

# Collaboration And Unity Through Events

*Unifying the family and age ministries through targeted events*  
Steve Alley

## Premise

When ministries “do their own thing,” even though they are under the same vision, there is a significant loss in ministry potential. To collaborate on targeted events designed to unify families and age groups produces multiple layers of ministry “fruit” for the church and for God’s Kingdom.



## Goals

1. To use existing youth ministry (YM), children’s ministry (CM), family ministry (FM), or other events to build collaboration.
2. To plan an event as a “pilot” for expanded opportunities.

## Process

1. Meet with leaders of YM, CM, and FM to discuss possibilities and vision.
2. Choose one upcoming event to use as a “pilot” collaborative event.
3. Identify the tasks or functions for which every age group can serve. This would include class activities, group activities, family activities, and single adult activities.
4. Create specific blended activities involving YM, CM, and families. If possible, conduct these activities during Sunday or midweek services to enhance attendance.
5. Plan “progress rallies” prior to the event to celebrate and monitor the progress made by the various groups (YM, CM, FM, etc.).
6. Plan a pre-event prayer meeting to join the various teams / groups in prayer together.
7. Execute the event using all ages in every aspect of the event.
8. Plan a debriefing meeting to share victories and stories. At this meeting, announce the next event!
9. Share event victories in the main worship services on Sunday and midweek. At these services, announce the next event and stimulate anticipation! One body! One effort!

## Possible Events

1. Local food distribution
2. Local service project (parks, schools, beaches, shelters, etc.)
3. Hallelujah Night / Harvest Fest
4. Christmas or Easter program
5. Father/son or daughter event
6. Mother/daughter or son event
7. Becoming a “man of God,” or “woman of God” event
8. “Star” guest appearances (stunt teams, sports stars, music stars, etc.) as outreach events

