

I have been praying for God's leading in our children's ministry and He has graciously blessed us. We still do have some needs to be filled and we trust that He will do as He says in Matt 9:38 "So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

I would like to quickly share my vision for the children's ministry here at Grace Chapel.

First, I want our children's ministry to achieve and maintain an atmosphere where children want to attend, a place where they feel safe, accepted and loved. Simply, I want our visitors as well as our regulars to be back each week expecting to have a good time.

Second, I want our children to expect God's presence, both within our walls as well as outside. Matt 18:20 "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

Third, I want our children to experience God's Word to being taught to them with exciting and lively methods containing practical truth that is relevant to meet their spiritual needs. Ps 78:2-4 "for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders."

Fourth, I want them to learn to trust God and glorify Him. This, we continually pray for. When it does happen, it will be the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I ask all of Grace Chapel to pray for our children, our teachers and helpers, and for me. 2 Thess 3:1 "Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you."

Parents, I need to know about any special activities your children are in. I can't promise I will make it to everything but I do want to show my support and whenever possible, I will attend. So any sports games, (a copy of their schedule would help) instrument, voice or dance recitals, or anything they have work hard to accomplish, please keep me informed.

God bless,

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