

Philosophy of Our Church's Singles Ministry

1. Singles

This ministry is for all singles of all ages: from 20 years old up to 100 years old. By singles we mean people between those ages who have never been married or who are widows, widowers, divorced, etc. This includes single parents.

2. Spirituality

This ministry is to focus on the spiritual relationships between single people and Jesus Christ. It is our desire to move away from the carnal focus of some singles who are obsessed with meeting someone of the opposite sex. This ministry will stress that meeting the opposite sex and marriage are not the most important ambitions in the life of a single believer.

We want to move in the direction of Christ being the most important ambition in the life of a single person. We want to stress the importance of finding and doing God's will. We want to create an atmosphere, by our fellowships and activities, where men and women **do not** feel they will be "checked out" by the opposite sex.

We want to stress the advantage of a single person being able to serve the Lord in an even greater capacity than a married person can.

3. Serving

We want to create a ministry of singles ministering: to each other and in the ministries of the church. We want to create a church where singles do not feel abnormal. We also want to create ways for singles to do projects together and for the Lord.

This creativity must come from God into the hearts of those who are leading the single ministries in our church. The leaders need to try to incorporate as many other singles in the church into the fellowship, activities, and ministries available. Again, we want to strive to encourage single people that they are loved, welcomed, and needed in our church.

Activities, fellowships, and ministries should be cleared with the Pastor before going forward. Also, personnel moves in ministries should have his approval before "assigning" somebody to do something they might not be qualified for yet or capable.

4. Successful

The singles' ministry should be supportive of each other in giving counsel and encouragement to each other in the Christian walk, finances, areas of special needs for singles, issues single people face, etc. Our goal is to see singles reach their potential for God.

Conclusion

Single people have a unique opportunity to serve the Lord in a great capacity. If, in the process of doing that, God matches them up with someone to marry, that is fine. However, this ministry is in no way designed to be a "matchmaking" ministry. None of the leaders or participants in it should feel that they are matchmakers. We must move away from that in our dating-crazed society. We must make God the main focus of our relationships as singles.

I have spelled out the 4 "S's" of our Single Ministry Philosophy at the Faith Bible Baptist Church.

Thank you,

Pastor Kohl