



Berry
Community
Church

VISION 2019

Our Purpose

(Where we're going)



Genesis 1:3

And God said, "Let there be light." and there was light.

John 8:12

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Our Culture)

(Who we are)

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

FAITH 

- We expect God to do impossible things
- We pray like everything depends on it
- We empower and believe in the next generation

HOPE 

- We find joy in our position as God’s children
- We live out the culture of heaven
- We invite people to experience the good news

LOVE 

- We commit to each other
- We give generously
- We honour everyone from the young to the old

Our Priorities

(What we do)

LISTEN TO GOD



God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. This can be when reading the Bible, listening to the voice of God, seeing visions and dreams, receiving prophecy from others and however God chooses to speak to us.

“My sheep hear my voice” John 10:27.

Action points:

1. Apply rhythms of listening to God daily, weekly, monthly and annually, both individually and together as a community.
2. Continue practising listening to God corporately at In His Spondour and Sunday services.
3. Operate out of a place of rest.
4. Listen and do what God is asking of us.

GROW DISCIPLES



We take responsibility to grow in our faith and help others grow by connecting regularly with our faith community and those further along the journey than we are.

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1

Action points:

1. Encourage greater commitment to connect groups and discipling.
2. Connect groups will follow on from Sunday service teaching.
3. Teaching series in 2019 will include giftings, discipleship and culture.
4. Praying about a church plant from BCC.

MEET NEEDS



We serve others using our gifts & God-given passions by identifying needs in the community, listening to God & giving generously to others.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” 1 Peter 4:10

Action points:

1. Develop our site to meet church community and wider community needs.
2. Continue our Community Care program including meals, prayer, practical support and follow-up.
3. Support Saltbox once a term by buying and preparing a meal if we can.
4. Send a mission trip to Indonesia to support our mission partners in helping with the earthquake relief effort.

INTRODUCE JESUS



We share the good news of Jesus with friends, family, colleagues and the love of God wherever we can.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

Action points:

1. Run Alpha in third term in our connect groups.
2. Facilitating Light Up events, including parenting and grief in 2019.
3. Assessing our existing community engagements. In Term 1 we will be participating in Relay for Life and running a Bush Dance.
4. Encouraging personal evangelism.

PARTNER



We seek to build unity and live generously by partnering with people, churches and organisations to see God's kingdom.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour" Ecclesiastes 4:9

Action points:

1. Partner with like-minded churches including Georges River Life Church, Manly Life, SALT etc.
2. Continue to support our mission partners in Australia and overseas financially and relationally.
3. Support local community events where possible.
4. Support the local community through allowing community groups to meet in our facilities.