

# Vision 2012

Last year we heard God calling us to grow - as individuals in our understanding and relationship with Jesus and to grow as a church community. We had some great goals and creative ideas but tragically we found ourselves on a different road - one of grief and full of questions. Our Vision hoped that we would grow in 2011.

Yes, we grew but not in the way we had planned.

This year, after discussion with Church Council and the ministry team, I feel God is wanting us to stick with the Vision focus from last year - to continue to help the church grow. In this document I have suggested four key ideas which may be helpful in not only stimulating growth but also in encouraging fruit in our lives and in our church. It is my prayer that through embracing **community**, encouraging **participation**, igniting **passion** and submitting in **prayer** we may see God bring this Vision a reality.

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## How can you participate in this Vision?

We encourage you to come along to worship throughout February as we expand more on how this vision for our church will be implemented in 2012. I also encourage you to engage with the different elements of this vision throughout the year. It will take all of us working together to see God's vision become a reality. Above all, I ask you to pray. Pray for this vision, pray for the church and pray that God might guide you on your part in this vision. To God be the Glory!

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## 2011 VISION FOCUS

### **Grow in Understanding**

Re-energising the Church's Bible Study groups  
Focus learning opportunities at different levels  
Leadership to model Growth through study

### **Grow in Relationship**

Providing Intentional Discipleship opportunities  
Formation of "The Fertilizers" - a group which will  
resource and encourage growth.

### **Grow as Community**

Continue to find ways in improving our  
Pastoral Care within our congregation and beyond  
Create opportunities to share learning,  
experiences & helpful experiences of Growth

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Four key ideas which will help us be fruitful in our Vision

## **Embracing Community**

by allowing ourselves to be caught up in the spirit of community, to find a sense of belonging and to appreciate the broader communities that we are part of. This includes completing the 2011 goal to in relation to re-energising the bible study groups, continuing to find ways to become a more caring community and providing opportunities for people to connect and build relationships with others in our church.

## **Encouraging Participation**

Participating in the ministry and mission is not only helpful for the church but is helpful for our own spiritual growth and fulfilment. We want to encourage a greater level of participation but also be creative with rostering, ministry blocks and other tools to allow all people to serve in a way which minimises burn out and maximises the joy and sense of achievement in seeing God work through us.

## **Igniting Passion**

God has created us as passionate people and we as a church want people to express that passion within the life of the church and beyond. We want to facilitate connections between people with similar passions; harness the passion for Social Justice and overseas mission; and encourage passion and creativity in worship.

## **Submitting in Prayer**

To encourage a culture of different forms of prayer / connecting with God so that we never forget that God (Father, Son, Spirit) is not only the reason why we worship, love and serve, but provides the gifts and power for us to do this. We hope to use tools such as the "discovery sessions", physical prayer spaces or other creative means to encourage a this culture of prayer.