

## "That They Should Set their Hope in God" (A brief explanation and defense of Age-integrated Worship)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments. Psalm 78:1-7

Clarifying our terms:

What is a "Family Integration" is not:

Family Integration ≠ a "\_\_\_\_\_".

Family Integration ≠ our "\_\_\_\_\_".

Family Integration ≠ \_\_\_\_\_-centeredness.

Family Integration ≠ the \_\_\_\_\_.

A Definition:

A Family-Integrated Church is a church that is \_\_\_\_\_ designed without age-\_\_\_\_\_ structures. (Voddie Baucham)



"You are not likely to see general reformation till you procure family reformation. Some little religion there may be here and there; but while it is confined to single persons, and is not promoted in families, it will not prosper, nor promise future increase."

Richard Baxter, The Reformed Pastor

A Case for Family-integration:

1. There exists no compelling \_\_\_\_\_ basis for age-segregated Bible \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Genesis 18:19; Dt. 6; Ps. 78, 127, 128; Prov. 1:8, 3:1, 5:1; Eph 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:14-15)
2. The practice of families worshiping and studying together is the \_\_\_\_\_ and has proven effective over time in "passing the baton" of the faith between generations.
3. It promotes family worship as the primary \_\_\_\_\_ for discipleship and \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 6:4)
4. This approach affirms in \_\_\_\_\_ and structure what we believe about family and church life, particularly as it relates to the duties of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A Family Integrated church model serves \_\_\_\_\_ adults (including single parents) by allowing them to fellowship alongside healthy, growing families, thereby providing a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern for singles and, in some cases, their children.
6. This approach allows families who, due to schedules and the pace of life, are often drawn in different directions throughout the week, to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's Day as a day of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Family Integrated churches welcome children to the "\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_" table, allowing them to benefit from helpful, Godward \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ worship serves to promote oneness in the home as everyone is studying the same \_\_\_\_\_ under the same \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Age-integrated teaching allows a father to more effectively \_\_\_\_\_ (and, if necessary, \_\_\_\_\_) the teaching his children receive.
10. A Family Integrated model insures a high probability that when holy moments of growth and \_\_\_\_\_ occur in the lives of our children, a \_\_\_\_\_ will be present.