

Children's Mission – Vision and plan for 2015/16

Vision for Children's Mission with Primary School children

Battle Baptist Church remains committed to:

- giving children positive knowledge & experiences of Jesus that they will never forget;
- reaching & discipling children & their families for Jesus;
- treating children as equal partners in the life of the Church;
- building on previous successes given to us by God, while meeting continuing & new challenges.

Plan to realise the Vision – subject to sufficient capacity/resources

- 1 To continue the things we do well – we:
 - have a youthful, committed & skilled Children's Mission Team, including worship leaders who involve children in Sunday worship & Festival Times in creative & fun ways;
 - provide volunteers with accessible training opportunities (from Arise Ministries, Kingsway, SEBA & Urban Saints);
 - provide leaders & helpers with pastoral care, planning advice & resources, ensuring they regularly take part in Sunday worship;
 - develop & mentor younger leaders;
 - provide children with a consistently high level of teaching & other activities in safe & fun environments in Sunday Clubs & the Friday After School Club;
 - allow congregations the freedom to use the teaching material that is best for their Sunday Club children;
 - contribute to the Christian life of Battle & Langton School (via assemblies & church visits);
 - give opportunities to children to use their acting & musical gifts within the life of the church;
 - work with SEBA & Urban Saints to ensure we're up to date with safeguarding practices & checks;
 - have intercessors who regularly pray for our Children's Mission;
 - organise/deliver one-off events (eg SportsReach, Spree Camp, Messy Church/Holiday Club
 - have transition arrangements with 412 to cover mission with Year 6 children;
 - keep within our annual budget of £1K.
- 2 Recruit enough suitable leaders & helpers to maintain & develop the Sunday Clubs at 10.45 am & 5 pm congregations.
- 3 Find more effective ways of envisioning the Church to support the Children's Mission by: bringing their families to worship more regularly on a Sunday; encouraging leaders, helpers & children; inviting friends & their families to Sunday Clubs etc.
- 4 Find more engaging ways of following-up the children & their families who we come into contact with.
- 5 Strengthen the Children's Mission sub group with suitably gifted elders/deacons/church members
- 6 Consolidate the "See you later" initiative in Sunday Clubs & services to encourage children to give their money, time & talent to God
- 7 "Buy-in" provision to run a 3-mornings Holiday Club & Messy Church event during the October'15 half-term (& possibly one in February'16).
- 8 Run the SportsReach Soccer & Netball School from either 30 March to 3 April, or 6 to 10 April'16. (Easter Day is 27 March at the start of the 2-week Easter holidays). ***This is subject to agreement at the October'15 Church Meeting.***
- 9 Take a group to South East Spree Camp in July'16 (dates to be confirmed).
- 10 Encourage children to be more missional in nature & in purpose – as part of the wider Missional Church initiative (including "Rooftop").
- 11 Review the Children's Mission using the "Combating Cappuccino Christianity" discipleship tool & prepare an action plan for Ed Jones to consider & provide direction.
- 12 Run a homegroup (Dom & Jen C-F) on the topic of "Getting you kids through Church"