

## **Focus of the Strategic Plan on Ministries and Activities**

The core values set out by White Rock Baptist Church should be taken into consideration when each ministry develops plans and undertakes activities.

### **Christ**

In everything we say and do, we seek to glorify the Lord Jesus and present him as the one mediator between God and mankind.

- Is the centrality of the person and work of Christ evidenced in our services and gatherings?
- What are we doing to make our community aware that “Christ is the answer”?
- Have regular debriefing: To what extent did we proclaim Christ?
- “No strings- attached” service to our community.
- Encouragement to build relationships with people in the community.
- Annual workshops on how to share our faith.
- “Imaginative” events.

### **Worship**

We seek to integrate our values in how we live and how we worship God as a congregation each week.

- We will dig deep into the Christian tradition and broadly across cultures to tell the Story in rich ways and respond to what God is doing among us at this time.
- The full humanity and the full divinity of Christ will be embraced in our music and our prayer.
- We will explore varied ways of praying and various kinds of prayer in our congregational worship.
- We will hear Scripture presented freshly and creatively, both spoken and sung.
- The entire congregation will be invited to fully and actively sing, pray, listen and speak in our congregational worship.
- We will intentionally connect with our ESL friends, and commit to using their languages when appropriate in our congregational worship.

### **Prayer**

We recognize our complete dependence on the Lord and this is expressed in prayer at every level of the church’s life.

- A more intentional place in the Sunday services.
- Prayer chain(s).
- Prayer in small groups, committees & ministries.

### **Scripture**

We value God’s Word by reading, teaching and living it daily.

- Link Sunday sermons and small group studies.
- Practical teaching on “how to read the Bible for all it’s worth”.
- Memorization of a verse for the year.

### **Growth**

We aim to make active disciples for Christ, emphasizing conversion and spiritual formation.

- A discernable increase in:
  - ‘God stories’ (testimonies)
  - Participation in the worship services.
  - Number of people discovering and using spiritual gifts.

### **Fellowship**

We value genuine fellowship expressed primarily through participation in small groups.

- Deepening relationships of fellowship.
- Care and visitation of those in need.
- Taking seriously the one-another passages.
- More people in mentoring relationships.
- Small groups caring for those outside the group.
- More outwardly focused- less attention to personal likes.

### **Compassion**

We seek to express compassion in our ‘no-strings- attached’ love for and involvement in the wider community.

- Our love for and intentional involvement in the community.
- Church-sponsored activities.
- Ascertaining where members are currently involved and affirming them.
- One church-sponsored event/project per year (local or global).