



2012 MINISTRY PLAN

CHILDREN AGES 0-6th GRADE AND THEIR FAMILIES

VISION: To have a ministry filled with families who are eager to be transformed by the love of Jesus and willing to live lives that reflect Jesus' love to others.

"I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth."
---3 John 4

MISSION: To provide an environment in which children know and experience God intimately, love God passionately, and serve God selflessly.

The Children's Ministries will accomplish this mission by meeting the following goals:

- I. SAFE and ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- II. CHRIST-CENTERED and BIBLICALLY SOUND TEACHING**
- III. SERVICE and MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**
- IV. PURPOSEFUL FELLOWSHIP OCCASIONS**
- V. ENGAGE and SUPPORT PARENTS**
- VI. CONNECTEDNESS and COMMUNICATION**
- VII. MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

Each of the six goals will be achieved through the development, implementation and evaluation of measurable objectives.

EVALUATION: The Plan of Ministry will be reviewed evaluated on an annual basis under the supervision of the Children's Council.

I. SAFE and ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- ◇ Work with the Senior Pastor to implement all aspects of the Safe Sanctuary Policy and to review the policy annually for needed revisions.
- ◇ Provide new Safe Sanctuary t-shirts for all CM volunteers
- ◇ Hold CPR training 2x a year
- ◇ Annually evaluate the Children's Building and make recommendations for changes, updates and the need for amenities
- ◇ Survey children once a year on environmental wishes/wants
- ◇ Conduct an annual "Secret Shopper" nursery evaluation
- ◇ Meet annually with Day School personnel to coordinate room usage

II. CHRIST-CENTERED and BIBLICALLY SOUND TEACHING

- ◇ Develop a 6-week small group study for boys
- ◇ Develop a 6-week small group study for girls
- ◇ Develop an annual curriculum plan for Sunday school

III. SERVICE and MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- ◇ Develop a comprehensive mission plan.
- ◇ Conduct four (4) mission "collection" projects a year (VBS, Fall Fest, Easter, and August)
- ◇ Develop Sunday school curriculum about mission work.
- ◇ Work with the Confirmation class to develop and implement a mission project

IV. PURPOSEFUL FELLOWSHIP OCCASIONS

- ◇ Host a bi-annual Open House on Sunday mornings
- ◇ Hold one (1) family ministry event per quarter

V. ENGAGE and SUPPORT PARENTS

- ◇ Conduct a parent "wish list" survey
- ◇ Continue ParentLink newsletter
- ◇ Hold two (2) parent support workshops a year.
- ◇ Hold a Parent Rally for sharing information and gathering volunteers
- ◇ Work to connect Asbury's new members within the Children's Ministry

VI. CONNECTEDNESS and COMMUNICATION

- ◇ Maintain an accurate and up-to-date CM database
- ◇ Maintain CM email database
- ◇ Create a “Comment” box in the Reception Area
- ◇ Maintain and update the Children’s Page on the Asbury-umc.org website
- ◇ Maintain “Upcoming” poster in Lobby area
- ◇ Maintain the closed group Facebook page

VII. MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

- ◇ **KNOWLEDGE: Grow disciples who know God intimately**
 - ✓ Learn about their identity in Christ
 - ✓ Learn have to have quiet time and regularly practice it
 - ✓ Participate regularly with their families in corporate worship
 - ✓ Learn to study the Bible
 - ✓ Read the Bible regularly
 - ✓ Apply biblical truth to their life actions each day

- ◇ **CHARACTER: Grow disciples who love God passionately**
 - ✓ Learn to pray biblically and pray daily
 - ✓ Learn to pray for others in need
 - ✓ Learn to lead prayer
 - ✓ Join others in prayer
 - ✓ Participate in an ongoing small group Bible study
 - ✓ Apply biblical truth to their life actions each day

- ◇ **CONDUCT: Grow disciples who serve God selflessly**
 - ✓ Learn to share the personal testimony
 - ✓ Serve as Acolyte (3rd-6th Grade)
 - ✓ Participate in mission projects and collection projects
 - ✓ Learn to invite others to participate in worship and Bible study
 - ✓ Identify their spiritual gifts, interests, and natural abilities
 - ✓ Use their gifts, interests, and natural abilities to minister to their church and community

This Plan of Ministry will be approved and overseen by the Children’s Councils (Preschool and Elementary).