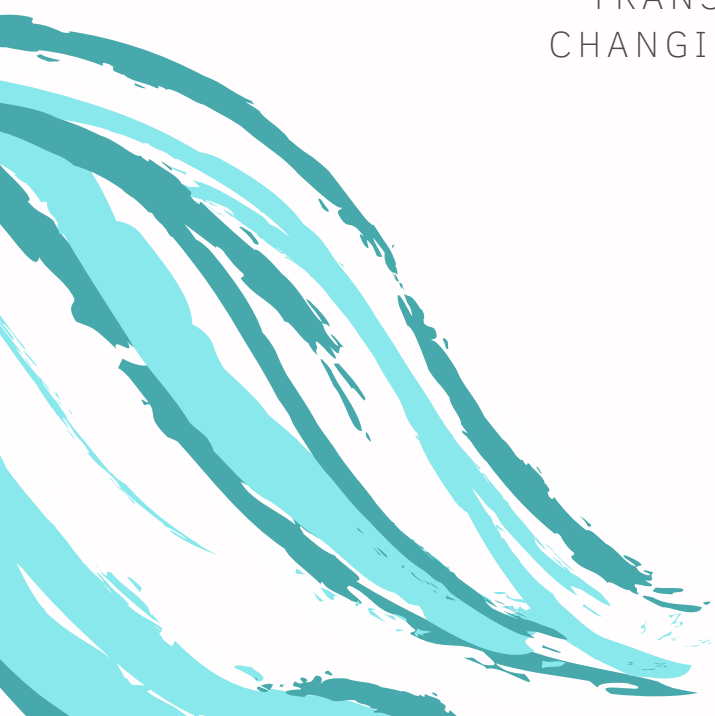


 Lighthouse Family Church

CULTURE OF LIGHTHOUSE

TRANSFORMING LIVES,
CHANGING COMMUNITIES



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VISION AND MISSION 01



Lighthouse Family Church is a self-governing church. We are a member church of CRC Churches International Australia.

Our Vision

Transforming lives, changing communities.

Our Mission

To create a church where people connect relationally, are equipped and empowered to be all God created them to be, and are released to be a light to their community.

Our Values

- God is always good
- Jesus' blood paid for everything
- I am an important part of God's family
- Nothing is impossible with God

For more information regarding the Ethos of CRC, refer to the Charter of CRC Churches International.



Culture of Lighthouse

Definition of “Culture:” The ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular people or society.

What is the culture of Lighthouse Family Church?

- Everyone is an important part of God's family at Lighthouse;
- Everyone has a role to play. God's Kingdom is unlimited and everybody is a unique gift to the body;
- Serving in God's House is a great training ground for serving the wider community;
- Alignment to the vision of Lighthouse is essential;
- Churches should build community;
- Without foundations, nothing can stand;
- Our DNA is family and community. Jesus is the architect of family culture and community;
- We encounter the Father through love and kindness.



- You are an important part of God's family.
- Part of Belonging means that alignment to the vision of Lighthouse is essential.
- Jesus' STANDARD is that IN HIM we BELONG.
- WE are NOW secure in WHO WE ARE, because we are IN CHRIST.
- Belonging builds community. Belonging goes beyond simply being associated with a group. It is being part of a community.
- The community that you find yourself in will shape and influence who you become, how you behave, and who you have faith in.
- As humans we learn from being in community together.
- The core of every human being is the need to know that they are loved, have value and belong.
- Everyone has a role to play in His Kingdom - His Kingdom is unlimited, everybody is a unique gift to the body.
- Connecting with each other and getting to know each other at a heart level is key.
- Healthy connections with each other opens the door for our soul and spirit to connect meaningfully with Father God.
- God yearns to relate with us.
- A person who has a God encounter then knows that God is always good and is able to share that.
- God designed the idea of Ecclesia (the church), where His people come together.
- Belonging to a church was designed to be powerful.



Definition of “Equip:” to furnish or provide with whatever is needed for use or for any undertaking.

- Equipping - Physically and spiritually. Just as faith needs to be outworked, equipping has both a spiritual and physical aspect for believers.
- An equipping culture is about others. Others have something to contribute to your life and you have something to contribute to their's. It is not simply about “What can I get?” but also, “How can I help equip others?” or “Can others help me?” We can't do this without Jesus.
- Motivation is not just for this life but to equip for eternity. We're looking ahead so that what we put in place is for those not yet born.
- There is NOTHING ordinary about you.
- Being equipped allows us to be all God created us to be to the benefit of our community.
- When you have an answer to a problem, you have the solution to overcome it. That is the fruit of being equipped.

How to physically be equipped:

1. Know God
2. Know your skills/gifting
3. Know the Word. Purpose is found between knowing God and His Word.



AN EMPOWERING CULTURE 05

- As Christians the term empowered is synonymous with the Holy Spirit.
- What could be more empowering than having the Holy Spirit living in us and guiding us?
- Our job is to engage with Him from the inside and release His nature onto the earth in and through all that we are and do.
- Positioning is everything. It starts with the way we think and whether you believe you are empowered to be who you are called to be.

Philippians 4:8 NLT (extract)

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

James 3:17 NLT

17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favouritism and is always sincere.

The faith we have been given by God is all empowering.

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

- Everything done by Faith is empowering the Holy Spirit in us.
- The fruits of His Spirit are the evidence of His empowering you - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.
- Our position must be humble; where we recognise we are weak, we will be made strong.



A RELEASING CULTURE 06

Our mission statement refers to us being released into our community to be all that God created us to be. The whole notion of 'releasing' would suggest that something was once bound, held captive, not able to fulfil its potential because of restrictions or limitations.

Releasing speaks of freedom.

- What have we been released from? What are we set free from?
- Those that are truly free are free indeed.

John 8:36 NLT So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

- The degree to which I know I am forgiven, is the degree to which I will now forgive.
- His Spirit has raised me to new life in Jesus Christ through His power.
- You are free to be ALL that God created you to be!

Ephesians 1:7-8 NLT He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. 8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

2 Corinthians 3:17 NLT For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

- The Holy Spirit needs to be released by us.
- We are released from everything that we were, into everything that we now are in Jesus.
- We cannot sit back and wait for someone else to do it.
- We actually restrict him through our ignorance.
- The Holy Spirit in us moves when we put our faith into action.

1 Corinthians 12:7 NIV A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

A CULTURE OF HONOUR 07



- Honour is in God's DNA - He commands it.
- Our culture of honour begins with Jesus.
- As Christians we have a great opportunity to lead the way in how honour should look and function in our society.

1. We should honour everything that God has made.
2. We need to promote the best in all people.

- So we too must hear and see what the Spirit of God is doing. By this we release honour.
- By honouring His Word we release from the supernatural realm what is needed to influence earth.
- Releasing the Holy Spirit honours the Father by honouring the Son.
- The Holy Spirit is your life. The born again life is His breath, not our own. The Holy Spirit is the breath of God in you.
- Honouring Him, honours the purpose for why you were saved and are now filled by His Spirit.
- The term Abba Father signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father and his child, as well as the child-like trust a young child puts in his daddy. Honour the relationship you have with Him.
- Releasing Honour releases the Holy Spirit

Romans 12:10 NLT

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.

- Honour the commitment and love of the congregation.
- Honour one another by seeing what the Holy Spirit would release through you.

A LEADERSHIP CULTURE 08



- True leadership is FOLLOW-SHIP - because we know who we are following.
- Surround yourself with people who are leading well in their lives.
- Leadership is how we lead our lives daily - not just when we are upfront or attending on a Sunday.
- Stay in His word. He is the Word. Take on His wisdom
- You cannot effectively lead yourself and others as God intends in this life, if Jesus is not Lord over your life.
- Godly leadership must be relationally driven.
- A true leader is a follower of true leaders.
- Leaders are others focussed.
- Jesus is the greatest leader there will ever be. Even during His sacrifice on the cross He had everyone else in mind.
- To lead well is to serve well.

A HOLY SPIRIT CULTURE 09



- We have His Kingdom in us through the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- The best way to see and understand the Holy Spirit is to experience His loving power.
- As holy vessels we are purposed to be filled with the Spirit of Jesus.
- A spirit must have a body for expression on the earth.
- Practice His presence - living in His presence, with His presence.
- Holy Spirit will lead you into places and opportunities that will reveal what is in your heart.

Romans 8:14 NLT

For all who are lead by the Spirit of God are children of God.

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