



## **General 'KIDZFEST' Informational Guide**

**KIDZFEST:** A Musical Gospel program, Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

10.00 am - 12 noon

Location: The Falkirk Stadium, 6 Stadium Way,  
Falkirk FK2 9EE

**FREE! No tickets needed. EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

The KIDZFEST is a presentation geared to pre-school and primary school aged children, but enjoyed by all ages. Sponsored by the *Central Scotland Will Graham Celebration of Hope*, the KIDZFEST is presented to:

1. Create a greater awareness in the community of spiritual needs of children
2. Provide an exciting avenue of celebration ministry to children and families, and
3. Provide an evangelistic tool for churched children to use to outreach their friends and also be part of the celebration preparation process along with adults and young people in their churches.

### **WAYS TO INVOLVE CHILDREN IN THE KIDZFEST**

**Operation Andy Prayer:** Obtain Children's Operation Andy Brochures from the Celebration office and incorporate this simple prayer program into your ongoing Bible lessons for children in your church. Children can participate in the celebration preparation process as they write down the names of their friends, pray for them at home or in Bible classes, share Jesus' love with them by being their friend, and invite them to the KIDZFEST.

**KIDZFEST Program:** Children can pray for and invite their friends and their families to attend the KIDZFEST with their church group or their families.

**KIDZFEST "Sing-along" Choir:** The KIDZFEST choir is made up of local Children, age 5 and above, who have been recruited by their church celebration children's leader. Requirements for involvement, along with training instructions and promotional materials will be provided for each church at the Children's Lunch at the Celebration office, or on the Celebration website ([celebrationofhope.uk](http://celebrationofhope.uk)). Participating church children can pray for and invite their friends to sing in the choir with them.

## Planning for Attendance of the KIDZFEST program and participating in the KIDZFEST

- Creates an atmosphere in our churches, homes, and community which increases the awareness of the spiritual needs of children.
- Gives children an opportunity to participate in the celebration outreach process along with adults and young people.
- Helps children lay a foundation for prayer and evangelism in the early stages of their lives which will allow sharing their faith to be a more natural expression all of their remaining years of life.
- Provides an opportunity to children and families to hear more about the love of Jesus Christ in a setting that is unique and inviting, designed especially for them.
- Provides an avenue for children to outreach their friends for Christ through praying for them and inviting them to an event where they can hear the gospel presented at a level they will understand and enjoy.

## SUMMARY OF INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN:

- Participate in the Children's Operation Andy celebration prayer program.
- Attend the KIDZFEST with families and/or church group.
- Invite other families to bring their children to see the KIDZFEST
- Pray for, invite and bring their friends with their own families and/or church group to the KIDZFEST
- Sing in the "Sing-along" KIDZFEST Choir. (Note Age Requirement: Minimum 5 years)
- Pray for and invite friends, both church and unchurch, to prepare to sing in the KIDZFEST choir

## For Children's Leaders: KIDZFEST CHOIR Preparations

LEADER'S PROCESS for KIDZFEST CHOIR PARTICIPATION: Children's Leaders introduce church children to Operation Andy Prayer outreach, recruit children age 5 and above to sing in the KIDZFEST choir, teach them 5 program songs and the accompanying action steps. Action steps will be posted on our website ([celebrationofhope.uk/resources](http://celebrationofhope.uk/resources)). The Final step, of course, in the celebration is guiding the children who respond to the invitation at the KIDZFEST in their walk with JESUS CHRIST afterwards.

## General KIDZFEST CHOIR Information:

Minimum age requirement for KIDZFEST Choir participants is 5 years. (Interest level above age 5 usually determines ages of other participants. Previous children's leaders have mobilised their pre-teens to participate in the KIDZFEST choir and serve actively as role models and helpers in guiding little ones in the choreography. It's a great opportunity for pre-teens to do ministry for the Lord.)

At least one **Adult Monitor** is required **per 10 children**.

## **KIDZFEST Choir Recruitment:**

Suggestions for recruitment in your church:

- Place a notice in your church bulletin about the **KIDZFEST** opportunity and the registration process you have designed. Indicate your need for adult monitors.
- Make the deadline for your in-church registration prior to the celebration registration deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Acquire both the choir child's name and parent's names, addresses etc.
- Design another registration form for use in registering adult monitors to serve with children in the choir.
- Return the celebration KIDZFEST choir recruitment form only - not your in-church form - to the celebration office.

### **Celebration recruitment Forms MUST be in the celebration office by: Friday, March 10**

- **KIDZFEST choir** recruitment forms must come from the “designated” children's leader, **NOT** individual participants.
- **It will be the sole responsibility of the “designated” leader to effectively communicate participation details and information to all participating families.**
- Final logistical details for the KIDZFEST choir at the Falkirk Stadium can only be communicated to the churches from whom the Children's department receives recruitment forms.
- Participation requirements must have been met before a recruitment form can be accepted by the children's department.

Sign up your children's leader on our website at [celebrationofhope.uk/volunteer-sign-up](http://celebrationofhope.uk/volunteer-sign-up) or by calling the celebration office at **01324 637056**

**All stadium logistical information**, including diagrams, seating information, food considerations, arrival and entry information, etc. will be sent to the “designated” celebration children's leaders who have planned and trained appropriately for KIDZFEST choir participation. **This informational guide will be mailed after the recruitment deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to all “designated” celebration children's leaders who return recruitment forms by that date.**

**An “Arrangements Team” will be in place on Saturday, June 16**, to assist with crowd flow and seating of KIDZFEST choir groups.

- **KIDZFEST** ushers and security will serve on Saturday morning
- A first aid station will also function throughout the morning

## **Transportation Considerations for KIDZFEST Choir Participants:**

Suggestions for transporting choir members:

- Choir may come as a group with monitors on buses or in vans
- Some parents may wish to come early with their choir children in their personal vehicles.
- All choir members may come as individual families.

(Each church should, of course, plan a system of transportation that will most effectively work for them.)

**Counselling Questions and Preparations** will be addressed at:

The **CHRISTIAN LIFE & WITNESS COURSE TRAINING**, April 8<sup>th</sup> - April 22<sup>nd</sup>

(See course schedule for dates, times and locations for attendance details.)

Considerations during counselling process for your planning purposes:

- Many children who participate in the choir will respond to the invitation given at the conclusion of the service. Ideally, monitors from your church group, who attended the Christian Life & Witness Course and are serving as counsellors, should accompany your choir children to the field and counsel them personally. This provides your leaders with personal insight into each child's level of spiritual understanding, which will assist you in following them up.
- If there are not any Monitors who are serving as counsellors, then some monitors should accompany children who go forward and remain with them until the conclusion of the counselling session, then return them to the stands or appropriate persons.
- Other counsellors will be available on the field to assist with counselling as needed.
- Plan ahead with families to know how and with whom each choir child is to return home. Ensure that your monitors are well informed regarding parental/guardian wishes in this regard

Begin now to encourage the adults in your church:

- To attend the Christian Life & Witness Course and
- To serve as Counsellors in an exciting experience on the field with children on Saturday morning, June 16.

**PLAN**, as deemed appropriate for your church, **regarding any permission needed** from parents/guardians regarding children's involvement.

**VERY IMPORTANT EMPHASIS** for Leaders, Monitors and Parents communication with Children:

**NO Child is to ever leave the choir stands unaccompanied by a Monitor**

The **KEY** to reaching children, adults and young people for Christ is **PRAYER!**

**Operation Andy Prayer** provides the **KEY** to making the **KIDZFEST** an easy tool for children to use to outreach their friends for Christ. May God bless you as you encourage your church children to participate in praying for and inviting both their church and unchurched friends to participate in the **KIDZFEST** choir or to attend the **KIDZFEST** with them.

**Our Prayer “for such a time as this” to reach children and families for Jesus Christ:**

May God bless the Operation Andy outreach to and through our children. May He bring spiritual encouragement through this time of ministry to children and entire families. May a greater awareness of the spiritual needs of children increase because we have labored together in this ministry. May the lives of many be blessed as they grow in their understanding of who Jesus is and of His great and glorious love for them. May this time together in His presence and under the hearing of His word result in the salvation of many, many souls - children, young people and adults. May the foundation upon which families grow and begin to build be only on Jesus Christ. To God be all the glory! Amen.

May God bless you, your children, your church and your community in powerful ways as you prepare for the harvest He is about to bring for His Kingdom. Thank you for caring and sharing your life with his little ones.

Thank you,

*Your Central Scotland Will Graham Celebration of Hope Children's  
Leadership Team*

*Please contact our Celebration Office with any questions:*

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