



Calvin Community Church

growing people, growing people

Introducing...

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These pages contain some very basic information about Calvin. You will get a much better understanding by looking at the web site, www.calvin.org.nz

Mission Statement

Our Mission is...

Helping People Follow Jesus

- Worshipping God
- Caring for each other
- Becoming like Jesus
 - Serving others
- Sharing the Good News

Catch phrase

Growing people, growing people

The Five Purposes of the Church

- **Worship:** expressing our love for God, praising Him, enjoying His presence.
- **Fellowship:** belonging to a family, and doing the things families do – caring for each other, sharing our lives and our possessions, having fun...
- **Discipleship:** the process of helping people to become more like Christ in their thoughts, feelings and actions.
- **Ministry:** demonstrating God's love to others by meeting their needs and healing their hurts in the name and power of Jesus. Ministry is about serving.
- **Outreach:** sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in a way that encourages people to make the choice to trust Him and serve Him.

The Calvin Vision

Our vision is to be a church family that is

- 1. Committed to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord**
2. Wholehearted and enthusiastic in worshipping God
- 3. Empowered by the infilling of the Holy Spirit**
4. Prayerful, able to hear the voice of God and willing to obey especially when that requires faith in God.
- 5. Committed to living obedient, God-honouring, holy lives**
6. Caring, supportive, generous and encouraging
- 7. United behind a clear vision**
8. Meeting regularly in small groups where members are cared for and encouraged to grow as "doers of the word"
- 9. Growing to spiritual maturity and depth and regularly exercising the spiritual disciplines, especially prayer and the study of the Bible.**
10. Keen to see members grow in knowledge, character and skills
- 11. Encouraging all members to discover and use their God-given spiritual gifts**
12. Serving the community through relevant and effective ministries
- 13. Passionate about reaching the lost with the gospel and making disciples, in this community and the world, and willing to sacrifice for that to happen**
14. Constantly growing in numbers
- 15. Known and respected in the community**
16. Well led by strong, gifted leaders who serve, and empower members in their discipleship
- 17. Well resourced, having the facilities, equipment and resources that maximise mission effectiveness**
18. Structured so that decision-making and action are streamlined and in a way that serves the mission of the church
- 19. A healing community where people are loved and accepted and where lives are transformed by the power of God.**

Calvin's Core Values

We believe God wants us to be...

- **Biblical**
- **Purposeful**
- **Encouraging**
a people who constantly encourage one another and who are uncomfortable with criticism!
- **Growing**
individually (to maturity)
corporately (to maturity and in numbers)
- **In the world**
visible, effectively meeting real needs, loving and accepting
- **Not of the world**
distinctive, holy
- **Missionary-minded**
putting others needs for salvation before our own needs
- **Supernaturally empowered**
- **A family and a team**
with all that means for relationships
- **All involved**
every member ministry
- **Real and Realistic**
people of authenticity and integrity, and concerned with truth not wishful thinking

Our Beliefs

The following is a statement of faith that we would happily subscribe to.

We believe in...

- one sovereign God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- the divine inspiration of Holy Scripture, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct
- Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God - conceived of the Holy Spirit, became man, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sins, rose bodily from the dead, is now exalted at the right hand of the Father
- the sinfulness of all human beings, and our individual need for salvation
- the loving grace of God, to be received through faith in Jesus
- the need for the Holy Spirit to bring us to repentance, faith, and new life, and to transform and empower us
- the universal Church, the body of Christ, to which all true believers belong
- the call to all believers to live a holy life, in obedience to God
- the responsibility of the Church to proclaim the Good News of Christ to a lost world, and to serve others in his name
- the return of Jesus, and in eternal life for all who belong to him