

Where do we see this Church this year



Pottsville



- Pottsville is a great place
- Pottsville is a pretty place
- Pottsville is a friendly place
- Pottsville is a clean place
- Pottsville is a healthy space
- Pottsville is a sought after place to live in
- Everybody wants to holiday in Pottsville
- We are blessed to live in Pottsville
- We are privileged to Pastor in Pottsville
- Jesus loves Pottsville

OUR MISSION :
Why are we here ?



**WE HERE TO MAKE A REAL
DIFFERENCE**



How are we making a difference in this community ?

- We love and pray for this community

- We volunteer and provide help to this community (eg. Food pantry)

- We collaborate and provide support with other sectors of the community (Pottsville Mens Shed, Pottsville RSL , PBNC , Pottsville RSG , Pottsville Caravan Park, Primary School Scripture ,High School Scripture Hutchinson Builders, ETC)

- We show kindness and never point fingers

We have a good name in this community

- We want to be the “just right” salt and light something that is hard to be without



OUR VISION :

What are we trying to Achieve ?



**TO GO TO ALL PEOPLE AND
MAKE THEM DISCIPLES
/TRUE FOLLOWERS OF
JESUS CHRIST.**

MATT 28:19 -20



OUR CULTURE :

How do we things here ?



TO RELATE CLOSELY WITH GOD AND ALL PEOPLE AND TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS LOVE; TO BUILD TEAMS OF PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER TO DO THINGS THAT WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NATION AND THE WORLD.



RELATE CLOSELY WITH GOD AND ALL PEOPLE (BOTH)



How do we establish a close relationship with God?



Prayer

Bible Study

Passionate Worship

Personal Devotions

Attend Church /Connect Groups

Serve His Purposes

- **Give financially (tithes and offerings)**
- **Share the good news of the gospel**

How do we establish a close relationship with all people



Care
Help
Serve
Uplift
Encourage
Cheerleading
Empathy
Active Community Involvement
Empower People Care
Connect Groups
Kids Church
Home Groups
Youth Groups
Ladies Groups
Men's Group
Prayer Group

SHARE



How do we share the good news of His Love?



Pray for wisdom

Get out and be amongst your neighbours

Develop friendship

Preach

Teach

Witness

Presence (Be there)

Care

Support

Chaplaincy

Invite them to Church or Connect Groups

Why is that an imperative ?

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If the people of this town had an incurable disease and you had the cure ,would it be beneficial to keep the cure to yourself ?

If this Jesus is do good for me ,why should it not be for others?



BUILD TEAMS



How do we build Teams

Opportunities to share in the ministry:

C team ,Board ,Eldership

Preach, teach, leadership involvement, pastoral care, worship teams, creative teams

Opportunities to serve in the hospitality, setup, cleanup, resource

Opportunities to serve in:

Communicare

Community Engagement Programs

Religious Education

Chaplaincy

Business & Training Centre

Missions



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How do we DO things that will positively influence our community, nation and world?

- Being Defined by our 5 Values
- All Starting with C

VALUES THAT DEFINE US AS A CHURCH :

(the things that are important to us)

- **CELEBRATION SERVICE ON SUNDAYS**
- **CONNECT GROUPS PARTICIPATION**
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INTEGRATION**
- **CENTRE OF LEARNING & EMPOWERMENT**
- **COMMISSION FOCUS**



CELEBRATION SERVICE



- To see attendance to be at least 200 people weekly (in the next 9 years
(Currently Average is approx 25 per week)
- Strategy : All we got to do is increase by 22 each year in the next 9 years and we will reach our target
- WE are responsible to Invite people
- Evangelism Courses like Alpha
- Community Integration (Neighbours, Groups)
- Children's Church and Youth Movement is imperative

Celebration ...Continued



- To see a church that is welcoming and friendly to ALL people
- To see a church that at it's heart believes its worship must be in spirit and truth
- To see our faith based solely on Gods Word and not our opinions . “The Bible is full of paradoxes and not contradictions ”
- “If we want to see lives transformed we got to teach the Word of God soundly”
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- To see a church that is prayerful and prophetic in lifestyle and essence

Connect Groups

- To see a church where there is a powerful force of regular and consistent connection amongst all its people
- Strategy
- Many, but at least 15 Connect groups
(Currently we have 3 functioning groups)
- Prioritising a vibrant youth group that is filled with lots of energetic young people who are passionate in their fervour of God and establish connections with the young people in our community
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- People from here becoming family for a long time - forming lifelong friendships and always having fun together



A Community Engaged and Integrated Church

- To see a church that is actively engaged and integrated into the community and carries great influence
- **“The Church is not peripheral to the community but central to it ”**
- Strategy
- Encourage and be involved with consistent Engagement in the Community through active participation in the mountains of Cultural Influence :
- Arts and Entertainment ,Business ,Education ,Family, Government, Media, Religion & Sport
- To create a presence in the fortnightly markets



A Centre of Learning And Empowerment

- To see a church that has the reputation of building ,equipping and empowering its people to become great leaders .
- Strategy
- Develop to become a place of learning where we can teach :
 - Life Skills Courses (CPR ,First Aid, other) –last year we trained 46 individuals in CPR
 - Skills to Non English Speaking Migrants ,Refugees
 - Empower Disadvantaged Young people by offering Skills based /Flexible training
 - Business Skills Training
 - Mature age training
 - Religious Studies Training
 - Public Life/Political Studies Training
- Develop to become a place of greater consistent involvement in scripture teaching to school children.
- Become a facilitator of employment between local business and those looking for employment .

A Commission Focused Church – Missions

- To see a Church where we can help meet needs within our local community e.g.. through the Pantry and other areas of Community Engagement
- Strategy
- Intentional in a consistent involvement and Contribution in Local Missions to Religious Education, UCB, Alphacrucis University, ACL, Gideon's & various Pottsville Support Groups
- Intentional in our partnership and contributions to help people in our current projects in India & Africa and other countries God wants us involved in the future



Proverbs 16:9 NLT



- “We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.”
- I said this last year What we didn't know : how hard the work surface in Pottsville was
- But what is hard for man is not hard for God no matter how hard the surface is –we can still bear fruit





Vision demands a bit of stubborn persistence
and perseverance –a pushing through from the
underneath or inside



My Challenges for 2019

- Personally get more connected into this community
- Create a culture of Soul Winning and Disciple Making
- “If we want to see people saved ,we got to share Jesus”
- Continue to Pray for and believe God for our own freehold property in Pottsville (convert our \$120 k into a facility)
- Prioritise the appointment of a Children’s Church and leader /Director (if need be on a paid capacity)
- Empower new Connect Group Leaders at least another 3
- Develop this church into a multigenerational church
(Seniors, Middle Aged, Young, Children and Toddlers)
- Ps Alan and Vanie to recruit a Generational Pastoral Couple with a view of them initially helping us and then becoming our future successors

My (you) Part



- Align yourself to the Vision of this Church
- Make “this” or “Alan and Vanies ” Church “My Church”
- Move from being merely interested to thoroughly committed
- Ask not what my church can do for me but what I can do for my church
- Get a vision for the value of people in this community
- Understand that God loves all the people in this community but needs you to be a living expression of that love as his hands and feet
- Know that your life has purpose and but in order for you to discover that purpose you have to use the gifts and talents God has given you
- Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty if you are called upon .
- Bring your tithes and offerings into Gods house so we can do more
- Pray for God to give you a passion for Him and the church

The Benefits of us Making a Real Difference here

- We will personally enjoy a quality life of abundance
- We will see our families radically changed and overcome defeat
- We will help move people from the clutches of the devil to the blessings of God in whom only there is great fulfilment and hope
- We will see healings ,miracles and the likes so people don't have to live in unnecessary pain and suffering
- We will see individuals ,families and businesses prosper in this community and live joyous and happy lives
- We will see great growth and wealth in this community because everybody will love Potty and who wouldn't want to live here

Seasons of Life

- This will be our 11 th year as Pastor's of this Church
- God works in order and systems
- 4 different seasons: **Spring, Summer, Autumn , Winter**
- Each is needed, each is important, each has its own character and uniqueness, but yet as a whole they make life much more sustainable and beautiful
- Our church also is going through the seasons of life
- Personally we will never ask you to do what we ourselves won't do
- If we lead with moral and scriptural authority, accountability , fairness and empathy we know we will have your support
- To me sometimes it seems like one long winter – some of my colleagues seem like having endless summers and springs.
- However 3 things are clear :
God is still in Control
Jesus is still the answer
We got a lot of work still to do



Summary of our Vision Statement



Our Mission (Why are we Here?)

Here to Make a Real Difference!

Our Vision (What are we trying to achieve?)

To go to all people and make them disciples and true followers of Jesus.

Our Culture (How do we do things here?)

To RELATE closely with God and all people and to SHARE the good news of His love; to BUILD teams of people working together to DO things that will make a real difference for the good of all people in our community, our nation and the world.

Values that Define Us

(What are the things that are important to us as a Church?)

- Celebration Service on Sundays
- Connect Groups Participation
- Community Emphasis & Integration
- Centre of Learning & Empowerment
- Commission Focus



Request a Copy of this or how else will you remember what our Vision is



- THANK YOU
- I want to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you
- I want to say thank you to our governance members in the Board ,Eldership
- I want to say thank you to those in the C Team who come in week after week to serve in sometimes mundane roles
- I want to say thank you for your prayers help and support for the 10 years
- I want to say thank you to those who have encouraged Vanie and I when we were down
- I want to say thank you for staying in the game when it looks like no one is coming to church
- I want to say thank you to all who contribute financially in tithes and missions giving
- I want to say thank you to Jesus who is 'Building his Church in Pottsville and the gates of Hell will never bring her down
- I want to say as we hear so often : “The Best is yet to come “ in Jesus name

