

Children & Families Department

Children Staff

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Ministry Team

Leadership

Meets

General Description

Our Purpose:

To provide enthusiastic leaders to facilitate the learning of our children and young people in God's ways.

Our Values:

We value:

1. Biblically based teaching material
2. A learning environment that is safe and fun.

Our Vision:

1. Increase our leadership base at Kidz Church.
2. Offering at least one training event for leaders.
3. Actively work on obtaining a Children and Youth Pastor.

Children's Ministry Team

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Dept Team

Leadership

Meets

General Description

Our Purpose:

1. to recruit, equip and support leaders of children's and family ministries
2. to help each group or ministry be highly effective
3. to plan for new ministries to children and families

Our Values:

Our Vision:

The Children (and Families?) Department is committed to the Calvin Mission (helping people follow Jesus) focusing specifically on helping children (and families?) follow Jesus - worshipping God, caring for each other, becoming like Jesus, serving others, and sharing the good news.

Our vision is:

The department is a group of people (some leaders of groups or ministries, and others with a passion for children and families) who enjoy meeting together regularly to nurture highly effective children's and families ministries.

This group recruits, equips and supports the leaders of groups within the department to the extent that all leaders are enthusiastic and others are keen to join.

The department encourages the expectation that all leaders will attend at least one quality training event per year and helps leaders be aware of, and take advantage of, resources and course that are available, including helping them to develop age-targetted, exciting, Bible-based programmes.

Within the department, each leader has someone showing a genuine pastoral interest.

All leaders are helped to find a vision for their own ministry that excites them.

The department is also looking for opportunities to grow and develop Calvin's ministry to children and families (including meeting needs in the community), is identifying those that God is calling us to act on and makes them happen.

Kidz Church Children

Department	Children & Families	Small Group
Leadership	Malcolm & Jo Brown 208 8305, Sandra Gow 208 9684	
Meets	10:30 a.m. each Sunday during the school term.	
General Description	Kidz Church meets on Sunday mornings with the aim to provide a safe, fun, caring environment for children to get to know God and to grow in their relationship with Him. This begins with a shared worship time before children divide off into small groups.	

Our Purpose:

We believe God has called us to children's ministry and we are committed and intentional about making this hour we have each week a place where children can come and feel they belong, so they can then believe what we are communicating to them about a Heavenly Father who loves and so desperately wants a relationship with them. We know this can only happen as they come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

We endeavour to do that through:

1. Sound biblical teaching - using fun, relevant, creative and varied programmes.
2. Showing them love and respect - in the way we relate to them, especially in our small group time where we build relationships as we hear about their week and pray for each other.
3. Shepherding/Discipling through small group discussions of the lessons.
4. Worship - by providing various creative ways for them to experience the Father's love for themselves.

Our Values:

God values truth, honesty, integrity, respect and compassion and so do we.
God loves children in a special way and longs for them to know and experience Him and so do we.
God desires good and right relationships within families and the church community and so do we.
Children can make a commitment to God and are much more likely too than adults.
Children need love, acceptance, forgiveness, hope and direction.
Children need to know the Bible is God's Word and the truth they discover in it will equip them for life.

Children's ministry is vital for church growth and needs the church's support.
Children's ministry needs to be biblically based, relevant, interesting and fun.

Our Vision:

Providing a safe, fun, caring and welcoming environment for children to be nurtured in.
Adding to God's Kingdom through children making a commitment to Christ for the first time.
Growing in their relationship with God, this will be seen by increasingly experiencing God..

1. Through personal Bible study, prayer and worship.
2. Through seeing Jesus' character and attitudes becoming more evident in their lives.
3. Through children being actively involved in ministering to each other and our church family.
4. Through seeing the Father's Heart for the 'lost', therefore being actively involved in sharing Jesus with family, friends and the community.
5. Through having fun together, getting to know our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Adding 10 each year would double our numbers by the year 2006, which is in keeping with the Church's goal. We have reached our previous goal of 30+ each week.

Kidz Church Teachers

Department Children & Families
Leadership Malcolm Brown, 205 3885
Meets

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Our Purpose:

We believe God has called us to children's ministry and we are committed and intentional about growing in our own relationship with God and learning as much as we can to be the best possible Children's Ministry Leaders as we can.

Our Values:

We value:

1. God's calling to this ministry.
2. God's Word - the truth discovered in it will equip us all for life.
3. Children and their families.
4. Being part of God's family at Calvin.
5. Growing God's Kingdom.

Our Vision:

1. To be continually growing, maturing and experiencing God in our own relationships so that we are 'real' as we minister and encourage the children in their relationship with God.
2. To explore and discover new creative forms of worship for us and the children to experience God more closely.
3. To always be looking to improve, assess and evaluate what we do and how we do it.
4. To increase communication between the Kidz Church Team and the parents.
5. To increase the size of the Kidz Church Team..

Little Rainbows Children

Department Children & Families
Leadership Daile Lewis, 208 9697
Meets 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning

Small Group

General Description Little Rainbows is a group for 0 to 3-and-a-half year olds. Each week they join with Kidz Church for a combined worship time and prayer, then go to the Little Rainbows room for prayer, Bible stories, songs, craft and activities. They have fun together and make friends.

Our Purpose:

1. To minister to the children from 0-3 1/2 and give them time and God.
2. So these children feel like we are there on Sunday mornings just for them.

Our Values:

1. Input of God's Word, concepts of God
2. Create a secure welcoming environment for the children.

Our Vision:

1. To have continuity with two key teachers alternating each week with a roster of helpers assisting.
2. Each child is known by name.
3. Decorate the creche room with the children's own handiwork.
4. Sing songs about God.
5. Doing activities to aid conversation about God.
6. Pastoral input into the child's life and family if situation arises.
7. Pray together.

mainly music

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Leadership Anne Houliston, 208 7334

Meets Wednesday mornings during the school term.

General Description Each week, parents and caregivers bring their children for a thirty-minute session of music, rhyme, movement, listening and more. The adults must participate in the session, and in fact, it is vital that they do so, because this encourages the children to enter into the actions and singing.

Our Purpose:

We are working the group around parents that are willing to help the children with music and movement at a young age. Look out into the community for this outreach and help bring people into a relationship with Jesus.

Our Values:

That we are there to help.

Our Vision:

We would like to see the group go from Wednesday mornings to Kidz Church, Youth Group and Church. That is the women and their families make that change.