MBBC Junior High Milestones

1. <u>Gospel Articulation</u> - We help and encourage students to clearly and confidently express their salvation in terms of God's redemption of sinners through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to help students understand their sinfulness and God's available grace in their life.

2. <u>Biblical Understanding</u> - We want students to know the Bible is God's true word to them which directs their lives. Students will solidify an understanding of the Bible's basic narrative, common themes and key verses. They will continue to develop the skills necessary to deeply study the Bible and will form habits of reading the Bible on their own. Through teaching, interaction, and discussion we hope students build upon their foundation of the Bible while building towards confidence and excitement.

3. <u>Development of Personal Testimony</u> - Students recognize God's work in their lives, God's character, and his promises to them. In response, Junior High students begin to think about the ways God has worked in their lives to bring them to faith and how he promises to guide them in the future. They begin to see the story of the gospel in their personal life and learn to express their faith experience to others.

4. <u>Faithful Living</u> - The Christian faith is expressed as a life lived in relationship with God through Jesus. As Junior High students begin to face new challenges, our goal is to help them understand how faith is lived out in all areas of their lives whether it be in the classroom, on the field, at church, or in the community.

5. <u>Missions</u> - All Christians, no matter how old, are called to demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus and serve others. Our goal is for students to see the need for local and global missions and to give them a desire to serve and share the gospel.

6. <u>Deep and Critical Issues of Faith</u> - Students grow when they can ask about and wrestle with deep, and oftentimes difficult, issues of faith. We strive to provide space for students to ask about issues so they will not shy away from challenges but will instead learn how to wisely and faithfully live in step with the Spirit.