



# HBC CORE VALUES

## SEPTEMBER 2010



# OUR LANDMARKS

### 1. One Church

- A new celebration service – Crossroads
- Appointment of the Crossroads Deputy Director and Pastor – Andrew Rienecker
- Established Congregational Support Teams to support our staff
- Investigating a Friday night service for Youth & Young Adults

### 2. Expanding Web

- Introduction, development and training of Life Groups
- Appointment of the Life-Groups Pastor – Stu Quarteman
- New HBC Constitution
- Planting more Life-Groups in new suburbs

### 3. Touching Localities

- Formation of Young Discoverers Limited
- Linking with other Gold Coast churches
- Commencement of Kids Hope and Holiday Clubs for primary children
- Expanding our role with the local High School and State Schools

### 4. Regional Partnerships

- Church Planting – Upper Coomera Integrated Community Precinct
- Partnering in Crossroads with Newlife Uniting Church
- Investigating partnership opportunities with Southport Baptist Church

## HBC CORE VALUES

Each HBC core value has two paragraphs. The first paragraph is an outline of the aspiration of the particular value. The second paragraph outlines how we believe the Bible calls us to put it into practise. Our study of the core values will involve a short look at a few of the passages mentioned, followed by a discussion of the practical implications.

HBC core Values can be categorised in three sections. ***The first three values speak of the centrality and leadership of the Lord God of HBC.***





## PREAMBLE

*Arising from our common commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel, as expressed in our Statement of Faith, and with His love for each other, we affirm the following as **Helensvale Baptist Church** Core Values*





## 1. SEEKING DIVINE DIRECTION

As we believe Helensvale is the Lord's church (Revelation 2:1-7), we desire to be a community who is in the first place *Seeking Divine Direction* in every step we take as a church. We want to see the church and the world both now and in the future through the Lord's eyes (2 Kings 6:15-18). We yearn to be a people who are known to seek the Lord in all things (Jeremiah 29:13-14) and expect His direction to come (Isaiah 40:28-31).

Therefore we will be dedicated to prayer (1 Timothy 2:1-8), be constantly under the authority of the Bible (2 Timothy 3:15-16), and be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all our doings and relationships (Acts 16:6-10).

### **Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value**

Prayer meetings and Intercessors Team

Church Forums and Church Meetings

Church services

Special Church Gatherings in LIFE Groups or Coffee and cake meetings.





## 2. EXPRESSING AUTHENTIC WORSHIP

We celebrate the truth that the Lord has called us to be a community *Expressing Authentic Worship*. We recognize that we humbly meet with God on His terms (Isaiah 6:1-6) and so approach him with awe and reverence. Yet we also acknowledge the merciful hand of friendship and grace He offers us as our Father and friend (Romans 8:16, John 15:14-16). We seek our worship to reflect the Gold Coast community in which He has placed us (1 Corinthians 9:19-23). We desire to celebrate the truth that our worship of God is reflected in all of our lives, along with our singing when we meet together (Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:15-16).

Therefore as a community and as individuals, we will regularly give praise and glory to the Lord by using a wide variety of methods and means to worship Him (Psalm 150). We strive to be a people of praise and joyful song (Psalms 100:2), singing and making music in our hearts to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19). In everything we do, we will worship and glorify our great Saviour the Lord Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:31-32).

### **Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value**

*Church services*

*LIFE Groups*

*Worship Team*





### 3. EXPECTING GODLY OUTCOMES

Following Jesus' command to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20), we will seek to apply all our God-given strength and resources to encourage all people, with whom He brings us into contact, towards maturity in Christ (Colossians 1:28-29). Like our Lord Jesus, we reject the world's definition of success and want to be known as a people *Expecting Godly Outcomes* in all our efforts, and who are prepared to passionately take the risks of faith in God's agenda for His church rather than being palatable to the world's priorities around us (Matthew 8:18-22, Luke 19:1-10).

Therefore we will seek to pursue ministries and activities whose purpose is to grow passionate followers of Jesus Christ rather than how much money, buildings or people they bring to the church. We recognize that such outcomes take time and are brought about through the Lord's work (1 Corinthians 3:5-9). We recognize that such outcomes carry a risk of failure (John 18:15-18, 25-27, Acts 15:36-41) and so we will aspire to never give up on God's work (John 21:15-19, Colossians 4:10, 2 Timothy 4:11) but faithfully pray with a spirit of perseverance to see His ends achieved (Colossians 4:1-4, Philippians 1:6).

#### **Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value**

*Elders, Church Board and Ministry Team Staff meetings*

*Church Forums and Church Meetings*

*LIFE Groups*

*Church Planting Oversight Team*



**The second four values speak of the nature and practise of our love for one another in HBC.**



## 4. DEVELOPING PERSONAL PURITY

We embrace the journey towards becoming more like our Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:7-11). As He is holy, we too are called to be holy (1 Peter 1:13-15). We seek to be a people *Developing Personal Purity*, governed by an intense desire for moral purity (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8), brokenness, and obedience to God's Word (Romans 12:1, Hebrews 12:29). It is our deep desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit and portray the fruits of the Holy Spirit so that we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Galatians 5:16). We recognize the effort that is required for such a lifestyle (Philippians 2:12-13), and base our efforts on the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in our lives (Romans 8:10-15).

Therefore we will seek supportive accountability from one another so that we may be kept from all forms of temptation and sin (Galatians 5:3). We will promote mentoring relationships that encourage one another on this journey toward Christlikeness (1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 2:2) and we will strive to meet together to encourage one another to love and good deeds (Heb 10:24-25). Should failure come, we will endeavour to forgive one another (Colossians 3:13-14) and seek to reinstate a truly repentant brother or sister in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:5-11).

### Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value

*Pastoral Care Network*

*Let's Talk Life*

*Mission Men*

*4thegirls*





## 5. ENCOURAGING RADICAL RELATIONSHIPS

As brothers and sisters in Christ we will be *Encouraging Radical Relationships* amongst us: radical in that our relationships can be characterized by genuine trust and the selfless love of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:1-11). We welcome the range of relationships in families (Genesis 2:24-25), singles (1 Corinthians 7:1-40) and different age groups of society (Titus 2:1-8). We encourage the on-going development of our marriages as God's basis for our family units and believe our children should be seen and heard (Mark 10:13-16). We shall follow Jesus' example by loving the forgotten and finding space in our communities to embrace and show compassion to the outcasts of the world (Isaiah 56:1-8, Luke 10:25-37, 19:10).

Therefore will promote biblical principles in our relationships and so reject gossip, jealousy, divisive talk, and factional thinking (Galatians 5:19-21) and rather seek to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) by building giving relationships through thinking of the others' good ahead of our own, and trust that they are doing that for us as they speak to us. We will look out for one another's needs and yet also seek to carry our own burdens (Galatians 6:1-6). We will seek to respect one another, and strive for forgiveness over vengeance, humility over selfish ambition, and a listening ear over a harsh word (Colossians 3:12-14).

### **Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value**

*Young Discoverers Day Care Centre*

*Kids Holiday club*

*Marriage Week*

*Crossroads*





## 6. EXERCISING SELFLESS GIFTS

Recognizing that Jesus Christ called us into His body, we recognize the different gifts, abilities and skills with which he has gifted the church through each one of us (1 Corinthians 12:12-30). We acknowledge that we are gifted for the good of others (1 Corinthians 12:7-11) and so we will be *Exercising Selfless Gifts* for the good of the church. We expect these gifts to be evident in our church until the day of Jesus' return (1 Corinthians 13:8-9).

Therefore we will encourage all Christian people at HBC to find a place to serve the world and the church that is true to their God-given gifts (Rom 12:3-8). We will pursue our ministries with selflessness and with the needs of others as our first priority and reject the proud, egocentric desire to serve our needs first (John 13:1-17). We do this to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

### Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value

*Finance Team*

*Worship Team*

*Catering Team*

*Morning tea Rosters*





## 7. FOLLOWING SERVANT LEADERS

Following the leadership example of the Lord Jesus, our leaders reject the “lording it over” approach of the world (Mark 10:43-45). They will carry their God-given leadership and oversee the church under the authority of Christ (1 Peter 5:1-4). For those of us not in leadership roles, we joyfully receive those that God has put in leadership in our church (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13). We seek to be a church that is committed to *Following Servant Leaders*.

Therefore we will seek to develop and appoint teams of leaders who have been appointed by God and are full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom (Acts 6:5-6), and who practise transparent leadership with open communication between leadership and the church (Exodus 18:13-27). We will seek open discussion and consideration of issues (Acts 15:1-22), accountability and honesty in all our dealings (1 Chronicles 29:17, Proverbs 20:23, 1 Timothy 3:8), and seek to practise godly patience with each other until we sense His direction forward (2 Timothy 2:24-26). We reject the way of gossip and undermining of our leaders and are committed to loving and praying regularly for them (Hebrews 13:7,17) and seeking to give them time off and space when needed.

### **Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value**

*HBC Elders & Church Board*

*HBC Ministry Team Staff*

*LIFE group coaches & leaders*

*Congregational Support Teams*



*The last three values speak of the witness of God's people to the world through HBC.*



## 8. INCREASING SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

Because God has generously given to us (Ephesians 5:1-2), we will follow Him by having hearts of *Increasing Sacrificial Generosity*. We will be generous with our time, money, possessions, knowledge and friendships, (Romans 12:13, 1 Thessalonians 2:8, Hebrews 13:16). We will follow the example of the Lord Jesus who liberally gave all that He had for us (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Therefore we will not hold tightly people, money, ministry or things for ourselves but will consciously seek to include others in all God has given to us by generously sharing our resources (1 Timothy 6:17-19). We will aim to plan in faith for what God could do in and through us despite our abilities and resources (2 Corinthians 8:1-4). We look forward with great expectation to what God will do both in our midst and beyond through our growing generosity (Psalm 67).

### **Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value**

*Young Discoverers Long Day Care Centre*

*HBC Annual Ministry Finance Plan*

*HBC Investigation Teams*

*Amplify Youth*





## 9. PRACTICING CHRIST-CENTRED UNITY

We rejoice in the diversity with which the Holy Spirit has gifted and given experience to those in our church (Rom 12:3-9, 16:1-16). We acknowledge that such diversity is given for the edification of believers, and evangelization of unbelievers (1 Corinthians 14:25-40). As such diversity in emphases and ministries are unified by God's work through the gospel (Ephesians 4:1-7) we aim to be a church that is Practising Christ-centred Unity.

Therefore we look for a growing diversity in the ministry and efforts within HBC through both men and women, young and old, as they are gifted and point us to Jesus who is our Head (Eph 4:14-16). We will regularly remind one another that our unity is rooted in who we are in Christ through the gospel rather than a uniformity of the way we do things (Galatians 3:28, John 17:20-26). And we look to practise our Christ-centred unity in the diversity of churches both within and outside our Baptist denomination.

### **Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value**

*Crossroads*

*Different Church services*

*Upper Coomera Project Team*

*Partnering with SU in School Chaplaincy*





## 10. EXPANDING G-LOCAL INFLUENCE

We celebrate God's love for the whole world and His global missionary agenda (John 3:16). We reject any competition between the work of His kingdom in our local area and that in other cultures and overseas (Acts 1:8), and desire to develop an *Expanding Global and Local (Glo-cal) influence*. We recognize He has set us apart in a fallen world to be an irresistible influence in the global and local world in which he has placed us so that the Lord Jesus is seen and glorified (1 Peter 2:11-12).

Therefore we will passionately commit to support and pray for those who are serving in other cultures (Acts 13:1-4) and seek to send more workers from HBC into the vast harvest field (Matthew 9:35-38). We aspire to stand for godly principles so to expand our influence through developing godly relationships (Romans 13:1-6, Acts 17:6-8). We seek to meet the needs of our community and beyond, so that people glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16) and we win opportunities to faithfully give an account for the hope we have in the gospel (1 Peter 3:15-16).

### Some HBC ministries and events that reflect this core value

*MP2 Team*

*Crossroads*

*Church Planting Oversight Team*

*Kids Hope @ Helensvale State School*



