

# MISSION

## STATEMENT

**LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.**

Our mission is twofold: to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind and to love others as we love ourselves. We believe that loving others flows from our love for God. If loving God is our greatest commandment, we believe making disciples is the church's first priority. Our mission therefore is:

- a) To lead & disciple our church family into a deeper worship and love of God;
- b) To be a pastoral church that is known for its love and care for the fellowship of believers;
- c) To be obedient to the Great Commission:

"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:16-20

# VISION

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**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT**

As we set about our mission and the work of the gospel, our vision is that throughout Reddish and the Heatons where our two church sites are, we will:

- a) Give everybody the opportunity to hear the gospel message. Our hope is that as we faithfully make this gospel known, many will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We long to see people begin new lives, get baptised and disciplined into the family of God.
- b) Regenerate our community. The greatest need of our communities is the proclamation of the gospel. This, however goes hand-in-hand with the actions of the gospel. As a church we are invested in loving and caring for our communities through social action and regular events/groups.
- c) Grow in godliness. We hope to grow numerically, we want to see our church full of broken people of all ages, nations and backgrounds made whole by the transforming power of God. Hand in hand with our numerical growth though, is a desire to see in each believer a pursuit and growth in holiness. We want to be like Jesus.

# PURPOSE

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**FOR HIS GLORY**

We believe fully in the sovereignty of God and that He will achieve His purposes with or without us. However, we believe, in accordance with our mission and vision, that we have been given a platform to make a difference and so we must act with passion and urgency to the task at hand.

We will, in obedience to His word and for the glory of His name seek to work hard for the spread of the gospel.

Over the page we have set out our short, medium and long term objectives, flowing from our mission, vision and purpose statements, which we look to focus on as a church in the months and years ahead.



*Our ultimate goal as a church is to bring glory to God and enjoy Him forever. All that we seek to do and be revolves around this. The statements in this booklet show how we go about putting that into practice.*

# OBJECTIVES

## SHORT TERM 0-2 YEARS

Establish an office & initiate a community hub in Reddish.

Reassert our evangelistic presence in Heaton Moor.

Equip our members for evangelism & mobilise them for mission, local & abroad.

Continue to establish regular outreach initiatives in Reddish.

Establish a dedicated pastoral team, with particular care towards the elderly.

Continue to establish, grow & support discipleship groups & social groups.

Protect, equip & invest in our children & future leaders.

Train more people for the ministry.

Pray & fast more as a church family.

## MID TERM 3-5 YEARS

Look to plant a church in a gospel-impo-  
verished community, in the surrounding area.

Facilitate overseas missionary trips.

## LONG TERM 5 YEARS

Be a large evangelistic church in South East Manchester that is growing significantly through conversion & mobilising its people to be effective witnesses for Christ throughout Stockport & Manchester, the UK & around the world.

To have established several autonomous church plants under the Emmanuel Community Church banner.

# EMMANUEL

*The Mission, Vision, and Purpose of  
Emmanuel Community Church*