

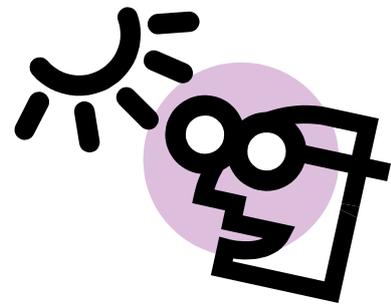
**Bethany Trinity
Presbyterian Church**

Looking forward to the future with joy and confidence

With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4



Handbook 2014

BTPC plans for 2014

1. Looking forward to the future with joy and confidence



This year we will be learning from books of God's word both from the Old and New Testament which have a future orientation. Based on your feedback and the planning of the leaders, we will be studying the book of Hebrews as well as 2 minor prophets from the Old Testament – Amos and Zephaniah. We will also be studying the Epistle to the Philippians.

The year will also have several topical sermons on doctrine, Christian living and questions that Christians and non-Christians struggle with.

We will also be having breaks in our Bible study program to allow church members and regular attenders to attend the Project Timothy talks in March and August. Project Timothy have planned for Don Carson to be preaching through the book of Nehemiah in March and Michael Lawrence to be preaching on how to read the Bible in August.

2. Prayer

We will continue to encourage everyone to pray more both individually and together as God's people. To this end, we will continue to promote and improve our monthly prayer meetings. We will also have our mission's prayer meetings.



3. Evangelism

We will be encouraging evangelism throughout the year both in our big meetings and also within Bible studies and individually.



We are planning for a visit by staff and students from Trinity Theological College, Perth Western Australia before Easter. We plan to have them partner with us to

have an evangelism week both in our small and big groups. This will culminate in our Good Friday service.

At the end of the year, we will also have a sneaking suspicion series of talks addressing common misunderstandings and questions that non-Christians have. This will lead into the Christmas talks.

We will also continue to have Christianity explored classes after services at church throughout the year.

4. Faith@home ministry

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6



The Bible says that the home is one of the most important and influential settings for building up Christian men and women. Mum and Dad are the most important people in passing on a living faith in Jesus Christ to their children. In fact, research has shown that the home and parents are 2 to 3 times more influential than any church program or person in passing on a lifelong faith to their children.

In an effort of help parents better shape and lead their children in faith, we will be having parenting workshops and providing tools for parents at church in conjunction with the children's church and youth groups. These will be held during the Bible study free weeks.

5. Men's ministry

²Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance... ⁶Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. ⁷In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. Titus 2

Working in tandem with our women's ministry, we will be kicking off a ministry focusing on building up the men in our church.

6. MOSAIC ministry

²Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. ³Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. ⁴Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Titus 2

¹Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, ²older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. 1 Timothy 5

The MOSAIC ministry will continue to try to encourage, exhort and bring the good news of Jesus Christ to our senior relatives, friends and neighbours. We hope that this would be a wonderful platform especially for reaching out to the senior members around us.

Our Objective

The **salvation** of souls and the **edification** of Christians through the teaching of God's word and the preaching of the gospel

Our Commitment

To **love** God and **glorify** our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit by

- **Building** each other up in **God's word**;
- **Serving** one another in love;
- **Being united in praying**;
- **Proclaiming** the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

1. **Growing in God's word:**
To provide effective **Christian education** in the Word of God to equip members of every age for holy living.
2. **Growing together in serving God and one another:**
To provide opportunities and an environment for members to **serve** with their God-given gifts and to grow spiritually.
3. **Going out with the gospel of Jesus Christ:**
To enable members to **share** the love of God, **proclaim** the Gospel and **win** lives for Him through personal outreach and caring ministries.

Our Doctrine

1. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, the Saviour of mankind and the only Mediator between God and men
2. We believe in the Scriptures of the old and new Testaments as the word verbally inspired of God and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
3. We believe in the Apostles' Creed which is the summary of common faith of the orthodox Church
4. We adopt the whole of the Westminster Confession of Faith

Our Obligations

1. We must pray earnestly and study the Bible, join in all the different meetings and services, especially keep the Lord's Day, and attend the Lord's Supper.
2. We must help in all the work of the Church and gladly perform good works.
3. We must do all we can to witness for the Lord, and also pay heed to leading our families and our children.
4. Inasmuch as the Church is the Lord's Body, in all matters in which members are involved we must exercise mutual love, not forming parties nor creating strife and thereby causing damage to the Church
5. We are responsible for supporting the Church's normal expenses and any special needs