

Brant Community Church

Vision and Strategy

None of us on the Leadership Team, here at BCC, would claim to have received an infallible picture of the future, but we do believe that forecasting and planning is part of the job that God has called us to.

What we would like to share with you is a fluid plan that is open to much more tinkering, but represents the unanimous and enthusiastic support of the whole team.

The Vision

Jesus said "... I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it. (Mt. 16:18)

We want to be a part of our Lord's building program.

The Strategy

Before Jesus sent his friends out on a kingdom-expanding mission he warned them saying, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. (Mt 10:16)

Our efforts at church building and kingdom expansion must be measured in terms of efficiency and effectiveness while remaining free from deception or coercion.

Therefore... BCC is committed to:

Innovative Ministry Expansion

Through:

1. Spiritual and numerical growth
2. Fostering new congregations
3. Cost effective facility acquisition
4. Shared resource centre
5. Co-operative ministries

1. Spiritual and Numerical growth

First and foremost our concern is for the health of this congregation. We expect God to continue to use the ministries and the relationships that reach out from BCC to draw others into a relationship with Him. As we continue to see growth in this church, our desire is that it would spill over into a second location.

2. Fostering New Congregations

The natural progression of church growth is the development of ministries that will not only address the needs of the church congregation, but also fulfill the Lord's commission to "go and make disciples". Just as we have children, youth, and adult ministries at BCC, we also are committed to a church planting ministry. We see this ministry as an extension of BCC, not one that results in a reduction of people and resources. This ministry, led by a team of BCC members who have felt God's call to church plant, will meet for the purpose of prayer, planning, and training, constantly seeking God's next step in establishing a new congregation. It is conceivable that we could witness the birth of two, three, or more such congregations in Brant County

3. Cost effective facility acquisition

Having researched the market in Brantford while considering the purchase of 65 George St. it has become evident that buying, not building is the best use of our ministry dollar. If God grants that we are able to plant new churches, we foresee these works being placed in facilities vacated by other congregations, or other existing buildings.

4. Shared Resource Center

Imagine three or four churches in close affiliation, working together from a common office building, perhaps with a gymnasium to be shared amongst the churches. An old school would be ideal for this kind of co-operative center. Working together in this way would very likely lead to...

5. Cooperative Ministries

Churches making use of each other's strengths, compensating for one another's weaknesses, not duplicating ministries, but interlocking to create a greater capacity for kingdom expansion than churches isolated unto themselves.

The bottom line is money going into ministry not into mortgages and the pursuit of health and growth with co-operation, not competition. God will lead us one step at a time. May we faithfully follow Him.



Our Mission
Transforming lives through the
love of Christ.

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Strategy
For
Growth