

A Job Description Addendum:

The Spirit of Children's Ministry Leadership at NDBC
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Leadership of the Children's Ministry at Northside Drive Baptist Church (NDBC) should be infused with a theological foundation, robust initiative, and relationship skills with families with young children. These qualities represent the spirit of children's ministry at NDBC.

The church's children's ministry is more than just a ministry *to* children. It is ministry *with* children and their families. This approach comes out of the maturing spiritual life of the Director of Children's Ministries; and it is lived-out through personal relationships, theological reflection, maintaining care-giving connections, and facilitating the children's program as a spiritual community within the church.

Obviously, Children's Ministry also means relating to parents and extended families. This is challenging in Atlanta; and it is especially so given the travel distances and densities of family schedules. We have a small, but growing ministry. As one leader said, "We do Christian Education one child at a time." This implies that the Director of Children's Ministries must know and occasionally visit each family. The goal is to help the parents do good spiritual education in the home, as well as provide appropriate events and programs in the church.

Intergenerational friendships are valued by NDBC and is in the vision statement. Our size affords and encourages this; and it can enlarge a child's spiritual life. The Children's Ministries Director can lead in doing this by personal involvement at church fellowships, luncheons, Sunday morning hallway conversations, etc.

These are good days to be on the staff of NDBC. We function as a team. We value accountable and mature relationships with one another; and we encourage one another's ministries.

The Spirit is alive and well among us; and the Director of Children's Ministries is wonderfully important in what God is doing among us.