

Children's Ministry Remodels

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Why redesign your space?

Practical: It doesn't work with the flow of your current systems or volumes

Ascetic: It looks dirty, unkempt or dated – this does matter to parents.

Safety: Best practices for health, fire, and evacuation codes should be considered.

Children's ministry environments change every 3-5 years as culture shifts. If nothing has changed in 6 years, it's time to change.

How do I redesign on a budget?

Get the understanding, backing and support of your SP so he or she can be your backstop when you make any changes:

Communicate those changes to the team. The team being your Lead Pastor, the people using the room, the team helping make the changes to cast vision, and your volunteers.

Start by sitting in your space: Go visit your public schools and see how their classrooms add color and design to their spaces. See how their storage works ask questions of your teachers and daycare instructors. Take notes. If you can take pictures and see other environments and bring people with you so they can get the heart and vision for the ministry, that is helpful. Beware the negative "We've never done it that way or it will never work crowd."

Start with basic cleaning and re-organizing:

Establish a resource room for all the stuff if possible.

This requires virtually no \$\$\$

Clean the walls, and consider changing the lighting. People will think you painted when you didn't.

Gather some saints and share vision with them. Older folks always want the best for the kids. They will often donate paint supplies, paint, and effort. And many have construction, building and design experience.

Shared space best use:

Chose muted colors that work with youth and kids. Or a 3 color scheme. Colors do not have to be bright or neon, but a bright accent doesn't hurt. Colors also do not need to be black, night club. A shared space is a shared space. Meaning that during the time it is used as a kids ministry space it can have kids ministry things up in it.

Resources for design.

<https://www.pinterest.com/joebridger1/?eq=joe%20Bridger&etslf=13598>

<https://littlemountain.com/>

<http://churchstagedesignideas.com/>

<https://www.worldsofwow.com/>

Individuals classroom teachers creating an atmosphere:

You have to choose carefully when you allow this level of creativity and authority.

A note regarding criticism:

Don't let criticism get to you and don't accept criticism mid process.