

## PROPHETIC CHURCH

To be prophetic is VITAL if we are to be like Jesus.

It means confronting evil, injustice and hypocrisy

It means challenging worldly concepts of power, wealth, status, and security

It means facing these in our own lives and fellowship

Without it we are too comfortable a church.

## SERVING CHURCH

To serve is VITAL to follow the example of Jesus.

It means serving God in the church and society

It means focusing on one area of ministry

It means caring for those in our community in most need

It means joy, sacrifice and vulnerability

It means using our God given gifts, led by gifted leadership.

Without this we will not glorify God.

## EA STATEMENT OF FAITH

We accept that God has shown himself to us in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and confess the historic faith of the gospel found there:

- The sovereignty and grace of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and the final judgement.
- The divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and its entire trustworthiness and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The universal sinfulness and guilt of fallen man, making him subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- The one way to be set free from the guilt and power of sin and its eternal consequences is through the once and for all sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God.
- The sinner made right with God solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ crucified and risen from the dead.
- The Holy Spirit reveals the truth about Christ, awakens people to their sin, opens their hearts to accept Christ, and gives gifts to all so the church is empowered.
- The priesthood of all believers, who form the universal church, the Body of which Christ is the Head and which is committed by his command to the proclamation of the gospel throughout the world.
- The expectation of the personal, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory.



## **WATNALL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Making disciples for Jesus, moved  
by his love, filled with his Spirit,  
bringing glory to his Father.*

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

## **PRAYING CHURCH**

Prayer, corporate and individual, is VITAL to bring life to the Church.

It provides

- Vibrant relationship with God
- Effective ministry in his name
- Concern for each other and the world
- Opportunity for major decision making

Without it we are weak and can do nothing.

## **WORSHIPPING CHURCH**

Worship, Spirit led and inspired, is VITAL in all its different forms.

- It is God meeting with us through his Word
- It is God meeting with us through the use of spiritual gifts
- It is God meeting us as we praise him
- It is everyday living
- It is about doing things well because we do it for him

Without it we are ill prepared for everyday life.

## **WELCOMING CHURCH**

Welcoming is VITAL to be an attractive church.

- It's for those who are like us and those who are not
- It's for old friends and new
- It's about practical help, prayer and genuine hospitality that goes beyond Sunday
- It's about family where young and old learn from and love each other
- It's about belonging before believing

Without it we miss the opportunity of offering God's love and friendship.

## **DISCIPLING CHURCH**

Lifelong learning is VITAL for spiritual maturity.

- It leads to a growing in Christ-likeness
- It happens in our own devotions and the small group\*
- It requires Bible study, prayer, encouragement and training
- It means we can learn at our own pace

Without it we cannot grow and cannot serve God's purposes adequately.

*\* in the small group cell principles are encouraged: Jesus at the centre, everyone growing in Christ, every member ministering with the gifts God gives, the small group is the church's main building block, the small groups are to be community.*

## **MISSIONARY CHURCH**

Being a missionary is VITAL in fulfilling our calling.

- It's about witnessing in word and deed wherever we are
- It's about believing God can change lives
- It's about seeing everyone as loved by God and a potential follower of Jesus
- It means a church that is seeker sensitive and relevant

Without it we fail to obey Christ's commission for Hucknall, UK, and the world.

## **LOVING CHURCH**

To love one another is VITAL if we are going to obey Jesus.

- It creates a healthy church
- It engenders respect, generosity, integrity and honesty
- It requires everyone to be accountable
- It grasps opportunities for reconciliation and forgiveness

Without it we become a poorer fellowship.