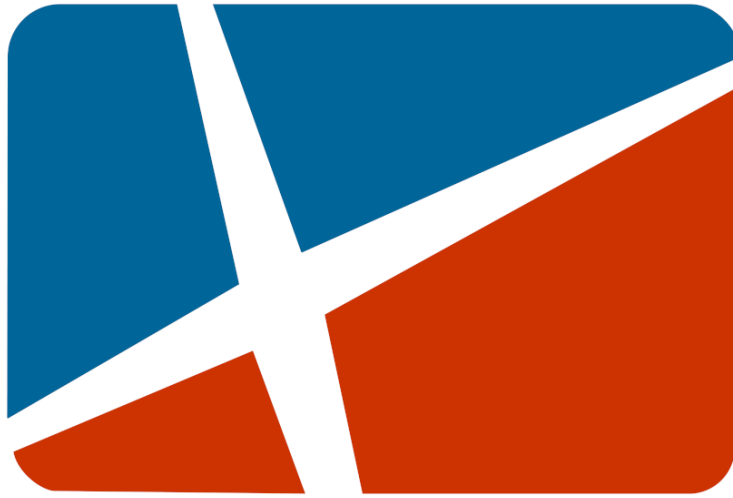


MISSION AND VISION OVERVIEW



**MOUNT ISA
BAPTIST CHURCH**

2022-2026

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VISION

We recognise that the vision of gospel centered congregations around the globe is the same. Namely, those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus are to bring Him glory. The primary way churches do this is by demonstrating the love of Jesus, through our love to each other (John 13:35). Therefore, we gather together to sing praises, offer prayer, hear his Word, and care for one another, serving side by side so that Jesus may be worshipped as the true King, here in Mount Isa, and to the ends of the earth.

We also acknowledge that churches have contextual challenges and opportunities, and therefore this document endeavours to provide a vision of how Mount Isa Baptist Church can effectively minister in its unique location.

We recognise that within the Bible we do see examples of strategic gospel missions (I.e., Rom. 15:22-29). We also acknowledge that God's purposes will prevail regardless of our plans (Prov. 19:21)

OBJECTIVES AND MISSION¹

The objectives of the Church shall be to glorify God as we:

- a. Impact the world with the Gospel.
- b. Build up the body through the Word of God.
- c. Promote family fellowship, unity and care.
- d. Train Christians in leadership; the exercising of their spiritual gifts; and the development of their God-given abilities.

We have chosen the following phrase to sum up our mission:

"Local Church, Regional Footprint, Global Impact."

This mission statement reflects the strategy of Acts 1:8, and the commitment to have an gospel impact locally, regionally and globally.

¹ These objective and mission statements are taken from the constitution.

VISION STATEMENT

In light of our vision and mission we therefore...

➤ ENVISION A STRONG AND HEALTHY LOCAL CHURCH

We will endeavour to have a strong and healthy local church congregation that has at its core, a passion for the glory of God². To this end, We will observe those duties to which scripture demands of us, namely, a concern for preaching, sound theology, the gospel, conversion, evangelism, church membership, church discipline, discipleship and growth, and the appointment of qualified church leadership.³

We will support the task, through generous financial support⁴, effective administration, and provision of facilities that are welcoming, functional and well maintained.

➤ *ENVISION AN EFFECTIVE REGIONAL FOOTPRINT*

We will endeavour to have a strong regional footprint in North-West Queensland. We trust that our passion for God would extend outward and be evident as we seek the welfare of our city and region.⁵

We recognise that our resources and unique location bear with them the responsibility to be mindful of the towns and communities in our region. We will therefore consider appropriate ways to resource and serve these locations.

➤ *ENVISION HAVING AN ACTIVE GLOBAL IMPACT*

We envision having a global impact, by sending out and supporting missionaries and appropriate global christian needs⁶.

² Revelation 4:8,11

³ Dever, Mark, and Joshua Harris. 2004. Nine Marks of a Healthy Church. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.

⁴ 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

⁵ Jeremiah 29:7

⁶ Regional & Global witness - Acts 1:8

CORE VALUES

Or three areas of mission, local, regional and global, therefore inform our activities and our budget.

LOCAL CHURCH		<i>PRACTICAL GOALS</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Church⁷ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take seriously those duties which have been given to the church by Christ and his apostles to observe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generous financial giving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide multiple avenues to give.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Administration, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate our process and systems on a regular basis to ensure that we are using the most efficient methods. • Communicate effectively • Utilise systems and processes so that we can effectively serve, care and communicate to our congregation and community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Maintenance and development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify areas of the facility that are in need of maintenance, plan, budget and action accordingly. • Carry out facility and maintenance plan as approved at the 2020 AGM
REGIONAL FOOTPRINT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource and serve regional communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage congregation into ‘Religious Instruction’ at local schools • Provide resources and practical help to regional communities as needed • Engage with, pray for and encourage our members of parliament • Seek the welfare of the city⁸ 		
GLOBAL IMPACT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Missionaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support congregants who want to serve in the capacity of missions. • Holistically support our missionaries. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support issues of Christian concern 	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptist World Aid, Global Interaction. 		

⁷ The Healthy Church core values have been adapted from “Dever, M., & Harris, J. (2004). Nine marks of a healthy church. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.”

⁸ Jeremiah 29:7