

SMA Grassroots Flow Chart: THE Tool Kit

for parents desiring to get Bible Education in their public school

I. Identify the School or School System, and grades, of interest

- II. Name 2 Co-Leaders who will pray over, cultivate, & collaborate on Actions to Take
- **III.** Actions to Take (Concurrent support-building actions in Sections A and B need to be worked at the same time)
 - A. Community support-building actions
 - 1. Identify & write down 5 churches along with the name of the pastors near the school to approach & ask (i) for prayer, volunteer, & financial support, & (ii) to serve as a possible location for SMA Bible Classes:
 - 2. Brainstorm & write down a list 10 couples that you know at each church
 - 3. Mail each couple the SMA brochure with a hand-written note that you will call them within one week to discuss SMA Bible Classes and answer questions
 - 4. Talk with each of the 5 pastors (get a "warm introduction" if needed from one of the church couples) and the church's Youth Pastor
 - a. about SMA and released time Bible education (RTBE)
 - b. to request SMA present on Bible Classes (i) before, during, or after a church service, and/or (ii) at a youth ministry Parent's Night
 - c. to request that SMA Bible Classes be held at their church

B. School administration support-building actions

- 1. Identify & write down a list of the superintendent & the members of the school board for your school
- 2. Meet with the superintendent or a board member (get a warm introduction if needed) about SMA Bible Classes
- 3. Talk with the principal &/or school counselors (get a warm introduction from a parent if needed) and ask if there are school meetings at which SMA can present
- 4. Meet with school counselors & obtain information about Bible Clubs, First Priority, Fellowship of Christian Athletes & other programs to present about Bible Classes
- 5. Meet with the programs identified & request time for SMA to present

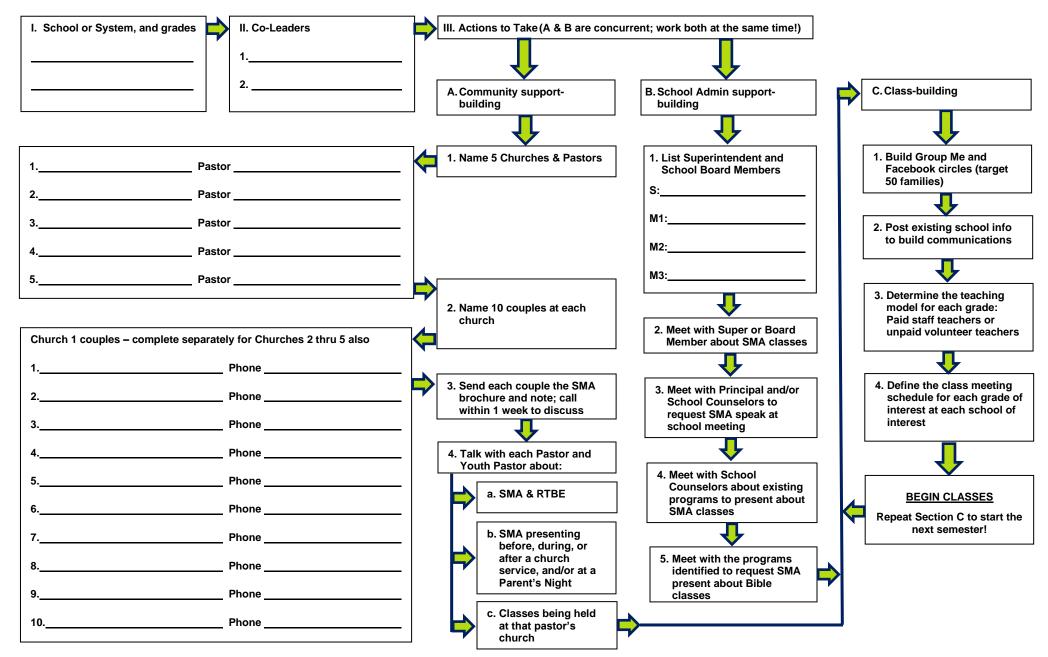
C. Class-building actions as enrollment approaches

- Begin (i) a Group Me & (ii) a Facebook page for students in each grade of interest at each school of interest; add as many parents of students as possible (target 50 minimum) to make the "circles" formed in Group Me and Facebook as large as possible
- 2. Post any available school questions and answers, school calendar, school event schedules (band, sports games, etc.), bus delays, school delays, reminders ("don't forget yearbook purchasing"), etc. You are setting up this communication system to reach as many students as possible in each grade at each school of interest, so you are ready to begin telling them about SMA Bible Classes
- 3. Determine the teaching model that will be used for each grade of interest in each school of interest. For example, will *all* teachers be unpaid volunteers, or will *all* be compensated? Or will *some* teachers be unpaid volunteers, and *others* compensated?
- 4. Define the class meeting schedule for each grade of interest at each school of interest

BEGIN CLASSES, and repeat Section C to start the next semester!

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