

Faith UMC of Orland Park - Strategic Objectives 2.0

1 - Children/Youth

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Mark 10:14

Bless 600 Children/Youth in Southwest Suburbs each year... by end of 2015 currently: 380
increase average # of children blessed @ Faith/week (50) currently: 20
increase average # of youth blessed @ Faith/week (25) currently: 10

ongoing development of **Children Ministry** (Grow/ACTivate/wkday programming) (20)

ongoing development of **Youth Ministry** (Jr. High SS/Confirmation/Youth Group) (10)

ongoing development of **Athletic Ministry** (Bitty Basketball, Bitty Soccer, Intramural Basketball, Jr./Sr. High Basketball Tournaments, Faith Falcons) (100)

ongoing development of **Annual Community Outreach Events** (VBS, Performing Arts Camp, Santa Breakfast & Jamboree) (250)

2 - Discipleship

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" - Matthew 28:19

increase average # of weekly worshippers (400/wk) currently: 250
increase # of people who join Faith by profession of faith (40/yr) currently: 6

ongoing development of **Worship Services** that are welcoming and attractive to visitors/guests

ongoing development of **Preaching** that addresses relevant life needs/questions of unchurched/dechurched folks and offer weekly invitations to Christian discipleship

ongoing development of **Youth Confirmation & Adult Discipleship Classes/Programs** that offer solid teaching on Basics of Christianity (Alpha, Disciple I) and Deepening Christian Faith (Adult Sunday School, Tue AM Ladies Bible Study, Wed PM Bible Study, Upper Room Devotional Group, Disciple II-V)

ongoing development of **Small Groups** that nurtures loving relationships (new & existing)

ongoing development of **Marketing/Publicity** aimed at introducing Faith to our neighbors (mass mailings, local events (Fleadh Parade, Taste of Orland Park), local community expos (Oak Forest Community Expo, Orland Park Community Expo), especially in "Faith Beltway" (M, OF, OP, HG)

ongoing development of a year-round **Culture of Celebration** that recognizes God's work (Celebration Sunday, praises lifted up in worship services/bulletins/newsletter/website/Facebook/eNote, Quarterly Celebration Sunday)



3 - Mission

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. " - Micah 6:8

Send 500 Missionaries (per year) to offer compassion, alleviate suffering, fight for justice in the "Faith Beltway" (Midlothian, OF, OP, Homer Glen) and larger world currently: 280

ongoing support of **Missional Ministries**: weekly Food Pantry (10), monthly Mini-Food Drives, Quarterly Blood Drive (25), Quarterly Voices of Faith (15), Annual Holiday Drives, Summer PADS Meals (100), Pastoral Emergency Fund (150)

ongoing support of summer **Youth Mission trips** (30)

ongoing development of partnerships with **Local Community/Mission Organizations**: Meals on Wheels, Together We Cope, Southwest Interfaith Team, South Suburban PADS, South Suburban Crisis Center, The Teen Bridge Center, Feed My Starving Children, Justice For Our Neighbors, local churches/synagogues/mosques/schools, AA, OA, CODA... (100)

development of an **Annual Mission Trip** (and other ongoing mission efforts) addressing needs of local communities in Southside Chicago

development of **missional/ministry presence** into the "Faith Beltway" (Midlothian, OF, OP, Homer Glen)

