



Saint James Church
Children's Ministry

September 8, 2026

Dear Parents of Second and Third Graders,

Studying Scripture is one of the most important ways we learn about God and grow in our relationship with Him. As a statement of their growing faith and readiness to study Scripture, Saint James Church has a cherished tradition of presenting students with a personal Bible.

We are thrilled to invite you to this special celebration on **Sunday, September 27th, during our 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**. During the service, we will recognize our second and third grade students and present each of them with a personal Bible as a gift from the congregation.

Reserved seating will be available at the front of the sanctuary for the students and their parents. During the service, your child will be invited to stand on stage to receive their Bible and then make their way to the altar, where they will kneel until all students have been recognized. Afterward, parents will be invited to join their children at the altar as we close this special time in prayer together. Following the prayer, parents will return to their seats, and the students will return to Children's Worship.

To ensure everything runs smoothly, **please plan to arrive by 8:55 a.m.** for a brief rehearsal beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. If your child is unable to participate on **September 27th**, please let me know so we can arrange another time for them to receive their Bible.

As part of this special Sunday, we will also include an insert listing the names of each student being recognized, along with their parents' names. Please review your family's information carefully and let me know of any corrections or changes no later than September 18th.

Following the service, we will host a Family Discipleship Luncheon for our second and third grade students and their families from 10:45–11:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We'll enjoy lunch together and then introduce fun, practical ways you can help your child learn to use their new Bible and begin developing lifelong Bible study skills.

Siblings are welcome to join us for lunch! Before we begin the family discipleship portion of our time together, siblings may attend Godly Play so parents and their second or third grader can participate together.

Please respond no later than September 18th with:

- Any corrections to your child's or parents' names for the insert

- Whether your family will attend the service and/or luncheon
- The total number of family members who will be eating lunch

I look forward to celebrating this special milestone with your family on September 27th. It is my prayer that this Bible will be more than a gift, it will be a tool your child uses for years to come as they learn God's Word, grow in their faith, and develop a deeper, rooted relationship with Jesus.

Serving with a Grateful Heart,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Dishmon". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Melissa" and the last name "Dishmon" clearly legible.

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