

ISBC...all about us on a page

Vision
What is a vision: A place we want to be sometime in the future i.e. our picture of the future
Why is it important: It helps to focus and energise us to discover God and impact the community
ISBC vision From now to eternity...

Mission
What is a mission: It is what we do both individually and as a church to achieve God's purpose of "making disciples of all nations"
Why is it important: It helps to focus on what we do and important what we don't do
ISBC mission Discovering God and impacting our community

Belief Statement
What is a belief statement: A set of statements which we believe are fundamental, unshakeable, and absolute truths
Why is it important: It helps us and others understand what we believe to be true in our worship of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit
ISBC belief statement <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES - We believe the Holy Scriptures (Bible) in their original form, was God's infallible and only authoritative Word to the world.2. CREATION - We believe in the Bible account of Creation where God created everything and us in His own image and likeness.3. GOD - We believe in the doctrine of the Trinity. There is only one true God and within this one being there are three co-equal and co-eternal persons, viz. the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.4. JESUS - We believe in the deity and virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His saving death upon the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to heaven at the right hand of God the Father, and in His future personal bodily return to Earth in power and glory.5. HOLY SPIRIT - We believe in the work of the Holy Spirit to bring a person to Christ, to equip believers and to guide them to walk a life dedicated to God.6. MANKIND – We believe every person is sinful by nature and under God's Divine condemnation. Freedom from the penalty of sin is only available through acceptance of Jesus Christ – the Saviour of the world.7. SATAN – We believe Satan has an evil influence on the world and perverts God's truth. He is a fallen angel with evil power but awaits future doom at God's hand.8. SALVATION - We believe in the atonement for our sins and that all who repent of sin and believe in the Lord Jesus alone will be saved for eternity. We must receive Christ through faith and when we do we are "born" into God's family. Evidence of this is seen in a believer's pure life and good works.9. THE LOCAL CHURCH - We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Head. ISBCers, as part of Christ's body, regularly meet for worship, prayer, fellowship, teaching, discipling and mission and is guided by the Elders. Men and women are encouraged to serve by using their spiritual gifts and to give monetary gifts to support responsibilities here and overseas.10. BAPTISM - We believe that baptism by immersion is an act of obedience to God and a public declaration of personal faith, but is not a pre-requisite to salvation.11. LORD'S SUPPER - We believe that the risen Lord Jesus wants true believers to remember Him as their personal Saviour by taking bread and wine – symbols of his body and blood given at Calvary. As did the early church, we do this every Sunday until Jesus returns.12. ETERNITY – We believe we will all stand before God eventually. Those who have not accepted Christ as their Saviour will meet Him as their Judge and will face eternal punishment. The saved will be with God in heaven and will be rewarded for their faithfulness

Culture and Behaviours

What is a behaviour: The way we think (unobservable) which ultimately determines our actions (observable)

Why is it important: The Christ-like behaviours we need to adopt to achieve our mission, vision, and goals / strategy as a church and as individuals

ISBC behaviours

1. Be welcoming & encouraging

...the way we respond to and interact with others

2. Stay courageous

... the mindset to make a difference even the face of opposition

3. Embrace excellence & discipline

...the mindset of doing things well and doing what we say

Strategy

What is a strategy: The things we will do in the next 1-5 years as a church to achieve our vision and mission. A strategy is something which is not yet achieved, it is aspirational, and requires extra effort (as opposed to doing the same things)

Why is it important: It will help ISBC to achieve our vision and mission

ISBC strategy

1. To Continue to Develop our Church Foundation

Includes reviewing and improving our church ministries if required, plan for future growth in church members, review our church brand and make changes where required, etc

2. To Grow Disciples

Includes establishing individual growth plans for all members, grow leaders, ensure all members have their gifts revealed and use them on a volunteer basis, and improve our skills (prayer, Bible Study, evangelism, etc)

3. To Connect with the Community

Includes Wanganui city, its surrounds, and overseas

ISBC Annual Plan

These are the 2012 activities we need to do as part of the strategy – other parts of the strategy will be done in 2013 and beyond.

1. To Continue to Develop our Church Foundation

What we will do...and how	When we will do it	Why we are doing it	Eldership sponsor
Establish the roles and volunteer activities within ISBC...by developing a organisation chart	May – June	So that all ISBC members can have a role in growing our church, themselves, and serve God	tbd
Review ministries starting with Sunday service...by summarising all our ministries and reviewing them over a 5 year period continually	All year	Ensure we have contemporary ministries which meet the needs of ISBC members and those in the community	tbd
Review church branding...by understanding the type of church we want to be to achieve our vision and mission	August – December	Have a brand which is well recognised in the community and one in which we are proud of and will be “attractive” to those in the community	Tbd

2. To Grow Disciples

What we will do...and how	When we will do it	Why we are doing it	Eldership sponsor
Provide all ISBC members with an individual growth plan...by issuing all with a template	Church camp (and post church camp)	By having an individual plan church members are more likely to grow	tbd
Start a gift discovery exercise...by providing an assessment tool	May / June	To enable our church members to serve God’s mission!	tbd
Start a “how to” session...by running mid-year / mid-week training workshops	May – September	To train our church members in important areas of personal growth e.g. prayer, Bible study	Tbd
Re-energise and assist all ISBC members to be part of a small group...by setting up groups where there are gaps	April / May	It is a great way to grow relationships and discover God	tbd

3. To Connect with the Community

What we will do...and how	When we will do it	Why we are doing it	Eldership sponsor
Understand the demographics of Wanganui city...by running focus groups with random households in our community	April / May	So we know what to offer in our community related ministries	tbd
Find out how we can bring to salvation those in our community orientated ministries	October / November	We need ministries to bridge the gap between being lost and bringing salvation	tbd
Start community focused Christmas Eve service...by setting up an organising team	August – November	To impact the community and bring awareness of ISBC as a great church	Tbd
Run a children’s holiday programme...by involving Capenwray	September	A way to introduce children and their families to church in a safe and fun way	tbd