Subject: Blessing Event for you! March 31st. -- 10:45 Service

To all the families who attended a Faith Formation at Home learning event this last fall or winter!

A blessing is a brief prayer spoken out loud over a person that calls on God to pour a blessing into the life of that person.

It’s a powerful thing when parents bless their child! We encourage every parent in our church to practice speaking or praying such blessings over their child. We help that happen when we have a special blessing event in a worship service where the parents and child come to the front as one group and each child receives a blessing.

The parents who attended either of the Faith Formation at Home learning events this year are invited to participate:

Fall: “Understanding the Gospel and Trusting Christ”

Spring: “Noticing God’s Personal Imprint”

On Sunday, March 31st, early in the service, after the second song, parents participating in the blessing event will be called forward for just a few minutes. Each parent can bring an object of their own choosing to give their child as a remembrance of their blessing. This might be a wordless Bible (the colors telling the gospel story), or a cross, or an object that reminds them of their unique design, or whatever you choose that helps your child remember the conversation of faith you have had with your child.

Pastor Roger will talk about how our church supports Faith Formation at Home and its importance. There will be a few words of encouragement to parent and children alike. Then parents will take a moment to speak a word of affirmation to their child, lay their hand on their child and pray a blessing out loud. It might sound something like this:

“Colton, I bless you to keep trusting Jesus as your Savior throughout your life. May you follow him with a bold faith so that others would see who it is that you belong to! In Jesus’ name, we bless you!”

“Ashley, I bless you to grow in who God has made you to be. May God use your gifts of kindness and generosity to help others. May God use your gift of intelligence to learn about His world. May God use your gift of dance to bring joy to your heart. In Jesus’ name, we bless you!”

Some parents write their blessing down so they can refer to it when they bless their and so they can remember it in the future as God brings it about!

After the blessing event, children can be dismissed to children’s ministry, or if everyone has attended at 9:00, you would be free to leave.

Please don’t miss your chance to be part of this. It can be extremely meaningful to your child and to you. Even more importantly, it is meaningful to God and He is moving bring blessing to your child!

If you have any question, please email me. If not, I will see you on March 31st!

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you.

The Lord look upon you with his favor

And give you peace!

Pastor Roger