

# ENCOUNTER:

TRINITY – COMMUNITY – IDENTITY

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# Kids

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# Youth

## 2019

Vision Statement

## Overarching Themes:

- Partnering with the Holy Spirit to create atmospheres which pour in and squeeze out living waters from everyone connected to these areas; Leaders, Volunteers, Families, Parents, and Children.
  - To deposit a seed from Heaven in each person in every encounter, with trust and expectation for God to grow and expand on every deposit.
  - To raise up the powerful leader God created each person to be through individual attention.
  - To equip and resource people to be the people we were created to be, and live the life we were created to live.
  - To foster a safe, nurturing, connected community that is fun and exciting and draws people together and to the Lord.
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**Encounter Babies: Identification**

**Encounter Tots: Introduction**

**Encounter Kids: Foundation and Exploration**

**Encounter Youth: Application and Upgrade**

### Encounter Babies: Identification

To facilitate an environment and leaders that will partner with God to breathe general Godly identities into the children and be sensitive and actively attentive to the Holy Spirit about specific calls on each child, and reinforce those things over them through scripture, declarations, songs, and prayers at a developmentally appropriate level.

Also, to create an environment where babies and toddlers feel safe and cared for, and that is fun and actively engaging.

### Encounter Tots: Introduction

To introduce and expose at a developmentally appropriate level the core beliefs of this house:

- Operating in a culture of Honor
- Moving in the prophetic and supernatural
- Healing
- Worship
- Sons & Daughters, Mothers & Fathers, Sisters and Brothers
- Personal relationship with the Trinity
- Active relationship with the Word
- God given identity

These teachings will be accompanied by strong leader involvement with direction, guidance and direct involvement as it relates to social/emotional/relational growth, e.g., conflict resolution, forgiveness, boundaries, personal responsibility, ect.

Also, to create an environment where children begin to feel known, are able to freely express themselves, are empowered that they have a voice, begin to trust community, and that is fun and actively engaging.

### **Encounter Kids: Foundation**

At this level we will be expanding on all the areas introduced in the Encounter Tots level, working to expand and solidify these principles and concepts to provide a strong foundation for life through in-depth teaching and experiential learning.

Also, to foster an environment where children are encouraged to be powerful, confident, and secure in who they are so that they are comfortable to ask questions, take risks, make mistakes and think for themselves, and that is fun and actively engaging.

### **Encounter Youth: Application and Upgrade**

We, as humans, were created to **Belong, Be Loved and Be Important** and we will always be seeking these things. They are God instilled and an absolute necessity to our existence. People will always gather. The big picture goal of the Youth program is to provide a safe, God filled environment for young people to gather and have these needs met. To give the youth a place to belong, be loved and be Important BEFORE they behave, believe or become.

The proposed structure is to have a main youth group that is highly relational with a strong internal and external community connection, achieved through multiple connection points, e.g., large group gathering, small group teaching, events/outings, and service work.

Also, to actively pursue relationships and connection with all the youth programs of the churches in the community in order to: gather youth, parents and leaders together, form stronger connections with the larger body of believers and strengthening youth connections to each other and the Lord; to share resources, and minimize differences to highlight the bigger truth of Christ at work in us.

### **Other Areas of Development and Consideration:**

In addition to the specific four children's ministries highlighted above, the following areas will be explored, developed and resourced to bring a wholistic upgrade to this house, the surrounding communities and the Kingdom on Earth:

Leaders  
Families  
Reconciling children's and adult ministries  
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### **Thematic undercurrents:**

Values that will be interwoven and have influence throughout all areas, from abstract conceptions to practical application will include:

Inner healing, Healthy relationships, Good communication, Social and emotional wellness, Social justice, Church unity, Caring for the Earth