

The Wide Angle (the fuller of picture of the church we're becoming)

We see a church that shapes and influences culture. A church where the frequency and magnitude of life change is so significant that it cannot be ignored.

We see a church that continually seeks God, like lungs seek air. A church where faith-filled prayer intersects with the power and will of God, and earth reflects heaven.

We see a church that communicates the Gospel so clearly in word, deed and sign that daily people are becoming followers of Jesus. A church that knows that the stakes we're dealing with are eternal and seeks to invest there.

We see a church that reflects God's heart for the nations. A church that desires to see God's kingdom grow beyond the borders of its own region, to our nation and the world.

We see a church that creatively engages senses and imaginations whenever and wherever it meets. A church where creativity honours God, inspires people and is released to be a blessing beyond its own boundaries.

We see a church where facilities overflow with the volume of people becoming followers of Jesus and enables creativity to be expressed with excellence.

We see a church that is renowned for its depth of love. A church of such irresistible acceptance and belonging that people are: drawn to it, changed by it, and begin to exhibit it.

We see a church that is a voice of hope to those who have none. A church where the marginalised, the broken, the crushed and the dejected are welcomed, empowered, find greater wholeness and are released to be a blessing to others.

We see a church that walks by faith. A church that laughs at complacency and where faith-based risks are taken because the hand of God is evident.

We see a church that is generous. A church that holds resources God has entrusted to us with an open hand and is a river of blessing to others.

We see a church where the generations join together to worship and serve God. A church that honours those who have gone before and the wisdom they bring, yet continues to connect in contemporary ways with this generation.

We see a church that is energized and excited by God's empowering presence. A church where enthusiasm and passion are the norm. A church where the sound of laughter echoes throughout our hallways.