

NC4
Strategic Plan
2016

Our mission, the reason we exist, is

“to know Jesus
and make him known”

It's the real power of a connected life!

Our DNA

- The Authority of Scripture - sound, challenging biblical teaching
- Engaging God - through dynamic worship & prayer
- Charismatic – the gifts of the spirit are active and encouraged
- A Family Church – strive to model the family of God as presented in scripture
- Missions – relationship based for long-term impact
- Respect for the liturgical calendar and the ancient practices of the church

Our Vision

We are a “Growing, Unifying and Resourcing” church

- We grow in new believers, faith and influence
- We unify cultures and denominations
- We resource missionaries, community organizations and networks

Theme for 2016

“Unshakable Faith!”

- A breakthrough increase of faith across our congregation as well as congregants!
- Three “breakthrough” initiatives for 2016!

3 Key Objectives for 2016

1. **Connecting to God:**
 - **Breakthrough Faith to topple rooted obstacles!**
2. **Connecting to Each Other:**
 - **Breakthrough faith for increased care!**
3. **Connecting to the Community:**
 - **Breakthrough faith for increased growth!**

The Power of a Connected Life!

Upward: Connecting to God

2016 Objective:

Breakthrough Faith to topple rooted obstacles!

Luke 17: 5 – “Lord, increase *our* faith!”

Initiatives:

1. Keynote Teaching Series on increased faith

- *“Unshakable Faith!”*
- *“Ruth” – Creating Destiny from death by means of relationship!*

Upward: Connecting to God (cont'd)

2. Intensified Congregational prayer and fasting for increased faith.

- *Ash Wednesday – Transfiguration prayer!*
- *Increased space for Testimonies!*
- *Seed ministries coming by invitation!*

Inward: Connecting to Each Other

2016 Objective:

Breakthrough faith for increased care!

Mk 6:34 – “. . . he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. “

Initiatives:

1. The development and formal ordination of a cadre of care deacons .

- e.g., Lay members with a pastoral gift, regionally from throughout Valley.
- Judy Frei and Mike Dunstan developing and overseeing.

Inward: Connecting to Each Other (cont'd)

2. Unshakable Faith Connect Groups

- 6 being offered throughout the Valley

Outward: Connecting to Community

2016 Objective:

Breakthrough Faith for increased growth!

Nu 10:29 “ ... Come with us and we will do you good”

Initiatives:

1. 2016 Macungie Campus Launch

Partnership continues with Beit Simcha. Their new facility will open in 2017. This year we will launch in an interim facility by April. Mike Dunstan named campus pastor. Team is formed and planning now.

Outward: Connecting to Community (cont'd)

2. Create a pervasive culture of hospitality at NC4

- A team of six younger couples has developed a comprehensive hospitality and connecting plan.
- Intended to change the culture at NC4 including
Inviting > greeting > follow-up> building genuine relationships> plugging in> discipleship > serving > membership
- We are making facility investments at both campuses to provide safe, inviting and effective ministry environments

Connecting to the Community: Caring for Refugees

3. We will continue to minister to the refugees that God puts at our door and increase our efforts to address the current needs.
 - The government controls how many and who comes, but we can control how they will be cared for. We intend to show them the love of Christ.

"Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me" (Matthew 25:41-43).

At NC4, we cannot say to those in need,
"You are not our problem."