

Re: Devin’s Vision for Ministry at MX

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This sounds great to me! (reformatted below)

Minister of Families and Children

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Discipleship Focus

- Focusing on a discipleship model that starts at the earliest age and pours into our children through their teenage years to create Christ-Centered Adults is critical for:
 - The ministry staff
 - The greater church at large

Main Goal of the Minister of Families and Children Position

- Provide a thriving Children’s Ministry that:
 - Keeps parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents involved in their own children’s spiritual walks
 - Engages them in the spiritual walks of all the other children of the congregation

Spiritual Growth and Generational Involvement

- For the church to grow spiritually, every generation must pitch in on the generations after them to continue the Christ-centered life that was handed down to them.

Minister’s Role

- Coordinate all Children Activity at McKnight for smooth public disciple building
- Pour into the Guardians of the Children at the pastoral level to encourage a culture of mentorship among all

How This Focus Will Be Accomplished

- Foster a culture of small groups and outside-the-assembly gatherings
- Strengthen relationships across generations

Vision for a Flourishing Church

- A flourishing church is one where a teenager will graduate and head to the next stage of life feeling that:
 - Their entire congregation is their extended family
 - They can lean on this extended family throughout life
- This starts from the Nursery

Thanks Steve!
Devin

On Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 02:29:54 PM CDT, Steve Walker <swalker@mcknightcrossings.org> wrote:

Minister of Families and Children

The future of McKnight Crossing revolves around the members having a deep involvement in each other's lives outside of the weekly gatherings. The church was not designed to be a short moment each week to focus on God with other Christians just to return home and go on with "real" life. Focusing on a discipleship model that starts at the earliest age, and pours into our children through their teenage years to create Christ-Centered Adults, is critical for not only the ministry staff, but the greater church at large. The Minister of Families and Children Position would have a main goal of providing a thriving Children's Ministry that keeps parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents involved in their own children's spiritual walks, as well as the spiritual walks of all the other children of the congregation! In order for the church to grow spiritually, every generation must pitch in on the generations after them to continue the Christ centered life that was handed down to them. This minister will coordinate all Children Activity at McKnight for smooth public disciple building, but will also pour into the Guardians of the Children at the pastoral level to encourage a culture of mentorship among all. This focus will be accomplished by fostering a culture of small groups and outside-the-assembly gatherings to strengthen relationships across generations. A flourishing church is one where a teenager will graduate and head to the next stage of life, feeling that their entire congregation is their extended family that they can lean on, and this starts from the Nursery.

Thanks Steve!
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