

TCBC CHURCH DIRECTIONS

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THE IDENTITY OF THE CHURCH: WHO IS THE CHURCH?

We believe that our identity leads to our vision. Our vision brings the church's purpose/mission in to our specific situation.

OUR IDENTITY

We are a community of God's people where each of us lives in a family relationship with Jesus; who is our Lord and whose Spirit directs, empowers, and transform each of us to be like our Saviour.

We are a community of God's people where we seek to live in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. We choose to live as a community under Christ and so act corporately as the "body of Christ" in our local setting.

OUR OVER RIDING PURPOSE

As a local community of followers of Jesus Christ *our purpose is to live in a faithful relationship with God* in ways that brings 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

Our vision is our unique calling as a church. It 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.

Vision Statement: *Following Jesus*

Note: Same as Queensland Baptists



The key features of our vision at tcbc:

1. Our 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 135 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 FRAMEWORK 2011+

This framework will help guide our planning for 2011 and beyond. It will focus our planning and ensure continuity from one year to the next. I envision that our planning for 2011 will be undertaken by four teams led by a member of the pastoral staff. Each team will focus on one of the four transformational experiences that are described further in this document: Inspiring worship, Loving Service, Genuine Community, Growing Together.

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.

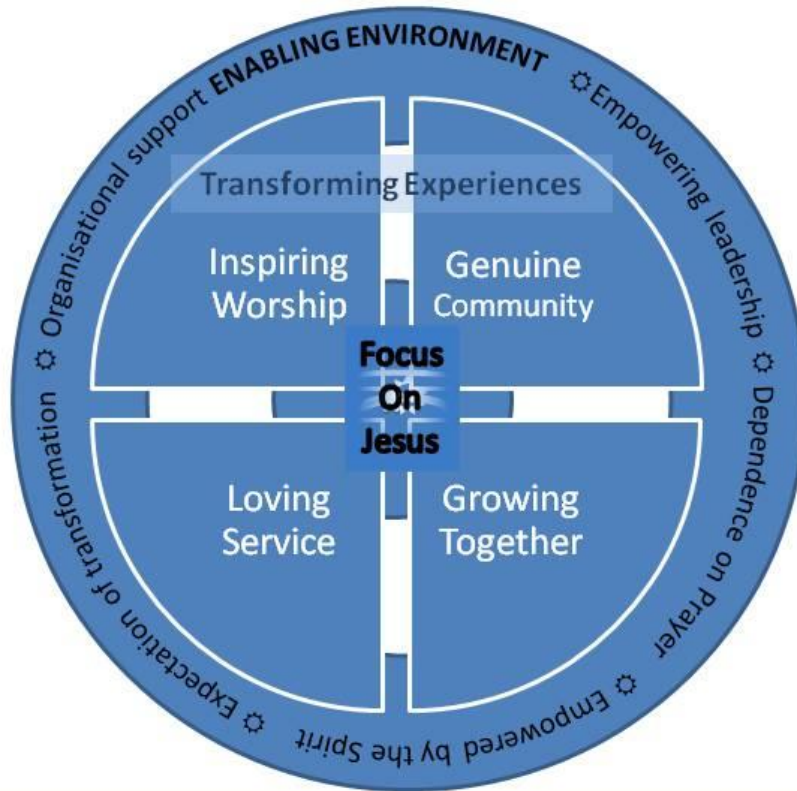
KEY TRANSFORMATION VERSES:

Colossians 1:15-18 TNIV 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 TNIV 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 TNIV "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"

Life Transformation



Toowoomba Community Baptist Church

Monday, 6 December 2010

TCBC GOALS 2011

2011 Focus:– *Jesus Transforms*

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 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 aim to provide opportunities to engage in **Inspiring worship**. Specifically we will:

- Encourage a passionate and whole-hearted response to Jesus Christ.
- Help the congregation to encounter the transforming presence of Christ.
- Seek to create worship services that strengthen the congregation to face the uncertainties and challenges of the next week.

TRANSFORMING SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

We will aim to provide opportunities to **grow together** in a supportive environment. Specifically we will:

- Seek individual transformation for all
- Link life transformation more strongly with home groups
- Provide retreats and camps as opportunities for intensive growth
- Strengthen the link between our preaching/teaching with home groups (every week?)
- Encourage obedience to Jesus

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES:

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

- Overhaul home groups to become a place where Jesus transforms individuals and groups. Especially a place where groups:
 - a. Help each person develop (spiritual growth, mission)
 - b. Support each other through the challenges of life (care)
 - c. Work together as teams e.g., mission & ministry in and outside tcbc

TRANSFORMING MISSION:

We will aim to provide opportunities for **loving service** in local and cross-cultural mission. Specifically we will:

- Local
 - a. Continue our evangelism focus using two weekends
 - b. Continue the focus on the Kingdom of God – promoting Kingdom catalysts and Kingdom communities.
 - c. Look for opportunities to support and commence church planting (? Linked with kingdom communities)
 - d. Support and encourage networking with other Baptist churches
- Cross Cultural
 - a. Continue support for our missionaries
 - b. Encourage more short term missions (dual benefit – mission and spiritual growth)
 - c. Conduct at least one missions focus weekend.

SUPPORTED BY AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT LED THE SENIOR PASTOR:

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

1. We will seek to develop visionary, inspiring and empowered leadership by:
 - 1.1. Gathering leaders regularly for coaching, encouragement & re-motivation
 - 1.2. Offering regular leadership retreats for all tcbc leaders e.g. 1 per term
 - 1.3. Multiplying leaders: continue identification, equipping, enlisting and deploying leaders

2. We will work towards a church culture that values and expects transformation by:
 - 2.1. Preaching, teaching and home group discussions of these concepts
 - 2.2. Including transformation as a regular part of personal, home group and corporate prayer
 - 2.3. Reviewing the church program to maximise opportunities to participate in transforming activities
 - 2.4. Establishing benchmarks to gauge progress

3. We will encourage faith-oriented corporate prayer by:
 - 3.1. Continuing with special times of prayer
 - 3.2. Providing teaching and home group discussions on prayer

4. We will increase the focus of the church organisation by:
 - 4.1. Further developing the Directions statement so that it is linked with the discipleship process
 - 4.2. Making explicit the core values of tcbc ministry e.g.
 - 4.2.1. Balance: worship, spiritual growth, community & mission
 - 4.2.2. Multiplication: Ensure that all ministry can be quickly reproduced
 - 4.2.3. The priesthood of all believers (everyone gifted; everyone participating in ministry)

5. We will endeavour to be more focussed with our finances by:
 - 5.1. Crafting our budget to better reflect our emphases in 2011+
 - 5.2. Encourage tcbc to meet the budget every month
 - 5.3. Taking further steps to tackle our debt problem

6. We will improve tcbc facilities by:
 - 6.1. Completing the outdoor area
 - 6.2. Completing plans for downstairs
 - 6.3. Having significant prayer and discussions about the use of the land

7. We will improve our monitoring of church health and its effectiveness by:
 - 7.1. Developing and using key indicators that reflect the goals of tcbc

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR 2011

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2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Romans 12:2 ESV Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

1 Peter 2:12 NCV Live such good lives that they (who do not believe) will see the good things you do and will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again