

OUR PLANS & PRAYERS FOR 2017

Our plans & prayers have long-term vision as well as short-term steps. By praying through these things as a church, we have particular yearly goals in focus for 2017.

We plan and pray...

1. To train Members in Bible-focused ministry, (our conviction is that "every-member ministry" means everyone is in word ministry, Ephesians 4:11-16 style). To do this by:
 - a. Train 6 new Grow Group leaders
 - b. To see all members of Reforming engaged in a Grow Group
 - c. Plant two new Grow Groups going into 2018
 - d. Train & send 5 preachers in the Expounders Group
 - e. Train two part-time Ministry Apprentices in 2017, and prepare to fund and train one more full-time Ministry Apprentice in 2018
2. To see our community connect with Jesus and His church
 - a. Employ a paid Connect Coach (2 days/week), to serve by coordinating this ministry and training Ministry Apprentices in this ministry in a dedicated capacity
 - b. Pre-evangelistic events specific to men and women
 - c. Host community events such as a Community Picnic and Community Carols
 - d. Run the Life Course once every season of Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring
 - e. To see tens of people saved this year through the gospel mission & ministry of *Reforming*
3. To serve in partnership with churches in our Presbytery
 - i. Link with Pyramid Hill via Media and Pastoral Care
 - ii. Encourage churches in our Presbytery to be equipped via sharing in our Expounders Group
4. To be a self-sustaining church
 - a. Meet our financial requirements without external assistance
 - b. All members giving generously (10% as a guide) to the work of the gospel in Reforming Church
 - c. To see 15 new people become members
5. To be a generous church
 - a. Give 10% of our God-given resources to the following areas:
 - i. Local gospel mission: AFES Bendigo (Christian Union on Campus)
 - ii. Domestic gospel mission: The Geneva Push (Australian Church Planting)
 - iii. International gospel mission: Missionaries (this was a short term missionary to India, TBC in the future)
 - iv. Mercy Ministries: Compassion Australia
 - b. Provide supply preaching for 10 sermons to other churches in our presbytery.

As we undertake these things, our aim is to serve with discipleship and training that is not so *intense* on our church, so that means we need to be *intentional* about how we serve. How do we measure things and make adjustments each year? What's the measure of this? It'll be by asking the question: 'Are we making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ?' Since we want to avoid mission drift, we will have seasonal re-vision Sunday's four times a year (Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring). Our new Annual Meeting as a congregation (on Reformation Sunday each year) will outline the new plans and prayers for our church going into 2018.

These are our plans and prayers as a church for 2017, as we focus on these priorities. Please be praying with us.

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