

Discipleship at Sycamore View: Youth Ministry/Children's Ministry Values

We will follow-through on these ministry commitments in order to create an environment in which our high school seniors are likely to graduate with these skills.

Values	Skill Sets	Ministry Commitments
<p>Missional: We desire to live missionally</p> <p><i>Matthew 28:18-20</i></p>	<p>Ability to confidently serve outside of your comfort zone both locally and globally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide exposure to local and global mission efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collections for causes (food pantry, Zambia, etc) ○ Workcamp Service Project ○ Intentional partnerships with Restore Day ○ VBS Service Opportunities ○ Guest speakers with different mission backgrounds (missionaries, HopeWorks students, etc) ○ Prayer stations highlighting different ministries • Provide holistic mission trip experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ *Family Mission Trip opportunities ○ Mission Memphis- exposure to ways Christians are serving in Memphis (6th-7th) ○ Outside Memphis Mission Trip- exposure to ways Christians are serving throughout the country (8th-9th) ○ International Mission Trip- exposure to ways Christians are serving internationally (10th-12th) • Provide a variety of ways to serve the marginalized locally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Footprints Service Projects ○ Reach Out activities ○ Memphis Workcamp (7th-12th)
<p>Connected: We are connected in meaningful ways to the church as a whole</p> <p><i>1 Corinthians 12:12</i></p>	<p>Ability to see the value in and interact with multiple generations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a visible presence when the church gathers on Sundays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incorporate students into the worship service visibly ○ Children's offering ○ Mission Reflection Sunday ○ Senior Sunday (12th) • Provide opportunities for intergenerational experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camp- counselors, bible class teachers, crafts leaders, discipleship group leaders ○ Intergenerational volunteers ○ VBS Crew Leader/Station Leader interaction ○ Prayer Paths ○ Family Reunion Weekend- host families, group leaders, serving of widows ○ Reach In activities • Expose students to the body of Christ at large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Converge & 360 Family Conference– area-wide events that connect churches from a variety of Christian backgrounds ○ Winterfest, Mid-South Girls Conference & Workcamp – area-wide events connecting Churches of Christ

<p>Purposeful: We believe that we are made with a purpose</p> <p><i>Ephesians 2:10</i></p>	<p>Ability to use your gifts to serve others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equip student to assess their gifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camp - Explore Gifts ○ Bible class- diversity in teaching and experiences appeals to many learning styles ○ VBS- diversity in teaching and experiences appeals to many learning styles ○ Biblical teaching on spiritual gifts ○ Spiritual Gifts tool • Provide opportunities for students to use their gifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christmas Musical ○ Boys & Girls Club Helpers-encourage our students to help their BGC peers with understanding Biblical knowledge ○ *Servant Pairs ○ Leadership opportunities at The Great Outdoors Weekend (6th-8th) ○ Student Leadership Team and serving in The Grove (9th-12th)
<p>Developing: We are on a never-ending journey to be formed into the image of Christ</p> <p><i>Philippians 2:12-14</i></p>	<p>CM: Ability to understand one's inherited faith</p> <p>YM: Ability to articulate one's own faith independent from one's inherited faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create environments in which students can witness others articulating their faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Arrivals Blessing ○ 5th Grade Blessing (5th) ○ Testimonies from adults and peers ○ 8th grade Footprints (8th) ○ Trek (11th-12th) • Create moments when students are asked to articulate their own faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camp - Torchlight ○ Trek (11th-12th) ○ Senior Sunday- worship service and youth group farewell (12th)
<p>Pursuing: We pursue an authentic relationship with God</p> <p><i>Psalms 63:1-8</i></p>	<p>Ability to regularly practice spiritual disciplines, especially:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing a genuine prayer life - Engaging scripture - Appreciating a variety of ways to worship God - Experience the accountability that comes from community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide creative worship experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establishing a rhythm of spiritual disciplines in Sunday Bible Class, Family Factory, Wednesday nights ○ VBS ○ Camp ○ The Grove ○ Advent ○ Lenten & Easter ○ Reach Up activities • Practice spiritual disciplines individually and corporately <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spiritual Formation Conference for Families ○ Equipping teachers to incorporate spiritual disciplines in classes & Family Factory ○ Camp- solo times, Discipleship Groups, variety of worship experiences ○ Retreats- solo times and worship experiences ○ Roots groups ○ Roots teaching from the word ○ Participating in congregational prayer campaigns ○ Discipleship Groups – “Sundays,” camp, etc.

<p>Discipled: We need spiritual mentors</p> <p><i>John 13:12-17</i></p>	<p>Ability to develop a discipling relationship with a mature Christian adult</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultivate intentional, consistent relationships with adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Camp counselors ○ Teacher equipping- 252Basics training, Orange Conference ○ VBS Crew Leaders ○ *Servant Pairs ○ Training and equipping of Roots Guides and The Grove Adults to disciple students ○ Roots Groups ○ Family Reunion group leaders ○ Discipleship groups – led by consistent, committed adults
<p>Family: We believe God designed the family as the first and best place for discipleship</p> <p><i>Deuteronomy 6:4-9</i></p>	<p>Ability to have intentional spiritual conversations with one's family (away from "church")</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for families to interact in meaningful ways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spiritual Formation Conference for Families ○ Children's Footprints Ministry ○ Parent cues for 252 Basics ○ Family Factory increased parent involvement ○ 5th Grade Blessing ○ Provide ample resources for families ○ Footprints Ministry- dyad experiences and 8th grade class ○ 360 Family conference ○ Senior Sunday & Senior Blessing Dinner ○ *Family Meetings (cues for intentional conversation and/or resources) ○ *Regular e-mail communication to parents

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Youth Ministry Programs

Children's Ministry Programs

Programs that span Nursery-12th