



Planning for 2011

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.
- pray for the protection and salvation of future generations.
- 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 2011

1. Be obedient to the Holy Spirit as we fulfil our calling to:

- **be a loving fellowship focused on building the Kingdom of God in Kapiti and beyond.**
We will be a place of restoration, refuge and healing which can take in people for a time and release them blessed by the Lord.
We will be externally focused by seeking to build the Kingdom of God in all that we do.
- **pray and intercede for people, situations, communities and nations.**
We will have a strong prayer focus in our Sunday meetings and in home groups.
We will encourage personal prayer through ministry times, deliverance sessions, the prayer chain, the newsletter, and through teaching on prayer.
- **be a help, support and comfort for those who are suffering or in need.**
We will support those who are suffering or in need through our Sevenoaks, and singalong ministries, and through ministry times, deliverance sessions and the prayer chain.
We will provide financial support to those who are suffering or in need. eg. our Trust Bank in the Philippines.
- **support ministries within and outside of Gateway financially and in prayer.**
We will pray for, give to, and provide support and encouragement for ministries of people within Gateway, in Kapiti, throughout New Zealand and beyond. eg. prison ministry, Sam Bayly's youth ministry, Blessed by the Lord Church in the Philippines.....
- **encourage natural growth, development and progression of the Church.**
We will have creative, worshipful, prayerful Sunday and Home Group meetings.
We will have quality Bible teaching from a range of internal and external speakers.
We will have regular social and fellowship activities.
We will be open, accepting, loving, non-judgmental, adaptable and creative in our relationships.
We will have a consistent focus on Jesus and on doing God's will as revealed by the Holy Spirit.
We will be spiritually natural and naturally spiritual.

2. Break down barriers of legalism or culture and encourage each other to further embrace the freedom we have in Christ Jesus.

We will have teaching series on the Book of Galatians – “the Charter of Christian freedom”.
We will consistently focus on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, and encourage each other to live in this freedom.
We will have occasional challenges to areas where we might be in bondage and sensitively examine them in the light of the freedom we have in Christ Jesus.

Developments in 2011

Freedom in Christ

We will focus on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and will explore ways we can be set free from bondage to legalism or culture.

Bible teaching

- Gateway will continue to provide relevant Bible teaching using a range of internal and external speakers.
- Bernie Townsend will do a series on the values demonstrated by our local pioneer missionary Octavius Hadfield.
- Ross Callaghan will teach through the Book of Galatians. This book is the “Charter of Christian freedom” so the teaching will be the springboard for exploring aspects of the freedom we have in Christ. (Goal 2)

Prayer

- We will seek to be led by the Holy Spirit as we prayer for people, situations, communities and nations, rather than having a set prayer focus. We will still pray for Israel, the Philippines and New Zealand as people are led by the Holy Spirit and have these nations on their heart.
- Bernie and Dawn Townsend will join the prayer ministry team.
- A prophetic deliverance ministry will be available in addition to our normal prayer ministries.

Worship

The worship team will have occasional breaks to lighten the load they carry. We will have occasional ‘open’ worship times in which we seek to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Public meetings

Gateway will promote public meetings on relevant issues as a means of bringing the gospel to our wider community. The public meetings will be organised by Richard Nicoll. The first one will be a lecture by Bernie Townsend on the work of Octavius Hadfield.

Finance team

Don Trevethick will be the Chair of the Finance Team, and Dawn Townsend will join the team. The Finance Team will seek to make decisions based on the revelation of the Holy Spirit and will work more closely with the elders in financial matters.

Servants

It has been wonderful to see how everyone in the Church has been so willing to offer their services in practical ways. You are all great servants! (Greek *diakonos* – deacon, servant). A big *thank you* to those who have served as deacons in the past and to everyone for being so willing to serve the Lord through Gateway. It has helped share the load in a small church. Please keep on doing what you are doing with a servant heart and in obedience to the Holy Spirit. And if you feel there are other things He wants you to do, please offer.

Social activities

We hope to have more regular social activities this year. These may be informal or spur of the moment so if you have ideas please offer.

Funerals

Gateway will provide celebrants and refreshments for funerals of those who are part of the Church at no cost.

Support for ministries

We will continue to support ministries inside and outside of Gateway. During the year we will complete payments for setting up of our Trust Bank in the Philippines. We will continue to *support Blessed by the Lord Church* in the Philippines through prayer and special donations. We will have the opportunity to be involved in supporting prison ministries. We will continue our Sevenoaks ministry and seek to develop our singalong ministry. In addition we will be seeking to identify new ministries which we can participate in or support financially and in prayer.