minds.*

*These deficiencies quickened my actions to put my Sunday School idea into motion. Taking stories and lessons straight from the Bible, I began teaching them to and from school. After each presentation, using questions and general conversation, I sought to embed these lessons firmly in their minds. Indeed, it was slow going at first, but persistence and repetitiveness finally began to show results. I am now amazed by how much my grandsons have learned in a relatively short time. They have learned the importance of prayer in their lives. I have also made sure they know who Jesus is and how important He and the Bible are to their lives. We even sing and make up songs about Jesus. Certainly, there have been times when boys want to be boys and Grandy*

*has been required to tax his brain to slip in his lesson for the day. This has proven to be a learning experience for the whole family. I have learned to weave my lessons into what they think is "cool," and at this point, the so-called generation gap has been diminished. This has been a spiritual learning experience for the whole family. I also realized that for my grandsons to fully absorb God and His Word, this teaching process would have to continue for years in the same form. Thank you, Lord! This special blessing with my grandsons and family is the basis for the outreach programs for our ministry.*

*During this experience with my grandsons, I found God in his full-blown glory. He tapped me in the soul and heart and said it is time you come with me. Finally, I received my true and complete salvation. I had often wondered how I would know I was really, really saved. I now know, and it becomes more and more evident over time. I no longer live for myself, but for Christ and my fellow man. It is no longer about me, but Him. I must show Him in me to everyone. He has given me total peace. I know He is in control, and as promised, I know there is a place for me in His Heaven.*

*The Lord has now laid out what I must do for Him. It is called "Bond of Faith Children's Ministries." It is His creation, and I am assigned for the rest of my life to His service. The ministry is explained in what follows. Please join us in God's work.*

*In Christian Love, Roger Weaver.*

## **THE NEED FOR THIS MINISTRY**

Jesus made it clear how we are to serve Him,

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."" (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)*

Jesus was talking here to all Christians. We all have a part to play in bringing the lost to Jesus, and foremost among these are the children.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:5-9, NIV)*

Christianity has been on the decline around the world for some time. Reputable sources have recently reported that adults in the U.S. who claim to be Christians have declined by 12% over the past decade from 77% to 65%. People without God in their lives have chosen what they see as the easiest and most pleasurable way to live. Unknowingly they are headed into misery, and the added tragedy is that millions of children will follow them. These children will hear little if anything about God. What they will hear is mostly from their peers and will often be negative and void of any truth. The Lord is calling us all loud and clear to help reverse this trend.

## **THE BUILDING OF THIS MINISTRY**

The foundation for this ministry is and will continue to be resolute Christian volunteers. Every Christian has a group of people with whom they have influence, and these are their Circles of Faith. The way they minister to this group is up to each individual volunteer as the Lord guides them. Through this ministry each volunteer finds support and gives help to other volunteers. Circles of Faith and how they enter into our ministry are explained later in this brochure.

This is a person-to-person ministry. Each volunteer will know the person with whom they are sharing their Christianity. God wants each of us to encourage those dedicated to Him to join us as volunteers and help bring others into His service.

## **THIS MINISTRY AND OUR CHURCHES**

Christians need churches to serve as their recharging stations—a place to congregate and share our faith. It is here that Christ prepares us to go out among His lost sheep and help lead them to Jesus. Bond of Faith Children's Ministries supports and welcomes volunteers from all Christian churches. We encourage all who respond to stay involved in their own church or join a church of their choice. We believe that participation in this ministry will benefit their own church as well as all churches in their community.

God's Word, as recorded in the Bible, is the basis for our teachings. We want to present only what God expresses in His Word, praying that it will help lead the lost to Jesus. We leave the interpretation of the Scriptures up to the various denominations.

## OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS

At the center of our ministry is a group of resolute Christian volunteers. This group, with God's guidance, will manage our two outreach programs. Keep in mind these volunteers will be ministering mostly to people in their Circles of Faith, which include relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others.

This ministry has been led to shape its outreach programs in such a way as to reach our youth primarily through parents, grandparents, and other relatives. This approach is backed by the following statistics:

67% of Christians come to Christ before they are 18.

43% of Christians come to Christ before they are 12.

Less than 25% of Christians come to Christ after 21.

50% of Christians come to Christ through their parents.

24% of Christians come to Christ through other relatives.

*(These stats are from surveys taken by Ministry-to-Children and their affiliates.)*

Helping people through and for Christ will require dedication and devotion to our Lord. He will lead us in our training. The training will emphasize the importance of our volunteers leading by example, serving as advocates, and maintaining confidential relationships and trust with their outreach families.

Most of this will be on-the-job training with volunteers learning from each other and their Circles of Faith as they follow where the Lord leads. These programs are designed to reach all families, especially those with children and those who have chosen not to attend church. The focus of this outreach is structured for two settings, in the car and in the home, and are outlined below.

### **Our In-Car Ministry**

The time to and from school and on many other occasions in the car is a wonderful opportunity to instruct young children about God. Having Bible lessons in the car is nothing new. The purpose is to utilize this time to form a stronger bond between parent and child while educating the child in the Bible and Jesus. Our lessons are taken straight from the Scriptures and are conducive to parents' and children's spiritual needs. Biblical lessons are available free of charge. These lessons are presented simply as guides. The parents are free to change their presentation to fit their child's age and other needs. A children's page is included with each lesson to give a very simple summary of the lesson for the child's benefit.

## **Our In-Home Ministry**

This part of our ministry is more involved than the In-Car. Many parents may have a connection with God but for various reasons do not attend church. Our in-home ministry could provide them with a spiritual experience for both them and their children. It is intended to lead them into a deeper relationship with Christ and help them to instill that in their children.

The same biblical lessons used in our In-Car Ministry are available for the In-Home Program. Once the volunteer has had a chance to introduce the family to our booklet of biblical lessons and assess the family's needs and preferred ways of worshiping, they will help establish an in-home worship program. Our volunteers will encourage one or preferably both parents to lead the worship service. The volunteer will only become as involved as the parent wants. The volunteer has the option of offering our Inspirational Spiritual Guides in addition to the lessons and other aids to help strengthen the parents' faith in Christ. Of course, the Bible is the main teaching tool, and prayer is essential. As their faith grows, the parents become more intent on using the In-Home Program to educate their child about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The result is a family unit firmly grounded in Christ, and many of these families will go on to join a church of their choice.

God gave us all free will. This program will only work if you have chosen Him. Self-motivation, the desire to communicate with God, and doing what is right and best for your child are the keys to success. We urge the parents in every outreach family to read our literature, pray about it, then decide for themselves regarding their participation. Some may want to seek the advice of a minister or someone they feel is close to God. We do not represent that this is a cure-all for spiritual life needs. It is at best a guide or aid. Only a solid relationship with God can give you peace and fulfillment in your life. All we're doing here is encouraging you to allow God to give you this blessing.



## **CIRCLES OF FAITH**

The Bond of Faith Children's Ministries is being built on Circles of Faith. While the name did not exist in Biblical times, the actuality of Circles of Faith has been a way of sharing our faith in God since the time of Adam and Eve. They certainly were close to God and most assuredly shared their faith as man and wife. Throughout the Old Testament and New Testament, man shared his faith with family, friends, and others who could have been identified as his Circle of Faith. Even today we share our faith through this same social structure with our families, friends, neighbors, and work associates. Circles of Faith are very much supported by our churches and appear in our Sunday Schools and all Bible Study classes. Everywhere you find Christians you will find Circles of Faith.

This ministry is meant to strengthen this network of Circles of Faith and mobilize them on the behalf of Jesus. Every Christian has a group of people with whom they have varying degrees of influence. A Christian is someone whose behavior and heart reflects Jesus Christ, and you, as a Christian, are already aware of the other Christians in your circle of influence. If not, with more social and spiritual discussion you can discover who they are and how far they are in their walk with Christ. What makes a Christian is his or her faith, not deeds. He wants us one and all to show Him to our fellow man. Status quo is not an option. He's not asking you to go around getting into everyone's private space and preaching. He is asking you to first grow in your faith and then become adept at showing your Christianity. Learn to share the Jesus in you on a daily basis with those around you. You will find your Circle of Faith will grow, and those in it will join you in sharing Christ.

It is very important to realize that your Circle of Faith is centered in your home. If nurtured there, it will expand outward. It can certainly be reinforced by attending a church of your choice, but it's still a home-grown truth. It has to be sustained by you and your family worshiping daily within your home. Worshiping means showing Christ in your actions throughout each day. The children in this environment will most assuredly grow in Christ, and that is part of God's will and our mission.

Developing your Circle of Faith involves not only adding new people but more importantly leading through Christ a revival in your group. It shouldn't stop there. You must encourage everyone to continue growing and engaging with Christ. Everyone needs to become more aware of Jesus and how important He is to a full and happy life. This will require regular Bible study and prayer. You and other dedicated Christians in your circle must promote this activity, or your efforts will be for naught. Satan is always lurking. Being and remaining a Christian is a full-time undertaking. To survive, it must become a habit and part of you and your circle. Most of all, God wants us to do this. No one is exempt or left out. He expects His will be done.

**COME JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER FOR CHRIST  
TO HELP BRING FAMILIES TO KNOW AND SERVE JESUS.**

## EXAMPLE OF OUR MOTIVATIONAL SPIRITUAL GUIDES

### SPIRITUAL GUIDE #1: GOD ABSOLUTELY EXISTS

To build a solid foundation for faith in God, one must first accept that He exists beyond any doubt. Just look around. The miracle of birth, not only of humans but of animals and even plants, is part of His testimony. Look how intricate the body is, and how with all the many parts, it functions perfectly. Its complexity is nothing short of a miracle that only God could have created! Look further at all of God's creation—the lakes, rivers, mountains, all the earth with its beautiful and varying scenery. He created not only all of this but also the whole massive universe. His creation has no limits. Man, try as hard as his intelligence will allow, has not even come close to putting a limit on what He encompasses. He has molded all this together into what we call life. It is mind boggling and demands our almighty God as its one and only creator. And just think, as small as you are in all of this, He loves you and knows you intimately down to each hair on your head.

*"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Luke 12:7, NIV)*

Let us now go back to "in the beginning." Those who claim to believe there is no God have used the Big Bang theory as an effort to explain what happened at the very beginning of our universe. They insist there was nothing prior to the creation. That is the big nothing, as in not anything. Then, out of nothing and nowhere and no God, the universe appeared. The so-called "Big Bang" was God forming His creation and is not a theory but a fact. Biblical creation did occur because we see it all around us and have for centuries. No one has nor ever will be able to explain how this came about without God. The Bible says it best. It supports God's eyewitness account of creation, and He was the only one there to observe what happened in the beginning. It was not a result of a big bang; it was God's creation. Read God's account. You will never doubt the existence of God again.

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day,' and the darkness he called 'night.' And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.' So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault 'sky.' And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. And God said, 'Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.' And it was so. God called the dry ground 'land,' and the gathered waters he called 'seas.' And God saw that it was good. Then God*

said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.' And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.' So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, 'Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.' And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.' Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day." **(Genesis 1:1-31, NIV)**

"Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." **(Genesis 2:1-3, NIV)**

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This ministry supports all Christian denominations and will favor none over the other. Our intent is to help teach the Bible and support God as He requires. His Will be done.



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