"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, and growing in the knowledge of God."

Colossians 1:9-10

## Vision for Children/Youth Ministries at MRC

Discipling lifelong followers of Jesus Christ

## **Mission**

• Our mission is to build meaningful relationships with students rooted in the transformative grace we've received through Jesus Christ. We are committed to modeling and helping students grow in their understanding of this grace, so that it may guide every aspect of their lives. We seek to share the stories of the Bible and our faith, revealing a faithful God who keeps His promises and provides hope for each day. Recognizing that we are each created with purpose, we aim to help students find and embrace their role in God's redemption plan, seeking to bring love, healing, and restoration to the world around us. Together, we strive to live out this mission, impacting lives and glorifying God in all that we do.

## **Pillars of Children/Youth Ministries (Values)**

- Age appropriate
- Welcoming
- Safe
- Relational
- Biblical
- Grace-filled
- Open to questions
- Inter-generational

## **Spiritual Development Pathway**

- Infant Baptism
- Nursery
- Worship and Wonder (3-4 yr old)
- Dwell (K-5th grade)
- Taste and See (2nd grade course in preparation for the Lord's Supper)
- Dive (6th-8th grade)
- Heidelberg Catechism and Me (9th-10th grade)
- Faith and Sexuality (9th grade)
- Mentor Program I Believe (11th-12th grade)
- Affirmation of Baptism/Profession of Faith (11th-12th grade)
- Church Membership