



Riverstone Community Church

Vision and Mission

Our Vision

WE ARE HERE TO GLORIFY GOD
by connecting people with Jesus Christ and each other

Our Mission

BELIEVE	BELONG	BECOME
in Christ	to Christ	like Christ

Our desire as a church is that every person that we connect with will move through the simple **process** of *believing*, *belonging* and *becoming* like Christ. Our **mission** as a church is to be actively involved in *evangelism* (Believe), *fellowship* (Belong), and *discipleship* (Become), culminating in *worship* that brings glory God.

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 leaders have made a commitment to help the church 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***,
- 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* (John 14:6), the church is to be a *pillar and foundation of the truth* (1 Tim 3:15), and God's Word is *truth* (John 17:17).
- **Loving, Social Church,**
 - because *God is Love* (1 John 4:16) and Christ *loves the church* (Eph 5:25).
- **Pastoral Church,**
 - because Jesus is the *Chief Shepherd* (1 Peter 5:4) who has appointed under *shepherds to care for His flock* (Acts 20:28).
- **Prayerful Church,**
 - because Jesus as the Great High Priest *lives to intercede for us* (Heb 7:25) and calls us to *pray on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests* (Eph 6:18).
- **Spiritual Church,**
 - because *Jesus is Holy and calls His church to be holy* (1 Peter 1:15).
- **Worshipful Church,**
 - because *Jesus is Lord* (Phil. 2:11) and *seeks worshippers who worship Him in spirit and truth* (John 4:23-24).
- **Missional Church,**
 - because Jesus came to *seek and save the lost* (Luke 19:10) and calls us to *make disciples of all nations* (Matt 19:28).