

Spirit Wings

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The Church is made up of those who have committed their lives to Jesus Christ. It is God's 'body' on this earth, and has been given the responsibility of:

- Ministering to those in need,
- Strengthening and teaching Christians;
- and Spreading the Gospel to everyone.



Active Youth and Senior Groups



Problem Identification

- Large unused wooded area behind church
- Youth and new members are unaware of Mr. Reed's birdhouses, or their origin
- Concern of a separation between youth and senior members













Biblical Research



- Jesus often used birds to illustrate a lesson
- over 300 references to birds in the Bible

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? – Matthew 6:26

Just ask the animals, and they will teach you. Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. - Job 12:7

Even storks know when it's time to return. Mourning doves, swallows, and cranes know when it's time to migrate. But my people don't know that I, the LORD, am urging them to return. - Jeremiah 8:7

Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind. Genesis 1:20



Bird Character Research

- ➤ Greater Kiskadee represents bravery
- Brown-backed Solitaire signifies real beauty
- Hummingbirds travel millions of miles
- Unique beauty
- Helpful/Serving to each other





African Proverb' It takes a village to raise a child'

Ideation

Link scripture, Jesus' lessons, through Mr. Reed's bird houses to develop an appreciation for creativity, an awareness of scripture and birds, and to help youth and adults come together to grow in their Christian walk.







Bringing it all together

Create a bird-walk, bird-watch, and build a "family/friend" totem pole of birdhouses with the idea of the Nigerian Proverb "It takes a village to raise a child." Youth and adult would participate in these activities together.







Prototype Brainstorming













Resources

Holy Bible, New International Version

New Living Translation

Salemavebaptistchurch

God's Word Translation

Biblica, Inc.

Attachmentparenting.org

Nationalgeographic.com

Angelfire.com

Livingbiblestudies.org