

SUNDAY YOUTHZONE

We understand our teenagers face many challenges and therefore how important it is for them to hear the Word of God and to come to that personal relationship with God. It's so important for them to accept Christ as their Saviour and to grow in faith and to encourage and support one another. That's why we hold a Sunday morning Bible study for our teenagers.

Approx. 15 young people [school years 10 -13] leave the Sunday morning service and head over to the Manse to their Bible study. The aim is for the 3 leaders to help these teenagers to study God's Word in a way that reflects the key messages and helps them to totally transform their lives for God.

The Bible study is held in a relaxed atmosphere, helped by drinks and chocolate, and are very interactive, lasting usually 40mins. This time allows a large group discussion and then the opportunity to break off into smaller groups so that there is plenty of time for the young people to ask questions and to discuss with one another, and the leaders, what they have learnt from God's Word.

YOUTHZONE2 CLUB

At the end of a busy week at school or college approx. 15 - 20 young people join together on a Friday evening and enjoy a range of fun activities which include ice skating, going to the beach, wii evenings, quiz nights and film evenings. The activity usually takes place at the church but may move to other venues if required.

The plan for the club is to provide an environment where young people can come into the church and meet fellow young people in an informal setting, enjoy a fun time together and learn what the church is all about and experience God's love. The evenings usually end with a short talk.

The teenagers are keen to come along each week and say they are grateful that the club is run for them.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to these regular weekly activities there are a host of other activities that take place during the year that are focused on children and young people. Our annual **Holiday Bible Club** takes place during the summer holidays. This has been held for many, many years and it's wonderful to now see the children and grand-children of those who came to these in this past.

We also hold a weekend **Youth Camp** for school years 7+ in the Spring and recently this has been held at Kingweston House. The weekend starts on a Friday night through to Sunday afternoon and includes; games, sports, crafts, walks (and loads of food !) all around a selected theme and the highlight Saturday night is always a big planned activity. This has included: X Factor Talent show, Ugly Bugs Barn Dance, A Question of Sports Evening, Film and Popcorn Evening, Gala Sports Personality Dinner. During the weekend we have worship/prayer times, Bible teaching lead by Bible Focus youth leaders and discussion/interactive Bible sessions.

During the year we also hold Family Services, Church Anniversary Picnic, Harvest Supper and Thanksgiving Services, Breakfasts, Christmas Carol Service and Christmas KidsZone presentation, Christmas Parties, Bright Light Parties [alternative to Halloween] and other social events such as Fireworks & Bonfire Party.

For more details on any of these activities, or the wider activities of the church, please visit our website.

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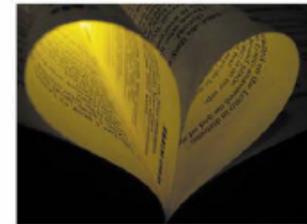
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Our vision is that we love and enjoy God for His glory by hearing and accepting His word so that we may become more like Christ, love His people, and serve Him in the church and the world.



INTRODUCTION

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

God’s Word teaches us to guide our young children and at Street Baptist Church our fellowship has been blessed over many, many years with a good number of children and teenagers. The work through Creche, Toddlers Group, KidsZone and YouthZone meetings on Sundays, mid-week clubs, family and social events, Camps and Holiday Bible Club each summer are just some of the many activities that take place through the year.

SUNDAYS:

The whole church meets for the start of our services at 11.00am and then the children and young people leave part-way through the service to attend their classes and Bible Studies, which finish around 12.20/12.30pm;

KidsZone pre-school to school year 9
YouthZone school years 10 to 13

MID-WEEK CLUBS:

During term-time the following clubs take place;

KidsZone Club:

School years 2 to 6
Thursday’s 6.00pm – 7.15pm

YouthZone 1

School years 7 to 9
Friday’s 7.30pm – 9.00pm

YouthZone 2

School years 10 to 13
Friday’s 7.30pm – 9.00pm

SUNDAY KIDSZONE

Currently 45 children between the ages of 3 – 14, with 14+ leaders and 6 helpers meet on a Sunday morning.

The children all join the main church for the 11am service and then have a KidsZone time where all the children, leaders and helpers come together for a ‘chat session’, notices, singing happy birthdays etc, then drinks and biscuits. Sometimes there’s singing, quizzes, prayers, games and stories during this time together.

The large group then divides into 5 separate classes [pre-school and reception, years 1&2, 3&4, 5&6 and 7-9] where in smaller groups the teachers will lead Bible stories and the children learn about God and what He teaches from his word and have activities, crafts, prayers ... and sometimes sweets or prizes !

About once a term ‘Open Kidszone’ take place where we spend the whole session together and have a mixture of activities on a Bible story or theme. Sometimes we focus on giving as we are involved with various Christian projects. In the past this has included: Christmas shoeboxes, CREE giving animal gifts, Love Russia toothbrush project.

Why do we do this?

- To bring Jesus to the children and to lead children to Jesus.
- To show his love to them and teach them what He has done for them in dying on the cross.
- To show that Jesus is real and is a great person to get to know even when you are very young.
- To show each child that he/she has to make the decision for themselves to follow Him.
- To show each child that they ‘matter’ – Jesus loves each one and they are important to Him.
- To lead, nurture and guide.
- To pray for each child.
- To get to know the children and be there if they need any help, advice and support.

Kidszone is, at it should be, a place of encouragement, love and friendship showing Jesus’ love in everything we do.

KIDSZONE CLUB

On a Thursday evening the KidsZone club meets in the church hall and there’s usually around 16-20 children. Each half-term the leaders take a particular theme and focus the activities, craft and stories accordingly. They’re currently looking at the different names for Jesus and future themes include; Moses, Miracles of Jesus, “what would Jesus do?” and Noah.

As Christians we have found that the guidance God has provided for us through the Bible, forms the best foundations for life. It’s really important that as a church we help the children to grow in their knowledge of God, Jesus and the Bible and so all the stories and things for the children to learn are taken from God’s Word. This then encourages the children to see how they should live their lives as God intended. The environment and atmosphere of the club is really important and the leaders and children always ensure that everything is done in a loving, caring and supportive manner.

A typical KidsZone Club meeting includes a “starter” activity which may be a quiz, game or challenge and that’s followed by a Bible based story where the children then have time to ask questions and to think about the story they’ve just read / heard. It’s always good to take a break so there’s time for a drink and biscuit before the evening finishes with either a craft activity or a game.

The children collect points each week and these are then spent at the tuck shop which is open on the final evening of the half-term.

YOUTHZONE1 CLUB

A large and enthusiastic group of 25 – 30 children, from School years 7,8 & 9, come together in the church hall on a Friday evening.

During the year the activities include craft evenings, games, outdoor activities [irrespective of weather, but with appropriate clothing and wellies if needed!], activities around food are always popular and treks out to the surrounding countryside are fun.

Combining a fun environment and activities for these children is important but so is finishing each meeting with a short talk to bring the focus to God and to show His love for all of us.