

Youth Action Team

Youth are responsible for the age range 5-25, and one word that summarises what we want to achieve at the start of this 3 year plan is - COOPERATE.

We aim to recognise each youth ministry's forte and link them up, to help people move from Seeking to Faith, - Community to Core in the life of the church. We'll try to do this by training our leaders, sharing our programmes, equipment & events much more, and linking more kids with our 'core' activities. We see our youth worker and leaders in charge as pivotal in delivering this. Our youth worker will focus on supporting individuals in school years 8-14, steering the training of our leaders, building links for us with the neighbourhood and wider church, and delivering a new summer programme.

In order to achieve this, we aim to provide the following:

- **Worship** Kids and youth worship 'events'.
- **Fellowship** Shared youth trips such as MAD & Summer Madness for younger & older teens, shared equipment and programme.
- **Discipleship** Bible reading campaign (we'll try to measure the outcomes), more into youth fellowship groups.
- **Evangelism** Identify new local outreach opportunities, sign up campaign for PCI teams, JAM, J-Crew, AND overseas mission trips with our Mission Action Team.
- **Service** Help kids and teens discover their gifts, serve/volunteer in church (e.g. OJ's), and develop a Christian approach to citizenship.



Orangefield

Following Jesus, Serving People

Session's Vision For 2009-2012

This leaflet is a small taster of Session's plans for the next three years. If you want to know more, come along to our evening services between 18 Oct and 29 Nov 2009, when a different Action Team will be taking the service each week.

The full vision document is published on our website, and a paper copy is also available for reading in the church office.

Discipleship Action Team

Jesus said "If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." We aim to provide opportunities for development at all stages in an individual's personal relationship with Jesus in the following ways so that they may be set free by the truth in God's Word.

- Develop a progressive series of study groups to encourage discipleship and Christian growth.
- Encourage and support personal quiet time for all ages.
- Provide a usable curriculum to assist balanced Christian teaching for organisations and individuals.
- Further develop the Resource area to provide information and material that will benefit our Church and the wider community.
- Establish a familiar point of contact via the Church website to facilitate discipleship in our Church.

Worship Action Team

Our aim is to engage the whole congregation in authentic lives of worship through the setting up of new ministries outside the core Sunday service, and developing new pathways to participate and develop members (including our young people) as worship leaders, musicians, singers and technical support. We believe this will require significant input over the next few years in leading, mentoring and training.

To help achieve these we aim to:

- Reorganise the worship teams to develop new areas of worship leading with children, youth, the elderly and in smaller gatherings.
- Initiate a new training and development group for primary age children to participate in worship - Orangefield Juniors - the OJs.
- Resource training in multimedia skills - an area in need of new volunteers!
- Continue to work at the way we worship together - to stretch our engagement with worship both in Sunday services and in the wider life of the congregation.
- Seek to find the best way to resource and support the above.

Outreach Action Team

Our desire is to reach more people for Jesus and see the Kingdom grow in our community through Social and Evangelistic Outreach.

To help achieve this we aim to:

- Motivate people to outreach at all levels and in all situations.
- Develop our social outreach through more large event-based activities in the community.
- Appoint an Outreach volunteer, who will co-ordinate the outreach activities of the church.
- Develop the outreach aspect of ARC.
- Consolidate the already very busy Outreach calendar and do what we are already doing in a more effective way.

Pastoral Care Action Team

We believe that our church should strive to be a caring community where needs never go unnoticed and burdens are never borne alone.

The various organisations, fellowship groups and prayer cells provide opportunities for giving and receiving care and support. But there are times for all of us when friendly concern is not quite enough, and in these situations we will try to provide additional help in appropriate ways.

To help achieve this we aim to:

- Develop Orangefield Contact Group.
- Encourage membership of housegroups.
- Appoint a part time Pastoral Visitor(s) to support the minister.
- Increase opportunities for fellowship, in conjunction with the Events Action Team.
- Support the Pastoral Assistant and increase the number of volunteer visitors.

Prayer Action Team

The vision of the Prayer Action Team is to see every member of OPC enthusiastically involved in some aspect of corporate prayer within the congregation. We aim to provide opportunity for prayer, not only on a regular basis, but also on 'one off' occasions for special events/needs. To encourage people in their personal prayer lives, resources will be available.

To put this vision into action we aim to:

- Encourage increased prayer for, and in the organisations.
- Encourage prayer throughout the congregation, e.g. in House Groups, First and Third, Prayer Cells etc, introducing new methods from time to time e.g. 24-7 prayer.
- Introduce the use of Prayer Ministry at all services.
- Encourage more members, particularly young people, to undergo Prayer Ministry Training.
- Consider ways of engaging prayerfully with the community.

Mission Action Team

Our desire is to develop 'World Christians' in Orangefield who are informed and excited about God's work throughout this planet and are equipped to support that work prayerfully and practically in obedience to the Great Commission. We seek to affirm and encourage those who are called to cross-cultural outreach, whether short or longer term, whether in Ireland or overseas.

To help achieve this we aim to:

- enable the congregation to support our missionaries, particularly in prayer, communication and finance;
- identify an annual fundraising project and encourage church organisations to promote it within their programmes;
- develop a three year plan of topics for mission services, including a regular challenge to missionary service;
- arrange a short term mission trip for young adults;
- organise a major mission-focused event.

