

Leaders Update



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Vision

Attracting Others

Growing Individuals

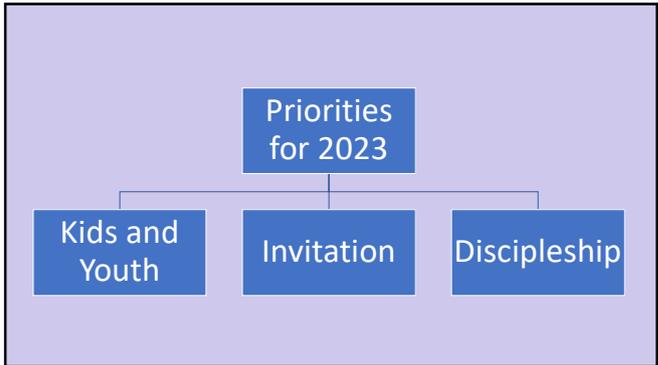
Sacrificially Serving

Changing Perspectives



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- _____ Prayer
- _____ Pastoral
- _____ Kids and Youth
- _____ Gathered Church
- _____ Discipleship
- _____ Invitation



Prayer and Communication

Acts 2

42: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43: Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.....

47b:And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Three Priorities

Praying together corporately

Sharpening our ability to listen to God

Smooth communication across the Church

Praying Together Corporately

Top Priority for all

Follow the example of the early church in Acts

Sharpening our ability to hear what God is saying to us

“Eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of PROPHECY”
(1 Corinthians 14:1)

Smooth Communication Across the Church

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1 Thessalonians 5: 16-17

“Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 6: 18

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”

**PASTORAL
CARE**

Our aim is to ensure that:

- Immanuel looks after members of the church family by responding to pastoral issues in a timely and effective manner.
- People know where to turn when they experience, or become aware of, pastoral needs.

In order to achieve our aims, we need:

- The entire church family to be aware of our structure and systems for administering pastoral activity, so that everyone knows what to do when issues arise.
- A coherent system for administering pastoral issues, with those involved having a full understanding of potential responses (e.g. phone calls, home visits, meal rotas, card/flowers, Giving and Sharing Fund, prayer chains)

Current Approach to Pastoral Care

- Key assumption is that the majority of pastoral care issues are addressed via Life Groups (or individual relationships within the church family)
- If further support is required, Peter and Jenny Evans are the main point of contact for the majority of routine pastoral care issues (Bereavements, illnesses, financial difficulties, loneliness)
- Pastoral care needs can also be referred directly to Paul Collins (or other members of the leadership team)
- For prayer support, John Manning co-ordinates the Prayer Warriors network, which enables members of the church family to provide consolidated prayer for issues both inside and outside our church

The intended outcome is to ensure a united church family where:

- People feel cared for and supported by other members of the family.
- People know where to turn when they experience, or become aware of, pastoral needs.

Community and OutreachOur aims are:

- To be evangelistic – having a loving and infectious faith in Jesus that attracts others;
- To make it easy for people to engage with Immanuel at every stage of their faith journey;
- To serve the wider community.

In order to achieve our aims we need:

- To be passionate about sharing our faith;
- To participate in the events and courses planned and invite our friends to join us;
- To initiate and support community outreach programmes.

The impact will be a church family that:

Is committed to reaching those outside the church and drawing them in to a relationship with Jesus;

Is aware of our responsibility to invite others to “come and see” how much God loves them;

Is supporting and caring for the local community with love, compassion and practical help.

Children, Youth and Families



Our aims are:

- to provide a warm, welcoming and fun environment for children and young people of all ages so that they feel valued members of the Immanuel Church family.
- to help children and young people to grow in their understanding of Jesus and to develop a personal relationship with him.

In order to achieve our aims we need:

- Regular family-orientated Sunday services where children and young people are encouraged to participate, e.g. in worship, prayers, bible readings, craft activities, refreshments, set-up, tech, etc.
- An age-appropriate programme of children and youth activities in church, e.g. when adults are listening to the sermon.
- An age-appropriate programme of out-of-church activities, e.g. youth evenings, kids' clubs, mums and toddlers, holiday club, social events, sports, etc.

The impact will be to create a united church family where:

- both younger and older families are attracted and can find a spiritual home at Immanuel.
- the members of our church know and care for our young people and support our Youth Leader to run an effective programme, e.g. Conker Club, Roots, Shoots, Deeper.
- older children are encouraged to take leadership roles.
- Immanuel Church models Christian values and faith in reaching out to the wider community, e.g. parenting courses at Bishop Luffa.

Gathered Church

- To always seek to deliver a warm and welcoming community.
- To be a place where people know they have something to contribute.
- To make the services not dependent on a few individuals.
- For our services always to represent our rooted in the Word and moving in the Spirit tradition.

Discipleship

- To train up passionate apprentices of Jesus.
- To develop individual's skills and giftings.
- To develop a way of life for the members of Immanuel.
- To focus on multiplication in Life groups and church planting.