

# Relationship Building & Ministry: OAA Family Groups

## Purpose:

*Vision:* A campus where God is worshiped with body, soul and mind! That Ozark Adventist Academy becomes a place, where administration, faculty, staff, and students are willingly working with the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the mission of the gospel. (Mathew 28:18-20)

*Goal:* To create small groups among the student body that will help them facilitate discussion, prayer and worship in a much smaller setting

## Procedure

### *Separate Students*

- Randomly put students in groups of 10 with one staff member
  - a. Students may not change groups no matter what!!!!
  - b. Purpose of random selection is to help students get to know other students not normally in their circle of friends, new students find a community and family
- Two student leaders
- Trained students who know they are intentionally signing up to do this
- Total in group will be 13 (Staff member, Student Leaders, Students)

### *Family Group Time*

One day set a side during the week where students will go to family worship versus chapel in the auditorium

- a. One Vespers dedicated to Family Worship per quarter
  - b. Planned by students in family group
- One Sabbath Afternoon dedicated to Family Groups per quarter
  - a. Do ministry (whatever is working at your school currently)

### *Family Group Ministry*

- Family Worship
  - a. Each group will meet once a week during chapel time.
  - b. This is a time to have small worship
- Rotate responsibility of weekend programming with the family groups
  - a. If there are twelve-family groups then the following will happen:
  - b. A weekend will be assigned to each family group
    - i. All aspects of worship will be drawn from that family group (Praise and worship, prayer, scripture, speaking, mixer, interaction, hook, etc)
    - ii. Lesson study for Sabbath School
    - iii. Involvement in Divine Service
    - iv. Closing Sabbath
  - c. Purpose behind this initiative is to have a way to use or give opportunity to every student on campus to be involved. This will hopefully help with students who never get asked to do something but they are talented!
- One Sabbath dedicated to Family Ministry per quarter
  - a. Lunch with an adopted church family or staff family
    - i. Make lunch in each Religion class on Friday set a side to serve and eat with a church family

- b. Breakfast in Bed (on Sunday Morning)
  - i. Day dedicated to going to an elderly couple or person in our church and do yard work and then take them a brunch type breakfast prepared by students and eaten with person or person's students are helping
- c. Allow students to be creative in how they can help and do ministry. The suggestions above are only suggestions.

## **Spiritual Application**

The Spiritual Application is two-fold: relationship building between people and God, and service. A huge part of Jesus Christ's Ministry was how He served and the relationships He made with people.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

**Resource:** OAA Family Groups

**Family:** Toakase Mounaafi

*\* This is not a new idea and I am sure there are schools out there that have done this and it has worked for them. This ministry came out of a deep desire to see students motivated and working for the Lord. But mostly because there is a deep desire in my heart to see students come into a closer walk with our Lord and Savior. And the hope that once they leave OAA they will continue to give their lives in service for the Creator and Redeemer that we love and serve.*

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**\*FGW = Family Group Worship**

**\*FGV= Family Group Vespers**

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*Alternative Ideas*  
*OAA Family Groups*

- II. Vision and Goal
  - *Vision:* A campus where God is worshiped with body, soul and mind! A place where the Holy Spirit is thriving and working. A place where administration, faculty, staff, and students are willingly working for the mission of the church
  - *Goal:* To create a small group among the student body that will help them facilitate discussion, prayer and worship in a much smaller setting
  
- III. Vision Implementation
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***Students who are not part of the family group units will be required to come to the auditorium for worship on designated FGW days. They will be assigned to a FG when it is time for FGV and FGM.***

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