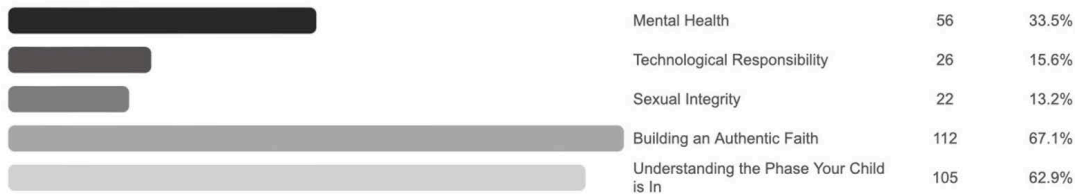




WHY THE PHASE EVENT?

At New Life we believe in parents and we believe that every parent wants to be a better parent. As such, beginning this fall, we are leaning into **Partnering with Parents** from a regional and all church level. One of the ways we are doing this is by asking them how we can serve them. Back in May, we gave parents across all of New Life the opportunity to provide feedback on where they would like to have the church partner with them. We also asked what events would be helpful as we seek to partner with them. We asked parents what would be most helpful if we planned a conference or event this year. This was the response.



With these responses in mind, we want to provide an event that helps parents to understand the phase their children are in so that they can begin to develop a plan for building an authentic faith in their kids and teenagers. This event is designed to begin the conversation. We want to serve them by empowering them. By reminding them that as the primary spiritual leaders of their kids and teenagers, we want to support them. We will do this by providing content and cultivating conversations with other parents. This will give them tools, but also people to learn from. So...**The Phase Event** was born! This event will be held regionally, over 2 days the weekend of November 4-5.

- Midway (Southside)** - Saturday, November 4th, 9am-11:30am (*times subject to change*)
- Homer Glen (Outside)** - Saturday, November 4th, 3pm-5:30pm (*times subject to change*)
- Norwood Park (Northside)** - Sunday, November 5th, 6pm-8:30pm (*times subject to change*)

WHAT IS THE PHASE EVENT?

There's something assuring about knowing where you are, and that you're not alone. It's the moment when you're lost but then see a familiar landmark. Or when someone tells a story and you realize you have something in common.

That's what we want this event to do. To let parents know that when their kid or teen whom they thought they knew well becomes a mystery, there are some normal, developmental things happening.

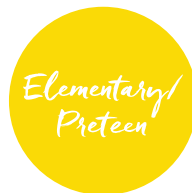
But not just parents. We want to invite volunteers to join us and be equipped as well to understand each phase and stage, so they can partner with parents to equip, encourage, and lead.

For this event, we are defining each phase below. Depending on registrations for the event, we may combine Middle School & High School into OneYth.



Preschool

Babies to 4 yr olds



Elementary/
Preteen

Kindergarten (5) to 5th grade



Middle School

6th grade to 8th grade



High School

9th grade to 12th grade



EVENT TIMELINE

We plan on this event taking place in a 2-2.5 hour time span. Here is a possible schedule:

- 15-20 minute Main Session with all parents and leaders.
- 45 minute Phase Breakout for parents/leaders of specific age groups.
- 45 minute additional phase breakout (repeating the same information for families with children in more than one phase to be able to attend both sessions)

Depending on the size of our group, we may arrange our breakout time as:

- 3 or 4 large breakout sessions (one for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school) OR . . .
- 18 smaller group sessions for individual ages (second graders, third graders, etc.)

Here is a sample schedule for our event:

- 6:00 pm: Doors open. House Music playing. Signage points everyone to the main room.
- 6:30 pm: Welcome and begin main session
- 6:45 pm: Main session ends and families/volunteers transition to breakout rooms.
 - Breakout A: Preschool
 - Breakout B: Elementary
 - Breakout C: Middle School
 - Breakout D: High School
- 6:50 pm: Phase Breakouts begin (Round 1)
- 7:30 pm: Breakouts begin to wrap up. House music plays as families exit.
- 7:40 pm: Phase Breakouts begin (Round 2)
- 8:25 pm: Breakouts begin to wrap up. Dismiss parents for the evening.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

It's great to have a team for any event. As we think through the structure of this and since we are doing 3 of these in ONE weekend, I need help from you in helping with the following. We will need to connect with individuals to lead in the following ways from your region:

- Main session speaker (*Pastor Jeff will be doing this part*)
- Four Breakout hosts (*These are simply facilitators. We will be using a short video for each breakout to spark discussion*)
- Environment Setup and Logistics
- Promotion Leader - for social media and emails (*we will promote regionally, but individual churches need to support this communication plan*)
- Host team to welcome participants at the doors and in hallways