

TCBC LONG TERM DIRECTIONS

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OUR IDENTITY

Toowoomba Community Baptist Church is a community of God's people seeking to live in a family relationship with God our Father, Jesus, our Saviour and Lord; and the Holy Spirit who directs, empowers and transform us. We choose to live as a community under Christ as head of TCBC and so act corporately as the "body of Christ".

OUR OVER RIDING PURPOSE

The reason for TCBC's existence, as a local community of followers of Jesus Christ, *is to live in a faithful relationship with God* in ways that bring pleasure and honour to Him.

OUR MISSION

We share a common mission with all Christian churches. We have summarised our mission at TCBC as:

"A community seeking to worship God, follow Jesus and share His love with others"

OUR VISION *Following Jesus*

Our vision is our unique calling as a church. TCBC is to be a local community of God's people which lives in relationship with Him and each other which continues the ministry of Jesus here in Toowoomba and into spheres of influence that God opens up for us in South West Queensland and to other nations and cultures.

The key values of our vision at TCBC are:

1. Our primary focus is upon Jesus Christ
2. We are committed to do church in a balanced way where we passionately value worship, spiritual growth, community and mission.
3. We are committed to diversity where all people are valued and welcomed regardless of age, gender, culture, denominational background and previous history.
4. Our location at Glenvale and the size and type of our facilities affects our ministry. For example, our local area is rich with young families so we endeavour to provide effective family oriented ministries.
5. Our heart is for community-based outreach
6. We seek to reflect our history of 136 years which is rich with ministry and experiences such as church planting.
7. We believe that everyone in the church community can make a significant contribution to church life and local community.
8. We encourage women to be involved in all aspects of church life. There are no gender restrictions in ministry or leadership.
9. We believe that churches should support each other. We have a special interest in the well-being of the other local Baptist churches (especially those commenced by TCBC). We seek to collaborate with other churches as best we can and make our resources available to them as needed.



TCBC TRANSFORMATION FRAMEWORK

This transformation framework will help guide our future planning. It will focus our planning and ensure continuity and balance from one year to the next.

TRANSFORMATION: INTRODUCTION:

The New Testament makes clear that the followers of Jesus Christ are called to proclaim the gospel, the good news of Jesus as Saviour and Lord; starting in the church community and onto every people group and nation. This gospel is the power of God to effect personal transformation and to bring into being communities of followers of Jesus who will both model the life of God's new kingdom and have a transformational impact on the larger communities in which they live, work and play.

KEY TRANSFORMATION VERSES:

Colossians 1:15-18 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation ... all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper"

KEY FOCUS: JESUS IS THE SOURCE AND GOAL OF TRANSFORMATION

We believe that:

- The central focus of TCBC must be Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- Jesus is the central focus of our worship, spiritual growth, community life and mission.
- Jesus wants to transform TCBC at all levels – individuals, families, groups, ministries, church services, whole church.
- Jesus wants to transform our local church, community and city, and rural areas and beyond
- Jesus wants to transform TCBC by focussing on him and engaging in 4 key transforming experiences.
Therefore, we need to ensure that everything we do provides opportunity for Jesus to transform TCBC at all levels.

TRANSFORMING WORSHIP:

We will provide opportunities to engage in **Inspiring worship**.

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

We will provide opportunities to **grow together** in a supportive environment.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES:

We will provide opportunities to grow together in a **genuine community** that supports life transformation.

TRANSFORMING MISSION:

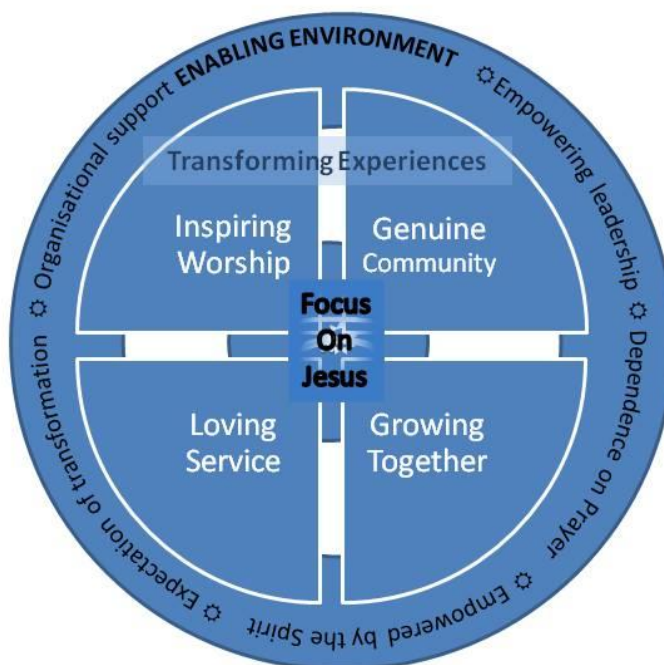
We will provide opportunities for **loving service** in local and cross-cultural mission.

SUPPORTED BY AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT LED BY THE SENIOR PASTOR:

We will provide an enabling environment which encourages and assist each person to pursue personal transformation.

1. We will develop visionary, inspiring and empowered leadership
2. We will develop a church culture that values, expects and pursues transformation
3. We will encourage faith-oriented corporate prayer
4. We will increase the focus of the church organisation on transformation
5. We will endeavour to be more focussed with our finances
6. We will improve TCBC facilities so assist our ministries
7. We will monitor our church health and effectiveness to ensure we are contributing to God's plans of transformation.

Life Transformation



Toowoomba Community Baptist Church

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