

A Safe Place For Kids

**You have entrusted your children to our care,
and we take our responsibility seriously.**

Because Christians are called to recognize the unique status of children and youth, there is a special need to respect them as individuals and protect them in their vulnerability. Jesus warned that those who exploit or abuse children deserve profound condemnation. Within the Kingdom of God, children matter in their own right and are to be treated as precious gifts from God.

The Church is required by God to foster relationships of the utmost integrity, truthfulness and trustworthiness. Clergy and laity who work with children and youth within The Gospel Chapel in any paid or voluntary capacity need to operate within a carefully thought-out framework of good policy and practice that will ensure that children and youth are safeguarded and nurtured physically and emotionally as well as spiritually. Clergy and laity need to exercise the greatest care in their use of power and authority, never taking advantage of the trust others place in them.

We believe that the policies and procedures which govern our Children's Ministries will provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children, youth, and those who work with them.

The Gospel Chapel commits itself to the following:

- We will maintain the highest professional standards in all the church's pastoral, counseling, educational, worship and recreational situations. The exploitation of any relationship for self-gratification will not be tolerated. These standards also include doing our utmost to ensure the physical safety of the children and youth in our programs at all times.
- We will properly recruit, train and support all those working or seeking to work with children/youth. All workers will be subject to whatever supervision is appropriate.
- We will take allegations of abuse seriously and proceed with the steps outlined in our church policy.
- The Gospel Chapel will cooperate fully with the statutory and voluntary agencies concerned with child abuse. We will not conduct investigations on our own.

For more information, see our **Child Protection Policy** and **Privacy Policy**.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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