

Evangelism in our Community

...”reaching out beyond Jerusalem”

*Acts 1:8 “ But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

*1 Cor. 15:58 “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

*1 Peter 2:12 “Having your conversation honest among the gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1. Influence-Everyone in your Church has an influence in your Community. It is vital to keep this in the forefront of your mind when you are working, shopping in stores, witnessing, and participating in any Community Event.

2. Impact - Your Children Church Dept/ Bus Ministry/Sunday School can play a role in your Community by simply being an positive influence and eternal impact.

This can be done by:

The Church vehicle whether it be a Bus, or Van may have the Church name on it. Be sure you observe the Laws of the Land, and observing safety rules within the vehicle, too. (seat belts, not throwing trash out the window, or display of finger signs to passing vehicles. Does the driver have current drivers license that covers the right type of your transportation?

Do you attend any City Council meetings that may be in regards to Religious events, or decisions that will affect your Church and Congregation?

Do you attend any City wide events that the Children Church could be a part of? Could your Children Church Choir or Puppet Team participate in City wide events?

Does your Children Church have an influence into your Community? If not, what can you do to make an Impact your City?

2. Include and Involve- It must be a purpose within your Team Leaders/members to include your Children into activities and programs of your Children Church. Your Children will bring excitement and will have an influence on their families. They in themselves will bring visitors to see the event.

When you include & involve your older Children (which we suggest ages 7-14) in these activities and events, you will teach them leadership qualities, duties, and it will bring about accountability and responsibility.

You will bring about a team that will remain faithful, dedicated because they feel included and needed.

This is one way in keeping your young adults in Church. As these Children grow up, and become young teens, then young adults, you will have trained and taught a team that is ready for the Sanctuary/Congregation.

These young adults can bring to your table of discussions energy, out-side-of-the-box ideals that will help keep your Children Church connected to the Community and creative for the current generation.

Do not be afraid to be involved in your Community! Be creative!

Here are some suggestions to consider:

- Veterans Parade-include a float
- Christmas Parade-include a float, and compete for prize, have a banner representing your Church, and Children Church
- 911/Patriotic day- be prepared to have your Children Church Choir sing. This could include Easter, 4th of July, too.
- Sing at your Capitol.
- Sing for any possible local Community events, including your local park.
- Prepare an alternative to Halloween for your Community. Have a trunk-a-treat, which you can include other Churches, too, provide a safe place for Children to participate in candy, snacks, hand out Church tracks, play Christian music or have your Church Choir, or Children Choir to sing. Involve your local business to donate candy, etc.

You can create and imagine different ideas for your local community. Don't be afraid to try.

Not only take your Children Church to your Community, but bring the Community to your Church!

**** 911 Event at our church**