



Hughes Baptist Church

Love one another

2018 PLAN

What are we going
to **f**  **cus** on in 2018



CHURCH IS

[WHO] WE ARE

NOT JUST WHAT WE DO

SO, this year let's follow **JESUS'** command

and

'LOVE ONE ANOTHER'

by

'Loving God with all your heart, soul and mind

and

loving your neighbour as yourself'

JOHN 13:34-35 & Matthew 22

Jesus compels us to **love**...

He said, '**love** one another as I have
loved YOU'.

To show love...

some things might need to change.

Each of us might need to adjust
what we do or how we **THINK**...



Jesus asked the Ephesus church to adjust, even in their hardships.

‘you have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken **the love** you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first!’

Revelation 2:4

SO LET'S DO THE THINGS WE DID AT FIRST

These are our 4 priorities for 2018:

LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART, SOUL AND MIND

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF

1. PRAYER

We will pray together more, so that we listen to God and stay on track together.

2. DISCIPLESHIP

We will continue the strong emphasis on discipleship: on teaching, on bible study groups and learning opportunities.

3. COMMUNITY

Our ministries will be purposefully inclusive, focused on knowing one another, encouraging one another, supporting one another and reaching out to the community around us.

4. LOCAL MISSION


It's clear that people want to be involved in more local missions. Part of being a church is serving our Canberra community together.

AND LET'S LOVE ONE ANOTHER





Things heard from God's people since the Exodus!	Showing love at Hughes Baptist
<p>Why don't THEY run this better or do this or that? (opinion and negativity) (Exodus 16:2; Numbers 14:2)</p>	<p>They are volunteers doing the best they can with their time, using God's gifts as he gave them. Encourage and build each other up. (1 Thessalonians 5:11-15)</p>
<p>This is what I want/my groups wants or needs. (Exodus)</p>	<p>We are doing things <u>together</u> for other people, especially the local community, not looking to our own interests. A caring, supportive church family. (Acts 2:42)</p>
<p>She said that to me, he did this to me, I'm offended. (2 Corinthians 12:20)</p>	<p>It is to one's glory to overlook an offence. (Proverbs 19:11) Be reconciled.</p>
<p>Why don't the young people/the old people/the middle age people do more? (James 5:9)</p>	<p>Everyone is serving as God has called them and put service on their hearts. Encourage and build each other up. (1 Thessalonians 5:11-15).</p>

JOSHUA TOLD THE ISRAELITES

**'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you'.
(Joshua 3:5)**



Let's adjust, show love, and watch Jesus do **amazing** things among us.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1)

We too can adjust because we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

OUR GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

From the congregation's post it notes	From the congregation's post it notes
In this time of transition – which is God's plan for us – it's a perfect opportunity to...reflect and take time to understand what God wants for each of us, the incredible power of us working as a team, living out our gifts and talents would be amazing.	When I was asking the Lord about church the other day, I had a clear scripture come to mind: 'The third time he said to him, Simon, son of John, do you love me? Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the 3rd time, 'Do you love me'? He said, Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you.' Jesus said 'feed my sheep'.
To listen quietly, to act boldly, to pray always	[from a child] I like God because he helps us and we need it. He tells us the right thing to do.
God says 'have faith in me – I am in control' Our response: 'Lord, I believe that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us'.	A church without walls, i.e. going out into the community, loving and making disciples.
People of prayer and unity. Really caring. Holy people. Giving up our desires for Christ's to the betterment and encouragement of His people.	I am a visitor: I think that this Church should stay strong and rejoice in the wonderful work it is currently doing in the community.

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Be committed to spiritual disciplines that help you grow in your personal relationship with God and become more like Jesus, like:

- regular prayer
- daily bible reading
- worshipping and worshipping with others
- bible study with others

YOU AND GOD

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Distribution of weekly prayer points.
- Increase our participation in corporate prayer life
- Prayer nights – 5 planned for the year
- SPOT Prayer – Specific Prayer at Opportune Times
- Prayer before and after services

PRAY TOGETHER

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

- Weekly dynamic worship services x 2 but 'one church' attitude
- Joint worship services a few times a year
- Lighthouse Kids (for children)
- Edge and Thrive (for Youth)
- Life groups (bible studies) weekly/fortnightly – need someone to coordinate
- Increase in informal mentoring. Need someone to coordinate. Also need someone to coordinate the pathways and development of new Christians.
- For seekers and new Christians: Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored
- Easter: Karl Faas National Bible study
- Easter: Stations of the Cross interactive display
- Interim Pastor, Elders and others available for faith questions

BE DISCIPLES

Learn from God's word together and encourage and build one another up

If you love me, keep my commands.

John 14:15

'We want to see people transferred out of the Kingdom of Darkness and into the Kingdom of light'.

– said by a ministry leader

- Care worker and team – join in to help others
- Referral to professional counselling for personal difficulties
- Pastoral visits, including visits to aged care homes and shut-ins
- Individuals encouraged to practice love for each other through small group or personal fellowship

CREATE COMMUNITY

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

My command is this: love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12

- Lunches/picnics/gatherings for all, and then some events specifically for women or men
- Mystery Tour/s (not restricted to seniors or just church people)
- Gingerbread House/man cave building night
- Occasional fun nights for Youth (if someone steps up to organise)
- Senior's Friendship Group
- Senior's Lunch (November)
- Training in leadership of volunteers
- And more...

CREATE COMMUNITY

Be the 'church' together throughout the week

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

- See under 'Care' above for meals provided, as well as care hampers
- **Christian Education In Schools (CEIS)**
- **Kids' Hope** — Hughes Primary School — supporting children who need a little extra help to grow in confidence and well-being
- **Afternoon teas for Hughes Primary School** parents and staff. With extra help we'd like to expand our support of Malkara and Garran Primary schools.
- **Bubs & Us** — support play group for Canberra babies and mums — group has a good relationship with Embassy families
- **Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade** — most children attending don't go to our church or don't attend any church
- **Aged Care homes services**
- **Easter — Stations of the Cross** – sharing the gospel through immersive art
- **Support for Chaplains** in ACT Schools and Support for ANU Chaplain
- **Christianity Explored** — A short course for those wanting to understand Christian beliefs

BE MISSIONAL: Local mission

Sharing our love and
care beyond our walls in
Canberra

NATIONAL

- Bible Society Life Choices High School program
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Baptist ministries (eg. Christmas and Easter appeals)

INTERNATIONAL

- **Global Interaction:** We support the Yaow people, one of the least reached people groups in the world. To do this, we support cross-cultural workers –The Crane Family, the GIA Dictionary Project, the Falconer family, the Goods Family.
- **Wycliffe Bible Translation:** Matthew and Andrea Torrens in Papua New Guinea
- **Persecuted Church: Open Doors** — materials and bibles and support for people serving Jesus where Christianity is not welcome.
- **Bright Hope Mission Uganda** – providing hope for Orphans through care and education.
- **Operation Christmas Child** — packing of shoeboxes with specific materials for children.

BE MISSIONAL SHARING YOUR GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES WITH NATIONAL AND International missions

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

How we'll support our **four priorities**

In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. 2 Chronicles 31:21

Worship Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation by all age groups in dynamic services• Joint services between morning and evening• Service support continues to be participatory – bible readers, prayers, welcoming on doors, worship teams, announcements, video and sound production
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redo the website• Focus on messages delivered simultaneously through traditional (Hughes News, HNX, poster advertising, announcements etc.) and new media (website, Facebook, e-mail etc.) channels.• Communication of church policies that support people and their interactions

ENABLING FUNCTIONS continued

Other support functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church office – BAU and review of all policies; uploading to website and develop on-boarding info for new ministry leaders. Continue to innovate.• Morning tea for morning service; dinner/supper for evening service• Computer systems maintained• Facilities: building and gardens maintenance – finish building, find a ministry leader.
Pastoral Searches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking for Senior Pastor and Youth Pastor (urgent for youth support).
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe Church – continued vigilance to remain compliant. There will be a Baptist Union Audit of church safe church compliance.• AGMs/Church meetings – we are a church of congregational governance by members of the church.• Elders – Board – Ministry Leaders – church leadership team: Ministry Leaders meet bi-monthly; the Board meets monthly, the Elders meet regularly. They are responsible to the congregation; they will report outcomes of meetings.• Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) – Board and office role; all to be vigilant.

AGAIN, our 4 priorities for 2018:

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HOW WILL WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER?


Learn to love each other, support each other.

Be different to the culture around us in the way we interact with each other.

How will you change?

What could you do? Some ideas...

All people	Children	Youth	Mid-lifers	Seniors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunches, picnics and events. • Gingerbread House/man cave building night • Training in leadership (of volunteers) • Be in a multi-generational bible study group • Be involved in care • Be involved in local missions • Teach in 'Lighthouse Kids' or help in 'Bubs and Us' • Help with enabling services (see below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 'All people' • Prayer – kids can pray too. • Bubs & Us • Lighthouse Kids • We want to include children more in services • Kids can help with local missions too 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 'All people' above • Get in a multi-generational bible study group (see discipleship) • Care for someone or get involved in a local mission, or both! • Occasional fun nights (we'd like to increase the frequency of these, if someone steps up to organise) • Girls' and Boys' Brigade • We want to include youth more in services, music teams etc. Step up! • Help with enabling services (see below) • We are looking for a Youth Pastor (sense of urgency known) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 'All people' • Get in a bible study group and learn from others' faith • Disciple someone else by being a mentor to a new Christian or a youth finding their way • Help with caring for all generations, including seniors • Get involved in a local mission • Teach in Lighthouse Kids • Help with the enabling services (see below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 'All people' • Be in a bible study group as you continue to grow in faith • Pray with the church • Specific care is provided for the Seniors but be involved in care of all generations. • Disciple someone by being a mentor • Friendship Group • Seniors Lunch (November) • Visits to aged care homes and shut ins as needed



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