

3. Sharing

We love Jesus so much that we want to share the good news of what He has done for us with everyone.

Focus for the next 5 years:

- Actively seeking church growth by people coming to faith.
- Encouraging everyone in the Fellowship to see mission as a core calling of Christian life.
- Reaching unchurched families with the Gospel.
- Developing and integrating outreach to those from other nations who come to study or work in the area.
- Promoting engagement with our mission partners.
- Developing the church online presence.
- Increasing awareness of our responsibility to care for God's world and to seek justice for all people.
- Exploring ways to engage in our local community.



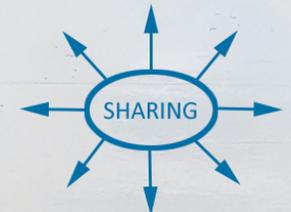
Some Areas for Action:

- Seek commitment by everyone in the Fellowship to pray for 5 people at least to come to faith.
- Run regular Alpha courses.
- Equip folk to share the good news and tell stories of God's work today.
- Develop links with, and support of, the ministry of the Pilgrim Care parish nurse, Families First, the North East Fife Community Hub, partnering with other churches in expressing the love of God in practical ways.
- Maintain joint (inter-church) youth ministries and holiday clubs.
- Continue to nurture the link with Alexandria Baptist church and with Hope for Tomorrow's Generation ministry for mutual encouragement and learning.
- Continue to pray for and support the Fruit Farm Ministry and Friends International
- Promote all the church ministries digitally as a means of outreach.
- Hold a series of events each year to explore the reasons the Bible gives us to care for creation and focus on ways to practice "creation care."
- Promote awareness of climate change as a social justice issue and develop responses and well as support the initiatives of St Andrews Churches Eco Network.
- Commit to bring a document to the church meeting in a year exploring options and feasibility of engagement in the local community, including a possible Sports ministry, Christian café outreach centre, Christians Against Poverty (CAP).



St Andrews Baptist Church Vision Document

Living for the King of Kings Growing Caring Sharing



Annual Priorities for each area will be presented at each Annual Church Meeting (ACM)

1. Growing

Jesus is the King of Kings. We worship him and are growing to be more like him.
We help each other to do this.

Focus for the next 5 years:

- Prioritising the importance of living, by God's grace, under the Lordship of Christ.
- Creating opportunities to deepen our relationship in Christ.
- Promoting mentorship and mutual discipleship within the Fellowship as a regular stimulus to growth.
- Offering Spirit inspired worship from the heart, centred on biblical truth, and always expecting an encounter with our Lord.
- Supporting and developing further all age groups and various ministries within the Fellowship
- Exploring suitable premises for corporate worship and to better facilitate church ministries and including outreach.

Some Areas for action:

- Create a discipleship strategy so that we may see new believers develop in spiritual maturity.
- Encourage new disciples to consider baptism, membership of the Fellowship, and how they may be involved in serving within the Fellowship.
- Foster a culture of mentoring and accountability partnerships.
- Provide guidance, support, and training opportunities to those who are leading any aspect of public worship.
- Continue to reflect on and renew our corporate worship.
- Ensure adequate resources for youth and children's work, students & young adults (financial and personnel).
- Seek the Lord's leading as to suitable premises that might be available to buy, build or rent.



2. Caring

Jesus calls us together to be a family. In the family of His church we care for one another with His love.

Focus for the next 5 years:

- Developing our personal and dynamic corporate prayer life.
- Ensuring pastoral care is available to everyone in the Fellowship.
- Supporting those who are ageing within the Fellowship particularly those who are on their own.
- Using skills and spiritual gifting within the Fellowship to enhance all aspects of ministry.
- Ministering effectively to those struggling in any way, due to problems such as: physical infirmity, loss of mental faculties, mental illness, brokenness, bereavement, loneliness.

Some Areas for Action:

- Encourage everyone in the Fellowship to participate in opportunities for corporate and individual prayer.
- Utilise lessons from the experiences of the pandemic for adequate care to everyone in the Fellowship
- Produce a document defining the place of home groups within SABC and further develop home groups as a means to Fellowship, prayer and pastoral support.
- Review our structures and personnel resources for provision of pastoral care.
- Explore opportunities for training sessions and ministry events relevant to mental health and brokenness.

