



Planning for 2010

Gateway's Prophetic Mandate

God has called Gateway to:

- be a place of restoration and refuge. Isaiah 58:12.
- be a fluid, elastic, loose, open, responsive, evolving shape that is led by the Holy Spirit and is not constrained by structure.
- be a light that will dispel darkness over a wide area, locally and internationally.
- have a point of difference from other Churches, particularly in how it supports the elderly and suffering
- support ministries through prayer and giving.
- be fruitful and produce something beautiful for the Lord.

Goals for 2010

1. Further develop our prayer and intercession ministry.
2. Operate more in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
3. Be a help, support and comfort for those who are suffering or in need.
4. Support ministries within and outside of Gateway financially and in prayer.
5. Encourage natural growth, development and progression of the Church.

Areas of Responsibility (recognising we are all volunteers and part of one family)

Eldership team

The Elders, Neil and Ross, share oversight of the Church. They work together with joint leadership and decision-making, but have different roles. Neil has ultimate responsibility.

Lots of people lead or take responsibility for different areas of the Church. The Eldership team oversees all of these areas by providing support, feedback, guidance, wisdom, ideas, direction and encouragement.

Organisation – Neil

Oversees those who provide ministries and services that help the Church run effectively as an organisation. These include: communion, worship team (with Kathy), missions, technical, finance, financial adviser, collection, projection team, men's breakfasts, social groups.

Preaching teaching, training, vision – Ross

Recognised as a ministry gift of teacher. Provides mentoring, training and systematic Bible teaching plus series on issues. Oversees speakers from within and outside of the Church, home groups, drama group, and singing group.

Administration – Ingrid

Ensures smooth running of the Church through organising, resourcing, researching, communicating, problem-solving and trouble-shooting. Oversees the kitchen, children's ministry, smooth running on Sundays, and craft groups.

Pastoral care – Kathy

Oversees pastoral care, Sevenoaks, prayer ministry team, prayer chain, and practical helps.

Prayer

The Eldership team prays for everyone in the Church regularly. (Praying through the Telephone directory).

Ministry team leaders

Communion – Ian.
Missions – Kerry.
Rotating prayer focus – Anne A
Worship team – shared leadership: Karen, Rene, Lowell, David.
Men's breakfasts – Garry.
Finance team – Kerry, Don, Garry, Ingrid, Neil.
Finance adviser – Garry.
Collection – Don.
Projection team – Anne T.
Computer – Jenny.
Technical – Graham.
Social groups – Don.

Oversight: Neil

Home groups – Barbara, Garry/Sue, Ross/Kathy.
Drama group – Paul.
Singing group – Don.

Oversight: Ross

Kitchen – Beryl, Marie.
Children's ministry – Natasha.
Smooth running on Sundays – Anne T.
Craft groups – Anne T, Cath.

Oversight: Ingrid

Pastoral care – Sue.
Sevenoaks – Karen.
Prayer ministry team
Prayer chain – Betty.
Practical helps – Fay.

Oversight: Kathy

Developments in 2010

10am start

This will allow time for the wider range of activities that are happening and more opportunity for personal ministry. We are a family so anyone can feel free to come or go at any time if they have other commitments.

Newsletter

Kathy will prepare a monthly newsletter.

Leading on Sundays

The team who leads on Sundays will be wider than just those in the Eldership team. This will share the load, help to break down barriers and hierarchical perceptions, and give opportunities for a greater variety of approaches. Neil will lead more. The Elders may need to brief or guide on aspects that are important at particular times.

Preaching and teaching

Timely series on relevant 'issues' or books of the Bible will be identified, focused on the goals of the church. In these there will be increased integration of what happens in the services with the teaching and with what is happening in the Church and peoples' lives. These series will continue to be supplemented by speakers from within and outside of the Church.

Prayer

Open prayer times will become more important in the Sunday meetings. (Goal 1). Prayer needs and requests will be identified and also upcoming ministry to help focus the prayer. Anne will ask someone to pray for Israel, NZ and the Philippines on a rotating 3 weekly basis to ensure they are prayed for, but there will now be the opportunity to pray for these countries at any time. Exercising of the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be encouraged in the prayer times. (Goal 2). Opportunities for personal ministry will be more frequent. (Goal 3).

Giving

The Finance team will be more involved in suggesting how money given to the Church's charitable trust is allocated. They will continue to set directions for how monies are invested and monitor how they are allocated, but will work more closely with the elders in making suggestions for allocations, setting up programmes for giving and organising fund-raising for special events. The Finance team will ensure the perspectives of the Trustees are incorporated in all decisions. (Goal 4).