

Behind BridgeKids: The vision, mission, and values

BridgeKids vision is to be a diverse community of maturing believers equipping the next generation to embrace the ministry of reconciliation given to us by God in 2 Corinthians 5.

The word "diverse" reflects the "multicultural army" we are striving to be as a church body at Bridgeway.

"Community" speaks of the body of believers in the Acts 2 church (see especially verses 42-47) that were together, had everything in common, cared for each others needs, fellowshiped, prayed, and praised God in unity. The BridgeKids family of servants would like to be just that - a community!

"Maturing believers" references Hebrews 5, where we are told that we need to continually grow in Christ, moving from "milk" to "solid food" with regard to the teachings of the Bible. Those of us who answer God's call to serve our children should strive for this kind of growth in our walks with Christ.

BridgeKids IS the CHILDREN'S ministry of Bridgeway Community Church. As such, it is our desire to "equip the next generation (our kids) to embrace the ministry of reconciliation" spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 - to help others know how to be reconciled to God through a relationship with Jesus Christ, AND to help people reconcile with each other through Christ's power.

BridgeKids mission is simple, stated so that the children we serve should be able to understand and embrace it . . . it is to build bridges to all people in Jesus' name.

That is what it means to be a "BridgeKid" - -to go forth each week and help others know how to cross the bridge God has built to us through Jesus AND to help people bridge the many different divides that separate us one from the other.

In BridgeKids, we value being . . .

B - Bible based (see 1 Timothy 3:16-17)

K - Kid friendly (see Matthew 19:14)

I - Intentionally relational (see John 13:34)

D - Diverse (see Matthew 28:19)

S - Safe (see John 10:11-15)