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This is Us



TO SEE **MORE** PEOPLE,
IN **MORE** PLACES,
MAKING **MORE** RESPONSES TO

JESUS

Our Future Together: 2025 and Beyond...

Our Vision: Transforming lives through Christ Centered community

Our desire is to be a healthy, vibrant, biblically based community, committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known. We seek to help people flourish in life and faith. Whether a person is exploring faith for the first time or desiring to go deeper, we have a passion to help people discover the richness of being in a community that loves Jesus. *Everything that follows is the “what we do, what we want to see happen” and “how we do it” to see this vision come to fruition.*

Our Confidence: The Gospel

This is God's church. We belong to Him. "We acknowledge that "what we do / what we want to see happen" and "how we do it" starts and proceeds with God. It's about Him, His kingdom, His mission, His grace, His word (the gospel), His Spirit in us and His power at work through us. A commitment to love Jesus and make Him known is all we need to do great ministry." We have confidence in Jesus. It is the good news of the Kingdom of God that we passionately proclaim.

Our Strategy: Discipleship

Everything we do and how we go about it can be summarised by: loving Jesus, loving each other, loving the world. Two thousand years ago, Jesus walked up to a handful of men and said, "Follow me." They were ordinary people like you and me. They had jobs, families, hobbies, and social lives. Everything about Jesus—His teaching, compassion, and wisdom; His life, death, and resurrection; His power, authority, and calling— would shape every aspect of the rest of their lives. In only a few years, these simple men were standing before some of the most powerful rulers on earth and being accused of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). What began as simple obedience to the call of Jesus ended up changing their lives, and ultimately, the world. We believe that Jesus can do the same type of thing through us – it's called discipleship.

Up: Loving Jesus. You can get the impression that following Jesus is all about joyless sacrifice. Just grind it out in faithfulness. While there is a real cost to pay and a real sacrifice to make, the life of a disciple is about joy and love. It's about loving God and enjoying Him.

In: Loving one another. The proper context for every disciple maker is the church. It is impossible to make disciples aside from the church of Jesus Christ. Look at it from this perspective. The New Testament is full of commands to do this or that for "one another." Love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, serve one another etc. So how can we teach people to "observe all that I have commanded" if they have no one to love, pray for, or encourage? It's impossible to "one another" yourself. It's impossible to follow Jesus alone.

Out: Loving the world. The risen Jesus gave His disciples one final command and ascended into heaven. What was the command? Essentially, He told them it was their job to finish what He started. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:18–20).

It is our belief that as a church, if we grow stronger in our love for God, deeper in our love for one another and more committed in our love for the world that this will lead to both faithful and fruitful ministry. If we do this our prayer is that "the Lord may add to our number daily those who are being saved."

Our Beliefs...

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible which is uniquely God- inspired and the final authority on all matters of faith. As the Bible teaches, there is one God, eternally existing in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way. As a result, we need God's saving grace to end our alienation from Him. Salvation comes only through God's saving grace — not human effort — and must be received personally by repentance and faith.

Jesus Christ, who was fully God & fully man, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the cross as our substitute. This accomplishes salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between us and God.

The Holy Spirit draws people to Christ and equips Christians for personal growth and service to the church. The church's role is to glorify God and serve those in need. At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgment. Those forgiven through Christ will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

Our values: Grace, love, full devotion...

Our values are what guides us on the journey of seeking to achieve our vision and goals. Like banks on a river that guide the flow of water, our values guide our behavior, our attitudes, the way we treat one another, and the way we seek to do life together.

1. **This is God's church.** The church is birthed by the Father, founded by the Son, empowered and led by the Spirit, and given expression through the priesthood of all believers in the congregation.
2. **We exist to know God, glorify Him, grow in Him, and make Him known.** Our prime purpose is to please God so that our agenda is God's agenda revealed through God's Word. We glorify God when we focus on growing to become more like Jesus Christ and expressing our gratitude to Him through joyful 'all-of-life' worship.

3. **Love is to be the context of all we do.** Our motivation for service is the unconditional love of God.

4. **Grace and truth are to characterise all our relationships.** We want to relate to others the way Jesus does and we believe that real transformation takes place best through authentic community. The Christian faith is not a solo journey but best experienced by sharing life together in small groups.

5. **All people matter and reaching them for Christ is not optional.** We are called to go into all the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ baptising them into the community of faith, based on the teaching of the Christian gospel. We will seek to be sensitive to the cultures we live in yet always remain true to Christ's teachings.

6. **We value our heritage but church structure must submit to Spirit.** We hold lightly to everything but Christ and His word, and we will not build personal empires but seek to remain fluid in our structures so that we can remain open to God-directed change.

7. **Creativity is the natural outcome of spirituality.** We want to experience and express God in mind, body and spirit using the gifts God has given His church.

8. **Everyone has a place here and a story to share.** We celebrate the dignity inherent in all humanity offering people inclusive love, acceptance and forgiveness. We seek to provide a safe place for everyone to belong, to believe and to become.

9. **Full devotion to Christ and His work is normal for every believer.** We encourage everyone to wholeheartedly worship God with our whole lives and use the gifts He gives to serve Him and others.

10. **All that we have belongs to God and He is glorified when we offer Him our best.** We are stewards of our resources, not owners, and so we will offer God from the best we have to support the ministry of His church through our time, abilities and finances.

Our Structure...

Christ

Church members

Elders

Senior Pastor: **Andrew Duncan**

(Leadership, Health, Vision, Teaching & Pastoral Care 9:30am), Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry

ADMIN	YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS	WORSHIP & SERVICE COORDINATOR	CHILDREN	PASTOR TO SENIORS	MISSION	FAMILIES
Don Hoult	Todd Darvas	Tim Hamblin	Carol Cleasby	Carol Hewatt	Les Hewatt	Brendan Wood
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Church Sec ♦ Treasurer ♦ Deacons <i>IT</i> <i>Rosters</i> <i>HR & S</i> ♦ Office Ass ♦ Maintenance ♦ Catering Officer ♦ Flowers ♦ Property Manager ♦ Parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 6:30pm Service ♦ Welcome & Integration 6:30pm ♦ Gear Up - Equip ♦ 7Up ♦ Gap ♦ 18-25s ♦ Missions (youth) ♦ Boys Brigade ♦ Student pastors ♦ Emerge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Service coordination of all 3 services ♦ Worship leaders ♦ Music Teams ♦ Sound & Data ♦ Creative elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ TCBC Kids ♦ Crèche ♦ Girls Brigade ♦ Kids Hope ♦ Scripture in Schools ♦ Kids Games ♦ Welcome Baby ♦ Supa Club ♦ Blast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Pastoral Care to Seniors ♦ Tuesday Church ♦ Social Events ♦ Mission opportunities ♦ Team development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Cross Cultural Mission ♦ Social Justice - Hope Street ♦ Short Term Mission ♦ Recruitment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Families <i>Pastoral Care</i> <i>Marriage Course</i> <i>Mainly Music</i> <i>YMG</i> <i>Playtime</i> ♦ 4:30pm Service ♦ LifeGroups <i>Oversee 25+ > Circle Of Care</i> ♦ Welcome & Integration Churchwide Strategy <i>Follow-up 9:30 & 4:30am, adults @ 6.30</i> ♦ Community Care Teams / Local Mission <i>Meals Assistance</i> <i>COACH Mentoring</i> <i>CAP Money Course</i> <i>Community Garden</i> <i>Community Carols</i>

Our Future - 2025 Goals: More people in more places making more responses to Jesus.

Reach: We believe God wants us to be a "city on a hill". We want to make Jesus known through practical expressions of love, service and justice (good works), while constantly inviting people to know Jesus the way we do (evangelism), not just here but around Australia and indeed the world.

Our prayer is to see 200 new followers of Jesus by 2025.

Our prayer is to assist in either the planting or revitalization of a church by 2025.

Grow: Jesus' desire for us is to be faithful and fruitful. We believe that discipleship inevitably leads to multiplication and growth both in faith and number. As a church, we want to continue to see people grow and flourish in their personal faith and we want to see our church growing numerically. We also want to see greater diversity in our community that reflects both the culture we exist in and the gospel we believe in. Peter speaks of the church as a "new humanity" where race, age, gender and other dividing walls disappear because of a common commitment to Christ. We believe that God wants us to become an increasingly multicultural and intergenerational church.

Our prayer is to have an integrated discipleship program across our church by 2019

Our prayer is to become an increasingly Multicultural and Intergenerational church by 2025

Send: We are also seeking to be a community that identifies, trains and empowers people for a wide range of service to Christ both within and outside the church. We believe our church is called to make an impact both locally and globally.

Our prayer is to identify, train and release 10 new pastors/cross cultural/community leaders by 2025.

Our prayer is not necessarily to keep people but to constantly train, equip and release people into a wide range of Christian service.

Your commitment to see '**More** people in **More** places making **More** responses to Jesus by 2025...'

As a Member of TCBC and a committed and passionate follower of Jesus I agree to make the following commitments:

1. Genuine committed personal relationship with Jesus.
2. Committed to the vision, values and goals of TCBC – that you are on board of wanting to see “lives transformed through Christ centered community”
3. Commitment to want to: serve, attend regularly and be a part of a Lifegroup – where you love and are being loved – because without love we are nothing.
4. Commitment to pray for the life and mission of this church.
5. Excel in the grace of giving.
6. To protect the unity and holiness of the church.
7. Committed to attend our church meetings and be a part of the decision making of the church.