

LIVING OUT

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HERITAGE ALLIANCE CHURCH

VISION 2017

RESTORE, NURTURE, SERVE

Heritage Alliance Church is a growing and thriving community of believers, earnestly seeking a deeper, more passionate, walk with God.

HERE'S OUR VISION

We will glorify God by demonstrating and declaring Christ as we passionately seek to

Restore broken relationships with God and others

Nurture vibrant lives of Christian faith

Serve one another, our community and the world

through the power of the Holy Spirit, with much prayer and love.

THE VISION DEPENDS ON ALL OF US

The Vision for Heritage Alliance depends on each one of us committing to collectively live out these three principles each and every day.

ABOUT THIS VISION

In May 2012 the Elders came together to reflect upon the vision of Heritage to Restore, Nurture, and Serve. They identified four pathways for growth, which emphasize our passionate commitment to draw closer to God. These four pathways will guide us over the next five years, so that everyone who gathers here will feel a deep connection with the Spirit and with each other.

It is our mission and responsibility to consistently communicate and evaluate this vision in our own lives and in the life of the church, so we can passionately reflect God's love to each other, to our community and to the world.

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Tim MacIntosh
SENIOR PASTOR
Heritage Alliance Church

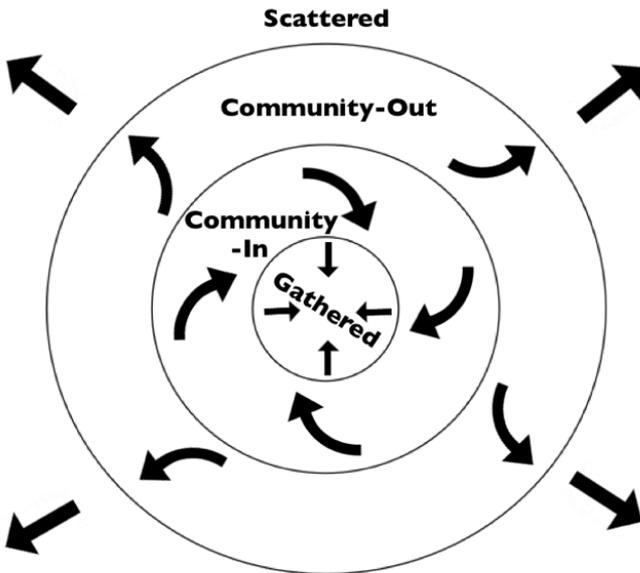
OUR CHURCH IS MADE UP OF A SERIES OF CONCENTRIC CIRCLES:

The first circle speaks to our *gathered* life – purposely, we come together to exalt God, to experience Him and to edify one another.

The second circle speaks to *community-in* – the Lord intends to use us in one another’s lives to nurture faith, deepen understanding, care for the broken, rejoice with the joyful, strengthen relationships and release gifts.

The third circle speaks to *community-out* – together, as Christ’s Body, we actively seek to share and live the good news of Christ in such a way that people experience healing and salvation.

The outer circle speaks to our *scattered* life – we continue to live our calling as the Body of Christ while out in the world – at home, at work, in community and in relationships.



A PRAYING PEOPLE

ROMANS 12:12 *“Be ... faithful in prayer.”*

Heritage Alliance Church will be a people immersed and energized by unceasing prayer and communion with our Father.

WE WILL BE A PRAYERFUL CHURCH BY:

- Passionately participating in opportunities to pray and draw closer to the Spirit – beginning with Sunday services but extending to weekly events and more personal opportunities to be in communion with God
- Providing more private prayer opportunities after Sunday morning services
- Making intercessory prayer a focal point of each one of our ministries
- Encouraging and strengthening existing prayer by growing the number of prayer groups
- Increasing Prayer Chain involvement, training more prayer team members and regularly communicating specific needs to these groups so they may pray unceasingly.

BY 2017, IT IS OUR GOAL:

To increase the number of people actively involved in ongoing, regular intercessory prayer within the Church.

To see prayers answered and the Spirit of God revealed in healing and in being a healthy, vibrant church.

I will contribute by...

A WORSHIPPING CHURCH

1 PETER 2:9 “... *you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood ... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*”

Heritage Alliance Church will be a gathered people, a congregation fully engaged in a constant state of worship through the leading of the Spirit – so that God may be increasingly exalted and experienced, to the edification of the Body of Christ.

WE WILL BE A WORSHIPPING CHURCH BY:

- Continually re-envisioning Heritage’s understanding of worship
- Encouraging more visible and audible engagement in worship
- Ensuring more consistent intercessory prayer before services
- Spotting, recruiting, mentoring, training and commissioning new worship team members and leaders
- Providing continuous training and guidance to worship teams to help them seek a deeper spiritual connection through their worship
- Nurturing worship through arts and the creative spirit.

BY 2017, IT IS OUR GOAL:

To have thriving intergenerational services of worship.

To have consistent excellence of music, preaching, fellowship and care.

To have greater visible and audible engagement of congregation through worship and prayer.

To have 20-30 people seeking prayer after each service.

To hear greater reports of people meeting with God and being built up.

I will contribute by...

A CHURCH OF DISCIPLES

EPHESIANS 4:15 “... *we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*”

Heritage Alliance Church will be a congregation of people who are journeying together in knowing and living for Christ in every arena of life.

WE WILL PROVIDE DISCIPLESHIP BY:

- Establishing biblically anchored and intentional pathways of growth for everyone, in order to equip them and guide them in their day to day lives
- Establishing and implementing a vision for growth through existing ministries, including Small Groups, Alpha and other church ministries
- Evaluating and implementing new opportunities for fellowship and ministry and emphasizing the centrality of meaningful relationships among our community of believers

BY 2017, IT IS OUR GOAL:

To be a congregation of people who live the Christian life well, according to the pattern of Ephesians 4:14-16, as evidenced by: maturity, grounding in faith, Christlikeness, and speaking and living the truth with love.

To see increasing growth in baptisms, membership, giving, numbers of people intentionally engaged in ministry and service.

I will contribute by...

AN EVANGELIZING CHURCH

MARK 16:15 *“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”*

Heritage Alliance Church will serve the community faithfully and will regularly see people come to faith in Christ through its people and ministries (in our neighbourhood, city and beyond)

WE WILL FOCUS ON EVANGELISM BY:

- Running multiple Alpha ministries, including Alpha on Campus, Pre-Marriage Course, Marriage Course, Parenting Course
- Regularly celebrating people coming to faith and being baptized
- Encouraging outreach through such events as Drop-In Soccer, Pioneer Clubs, Oasis, Parking Lot Party, and ESL Programs
- Committing to interact with members of the community through prayer, assistance, friendship and as God directs
- Continuing to partner with congregational members invested in external ministries in the community
- Continue to participate in Alliance Missions through support of the Global Advance Fund and participation in Seamless Link
- Promoting regular missions trips to various foreign locations
- Developing a Global Alpha Training ministry

BY 2017, IT IS OUR GOAL:

To see people coming to faith regularly (daily, weekly, monthly)

To be a congregation that is a multicultural mosaic, reflective of our neighbourhood

To see missions funding at 20% of Church budget

To see teams going out regularly to engage in short-term mission in the world “beyond”

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