In a recent article the NC Family Policy Council offered the following reminders for parents as a new school year begins. I hope you find it helpful.

Stay grounded. It can be taxing to be parents with all the upcoming deadlines and stresses our children will face this school year. Recommit to studying and memorizing Scripture, alone and together as a family.

Seek community with other parents. Whether you educate your children at home or send your children to school, make it a point this year to find a mentor, someone who has walked the same path that you are walking right now.

Be involved. If your children go to a conventional school, find ways you can volunteer in the school so that you are engaged and connected with your children. If you are a home school parent, look for creative ways to interact with other families through home school networks and co-ops.

Remind your children of their freedoms. For those who have children in a non-religious school setting, it can be easy to assume that your children should remain silent about their faith. Did you know that AWANA, for example, are permitted to pray before they eat lunch, pray in groups, and even share their faith with their friends at school?

Pray. More than anything, your children need prayer. Make it a point to pray with and for your children daily. You could even write and memorize a blessing for your children and make it a habit to pray those words over your children before school begins every day.

Enjoy. Don’t forget to enjoy these years with your child! They will be over before you know it, so take time to savor the journey. Have a blessed school year! ~ Pastor Randy

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Every second Wednesday of each month is C.A.R.E. Night. C.A.R.E. is an acronym for “Christians Actively Reaching Everyone.” We have a meal each C.A.R.E. Night beginning at 6:00 pm and ministry opportunities follow at 6:30 pm. This month C.A.R.E. Night is September 13th. Everyone is invited to join us for this night of fellowship and ministry.

**Children’s Church**

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**Avana Clubs**

Avana Clubs begin September 10th @ 6:00 pm

*3 years—6th grade*

*(must be 3 years old by August 31st)*

**Homecoming**

Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 24th

183 years of ministry

**Sunset Sunday**

Celebrating 183 years of ministry

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**Weekly Youth Bible Study**

Weekly Youth Bible Study Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

**Sunday Night Study**

Wednesday Night Study is geared to teach our youth how God’s Word applies to our everyday lives.

**JOY Ministry Bible Study**

Each Thursday at 10:30 am

**Monthly Men’s Meeting**

Saturday, Sept. 23rd @ 7:00 am

**Embrace Meeting**

Thurs., Sept. 21st @ 6:30 pm

Special Speaker from My Refuge City

*This ministry specializes in helping victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. You can check them out on Facebook or at myrefugecity.org.*

**North Carolina JOY Ministry Trip**

Thursday, Sept.21st - Tickets $11/person

*We will leave the church at 7 am and return about 5 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center (Wheel chairs are available for anyone having trouble with extensive walking).*

**JOY Ministry Beach Trip**

Oct. 19th—21st

*Don’t Miss the Fun!!! Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sept. 24th!!!