

Avon Valley Partnership Youth Children and Families Ministry

What is the vision for Youth, Children & Families Ministry?

YC&F ministry is a foundational strategy for developing life-long disciples of Christ. It's a mixture of evangelism, discipleship and community-building, aimed at communicating God's Word to the young people, children and their parents and ensuring that they grow in it. To enable this to happen we need to understand the way that society thinks in order to communicate precious spiritual truths into their lives.

The Ministry Vision: YC&F ministry has three main purposes and that is to give children, young people and their families the opportunity to:-

1) discover God's truth and the joy of knowing Him,

2) develop a passion for His Word and a lifelong dedication to growing in their relationship with Him

3) display His love throughout their church and community through service and ministry.

Key Verse: Proverbs 22:6 – "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

How do we do it?

Children and Young People's We wish to develop the type of church that is the most exciting aspect of Children's ministry. It will be a weekly celebration of God's truth delivered through games, music, skits, interactive illustrated sermons and altar times and may be on any day of the week. It's a true multimedia and multi-sensory spectacle dedicated to teaching God's word and empowering them to live holy lives.

Beyond Sunday: One of the greatest challenges that faces YC&F ministry today is the limited time period in which effective ministry can be done. There are forces constantly vying for kids' attention and sometimes spiritual disciplines and practices can be lost in the mix.

Community Outreach: Ministry dedicated to children, young people and their parents should not be contained within the four walls of the church. We live in a culture of an increasing sense of godlessness. If the Christian Faith is to develop, careful attention must be paid to the spiritual well-being of whole family outside the church.

Branding and Design: Our current seems to be very visual and media driven. This provides an equally scary and exciting challenge for YC&F ministry. Churches must be able to communicate their brand in such a way that it communicates fun and excitement for kids and safety and effectiveness for their parents. Special attention and focus needs to be placed on crafting a visual identity that is strong and identifiable but also flexible and able to be used in a variety of media across the partnership.

Leaders and Volunteers: No Children's ministry can be effective without the efforts of large masses of volunteers and leaders. There must be a constant effort to the recruiting, training and recognition of each unpaid staff member who dedicates their precious time to fostering the spiritual development of children.