

# 2018 MISSION PLANNING

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Over the next month we will be undertaking the process of reevaluating our mission focus areas. These will become effective as of 2018, and the outcome of this decision will shape the planning of our 2018 calendar.

Our church currently has 2 mission focus areas:

- Teaching and Learning; &
- Children and Families

Having these as a focus over the last 3 years has drawn them into the spotlight and greatly benefitted various aspects of the church's mission, however it is now time to reevaluate if these should remain our priority or if there are other areas to which we need to direct our attention.

In this booklet you will find a list of possible mission areas including some examples of activities that each area might involve. Please note, the examples under each focus area are simply a starting point to give you a general overview of the topic, and are in no way binding or the only activities that will be considered if that area is chosen. How we explore and grow each of the new focus areas will be a matter for discussion after they have been selected.

We would ask you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider each category and decide which 2 you feel the church should adopt as our mission focus areas for the next 3 years. It should be added that if our current mission focus areas do change it does not mean we will lose our interest in them, but rather that there are other aspects of the church's mission that we need to nurture and grow.

This information booklet will be available over the next 3 weeks, and a ballot will be held during the services on the 27th, 28th and 30th May.

We look forward to hearing your input on this.

## 1. Ministry to Children and Families

This is one of our existing focus areas, and its aim is to nurture, support and grow young people and families within the life of our church. Some of the areas that this encompasses are as follow:

- Programs for children
- Support for families – including those in crisis
- Marriage Courses and parenting courses
- Pastoral Care to parents and children



## 2. Youth Ministry

As a result of our focus on Children and Families we currently have a number of youth in attendance at the church. Although we have started a youth group, there is still plenty of room to grow this ministry. Some areas that this would entail include:

- Growing our youth program
- Running events that target youth
- Pastoral Care to youth
- Mentoring



## 3. Ministry to Seniors

With an ever increasing number of retirees in our church and community, this is an area that can always benefit from attention. Some of the ministries involved within this category are:

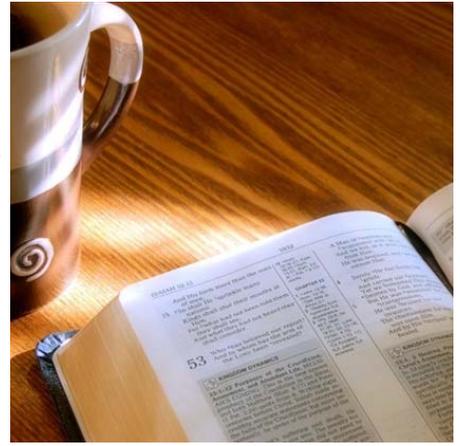
- Pastoral Care
- Information Seminars
- Home Visits



## 4. Teaching and Learning/Equipping

This is one of our existing mission focus areas, and its aim is to give people the opportunity to grow and expand their faith. Some areas that this may involve are:

- Teaching Series
- Better resourcing of small groups to facilitate deeper study
- Small group leader training
- Mentoring Programs



## 5. Prayer, Praise and Worship

This area looks at how we can grow and develop our worship style to enhance our experience of God during worship services and nurture our daily walk with God. This may include:

- Creating prayer partners/groups
- Teaching specifically on prayer
- Growing the music ministry – including nurture and encouragement of musicians
- Teaching on worship leading



## 6. Social Justice

This topic places a focus on how we can be more active in calling out injustice and standing up for what is right. Some aspects of this may look at:

- Hosting information/awareness sessions on key issues – e.g. refugees, homelessness, indigenous issues etc.
- Developing relationships with community organisations – e.g. indigenous, Coast Shelter
- Greater commitment to helping charities – e.g. soup kitchen at Coast Shelter
- Organising petitions
- Anti-bullying activism



## 7. Community Outreach

This involves exploring how we can better engage with our surrounding community. This may include:

- Identifying and working in areas of need
- Hospitality – inviting neighbours for a cuppa
- Building friendships within community
- Helping low-income people – e.g. food parcels
- Victim/Offender Support
- School age support – nutrition etc.



## 8. Church Community Relations

This topic explores how we can better relate to each other within our church community and bridge the gap between services. This may involve:

- More activities that encourage mixing/ socialising – e.g. lunches, dinners, games nights
- Mentoring
- Pastoral Care
- Prayer Groups
- Support Groups
- 'Adopt a grandparent' – link older people with younger people/ families for mentoring and support

