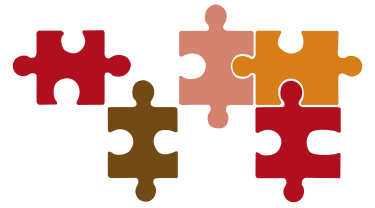


Shaping Your Family's Future



SHAPING YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE CHURCH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in *Shaping Your Family's Future*. We firmly believe that this facilitated 6-session study can radically alter the course of families in your church.

Many adults wonder how they can offer a better environment for their own family. Bookstores are full of how-to parenting books, but there are very few resources available for parents to prepare themselves for the adventure. No doubt you are well aware of the number of parents who feel unprepared for the job.

We know your time is valuable. Our goal is to minimize your preparation as you bring *Shaping Your Family's Future* to your church. This Church Implementation Plan includes an overview of the free downloadable and customizable Complete Tool Kit, a summary of the book, and a recommended timeline for implementing this program.

Consider us your partner in this endeavor. Please email us at SYFFComments@philhaven.org with questions, suggestions, and feedback regarding *Shaping Your Family's Future*.

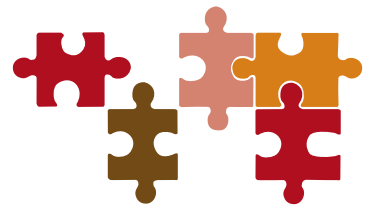
Sincerely,
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Overview of the Complete Tool Kit

This Complete Tool Kit is for your use at no cost. Visit www.shapingyourfamily.org and select the "Resource" button on the home page to download and customize these files:

- **The complete Church Implementation Plan**
- **Poster (in two sizes: 11" x 17" and 8.5" x 11")** - display in your church and distribute to your ministry partners
- **Bulletin Insert / Bookstore Bag-stuffer (5.5" x 8")** – include in your bulletin, make available at your information desk, use in your bookstore
- **Website Graphic** – advertise this study on your website
- **PowerPoint Slide** – include this slide with your weekly church announcements and display during the pulpit announcements
- **Pulpit Announcement Script** – invite your congregation to participate
- **Sign-Up Sheet** – make this available at your information desk or other appropriate location
- **E-card** – send an e-card to those who have signed up to participate
- **Attendance Roster** – keep track of attendance for your study
- **Feedback Form** – affirm the benefits of this study and learn ways to increase its effectiveness

NOTE: To customize these PDF files, use Adobe Acrobat and the text tool.



About the Book

Although nothing can make parenting easy, this 6-session facilitated group study helps mothers and fathers discover the choices they have as parents. Written by Carla Barnhill, author of numerous books and articles on parenting and family, *Shaping Your Family's Future* incorporates family systems concepts with a faith-based perspective. This book helps parents look at their families of origin through the lens of their faith, self, marriage, family and community. Then they can determine which patterns they want to keep or change as they raise their own family.

Shaping Your Family's Future encourages the development of healthy parents. In turn, parents can nurture their children and intentionally create family patterns and relationships that offer wholeness and hope for generations to come.

Recommended Timeline

Before you announce this group study:

- Order at least one book and leader's guide to familiarize yourself with the complete study.
- Determine the facilitator, location, date and time of the first session (you may wish to assemble the group and then decide what day/time works best for them for the 6 sessions).
- Although this study is normally completed in 6 sessions, it can be easily divided into 12 shorter sessions, if this better accommodates your group's schedule.

Four weeks prior to the sign-up deadline:

NOTE: All items mentioned below can be found in the Complete Tool Kit – visit the “Resources” page of the www.shapingyourfamily.com website.

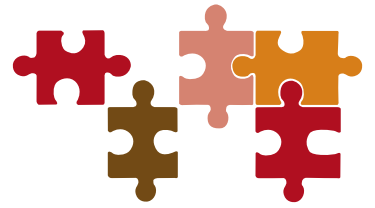
- Display posters in your church and at other appropriate locations in the community.
- Add web graphic with information about the study to your website (what, when, where, how to sign up, cost).
- List information about the study in your bulletin. (what, when, where, how to sign up, cost).
- Announce from the pulpit while projecting the PowerPoint slide (continue each week) – An announcement script is included in your Complete Tool Kit.
- Print and place the sign-up sheet at your church's information table or other appropriate location.
- Feature this study in your church's newsletter (what, when, where, how to sign up, cost).
- Invite other local churches and ministry partners to advertise this study, display the poster and announce the details.

Three weeks prior to the sign-up deadline:

- Announce from the pulpit while projecting the PowerPoint slide.
- List information about the study in your bulletin.

Two weeks prior to the sign-up deadline:

- Announce from the pulpit while projecting the PowerPoint slide.
- Print and place inserts in your bulletins.
- Email the congregation.
- If available, advertise on your scrolling marquee or outdoor sign.



One week prior to the sign-up deadline:

- Announce from the pulpit while projecting the PowerPoint slide.
- List information about the study in your bulletin.

Week of the sign-up deadline:

- Announce from the pulpit while projecting the PowerPoint slide.
- List information about the study in your bulletin.
- Order the appropriate number of books from HYPERLINK
“<http://www.shapingyourfamily.org>” www.shapingyourfamily.org.

About Philhaven

Philhaven is a not-for-profit Mennonite Church USA related behavioral health organization serving South Central Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.philhaven.org.