

## **CHILDREN MINISTRY**

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

Children are a gift from God to the family, the Nation and Humanity. They are succinctly and rightfully referred to as the leaders of tomorrow. This is because of the inherent task to continue with efforts to make the world and humanity better. Making children to contribute meaningfully to this task starts from the home and requires good training and mentoring right from the tender age. That is why the Bible admonishes parents to *'Train a child in the way he should, and when he is old he will not depart from it'* (Proverb 22:6)

The training of a child is not limited to the home. Formal training takes place in schools where the child spends significant years of his early life to mould himself or herself. The above notwithstanding, the Church has a significant role to play in the training of a Child, especially to know and live Godly and holy lives as well as live morally fulfilled life, that will not only be beneficial to the family and Nation but uplift humanity at large.

The C&S Movement Church, Dakibiyu District places a high premium in the training of the Child. This is exemplified by the establishment of Bands for Children, namely Emmanuel, Lydia and Samuel Bands. All these are under the auspices of the Children Ministry

The tasks of the Children Ministry include: Reading and Studying the Bible, Witnessing, Evangelism, Worshiping, Ministering, Supporting and Leading the unsafe child to Christ. The training and teaching takes place on Sundays as the children are meaningfully kept busy in all the tasks earlier mentioned.

The Children Ministry started as a Sunday School with just Emmanuel Band members. Here nursing mothers keep their children during Sunday services for relief and full concentration. As the Church expanded, the Sunday School upgraded to the Children Ministry to include Lydia and Samuel Bands.

Distribution of the children into classes is based on their ages and the level of education attained as follows:

| <b>CLASS</b>                      | <b>AGE RANGE(YEARS)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Emmanuel Band Year 1              | 1 to 3                  |
| Emmanuel Band Year 2              | 3 to 6                  |
| Emmanuel Band Year 3              | 7 to 12                 |
| Lydia & Samuel Junior             | 13 to 15                |
| Lydia & Samuel Senior (Teenagers) | 16 to 18                |

### **CHILDREN MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT**

Total Child that Shall Increase in God's Wisdom, Status and Favour

## PROGRAMMES OF ACTIVITIES

| MONTH     | ACTIVITIES   |
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| JANUARY   | Distribution of Children into new Classes<br>Teachers Rededication Service for the Year/Teachers Orientation |
| FEBRUARY  | Registration of New Teachers<br>Training of New Teachers   |
| MARCH     | Children Evangelical Ministry Coordinators/Superintendents' Meeting (Ilorin)                                 |
| APRIL     | Easter Monday Children's Fiesta<br>First Term Examinations<br>District Inter Quiz Competition                |
| MAY       | Emmanuel, Lydia and Samuel Bands Anniversary<br>Children's Day Celebration                                   |
| JUNE      | Parents/Children Interactive Forum   |
| JULY      | Teachers' Workshop<br>National Children Bible Quiz Competition (Zonal)                                       |
| AUGUST    | National teachers Convention/Conference/Children bible Quiz Competition<br>Final (Ilorin)                    |
| SEPTEMBER | Second Term Examinations<br>Joy Youth Camp   |
| OCTOBER   | Juvenile Harvest   |
| NOVEMBER  | Parents/Children Interactive Forum with Teachers<br>Teachers Annual conference                               |
| DECEMBER  | Christmas Party<br>Christmas Carol<br>Teachers Day Celebration   |

Bible study classes are held every Sunday after joint service. Topics are based on the programme prepared yearly by the Children Evangelical Ministry Coordinators at Ilorin