



# Vision & Mission

RIVERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

*of Christian Brethren*

WE ARE HERE TO GLORIFY GOD  
BY CONNECTING PEOPLE  
WITH CHRIST JESUS AND EACH OTHER  
*Believe      Belong      Become*  
IN CHRIST   TO CHRIST   LIKE CHRIST

Our mission as a church is to be actively involved in *evangelism* (Believe), *fellowship* (Belong), and *discipleship* (Become) that will result in *worship*. Then our vision to glorify God will be fulfilled.

## Our Strategic Goal

Like the experience of the early Church (Acts 9:31) the strategic goal of Riverstone Community Church is to grow the church in both a spiritual and numerical sense by:

- connecting people with Christ through the development of a real, authentic and growing faith,
- connecting with the community in a relevant and appealing way, and then,
- connecting people with each other in meaningful and caring relationships.

In order to grow the church in both a spiritual and numerical sense the elders have concluded that the church needs to focus on:

- fostering loving and close Relationships with God and each other
- creating a continuing environment of Discipleship
- developing greater Prayerfulness
- formulating more effective Evangelism
- stewardship of the Church facilities
- improving church Ministries
- creating more inspiring Services / Worship
- enhancing Pastoral care
- making ongoing improvements to the Leadership

# Our Identity & Values

We connect people to God and each other by being a:

- **Biblical Church,** because Jesus is Truth<sup>[1]</sup> and the church is to be a pillar and foundation of the truth<sup>[2]</sup>, and God's Word is Truth<sup>[3]</sup>
- **Loving, Social Church,** because God is Love<sup>[4]</sup> and Christ loves the church<sup>[5]</sup>
- **Pastoral Church,** because Jesus is the Chief Shepherd<sup>[6]</sup> who has appointed under shepherds to care for His flock<sup>[7]</sup>
- **Prayerful Church,** because Jesus as the Great High Priest lives to intercede for us<sup>[8]</sup> and call us pray on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests<sup>[9]</sup>
- **Spiritual Church,** because Jesus is Holy and calls His church to be holy<sup>[10]</sup>
- **Worshipful Church,** because Jesus is Lord<sup>[11]</sup> and seeks worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and truth<sup>[12]</sup>
- **Missional Church,** because Jesus came to seek and save the lost<sup>[13]</sup> and calls us to ake disciples of all nations<sup>[14]</sup>

[1] John 14:6

[4] 1 John 4:16

[7] Acts 20:28

[10] 1 Peter 1:15

[13] Luke 19:10

[2] 1 Tim 3:15

[5] Ephesians 5:25

[8] Hebrews 7:25

[11] Philippians 2:11

[14] Matthew 19:28

[3] John 17:17

[6] 1 Peter 5:4

[9] Ephesians 6:18

[12] John 4:23-24