

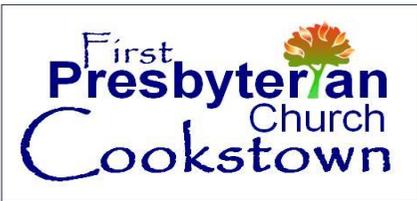
Mission Plan

STAGE 1 - FOUNDATION: TO PREPARE THE CONGREGATION FOR MISSION

ENVISAGED TIME FRAME: MAY 2010 – DECEMBER 2011

<u>Mission Method</u> Planned method of carrying out Mission	<u>Baseline position</u> Where we are now?	<u>Targets to be achieved</u> Where do we want to go and why?	<u>Approaches to be used</u> How will we get there?
Prayer for Mission	Most members of the congregation appear to have little interest in praying for mission.	<p>Believers humble themselves and pray that they will see God’s face and put him first.</p> <p>That believers in the congregation develop a burden for souls, leading to increased desire for prayer for their salvation</p> <p>The congregation has an active prayer life for mission.</p> <p>Prayer should be central to all mission work.</p> <p>Nothing in this plan will be successful without committed prayer.</p>	<p>More openness by Christians about the “lostness” of non-Christians.</p> <p>Provision of prayer cards.</p> <p>Monthly or quarterly prayer meetings devoted to mission and evangelism.</p> <p>Encourage church members to pray for mission privately and also to attend church prayer meetings.</p> <p>Encourage youth groups to focus on prayer and get children involved in prayer meetings.</p> <p>Each Mission Plan initiative to incorporate a prayer plan.</p>

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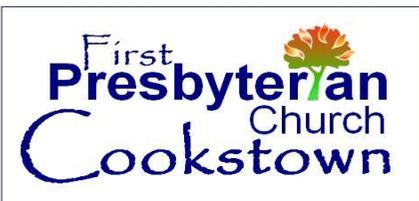
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<p>Training or educating members of the congregation how to witness, and encouraging them to do so in their daily lives</p>	<p>Many Christians in the congregation appear to be complacent to evangelism in their daily lives, or else do not feel confident about how to witness to those they meet in their daily lives.</p>	<p>All Christians in the congregation are passionate about reaching out to others for Christ and seeing souls saved.</p> <p>Christians feel empowered and confident to witness to those they meet in their daily lives.</p> <p>(Friendship evangelism can be one of the most effective ways of leading people to Christ.)</p>	<p>Organise training events for those who are interested, but be aware that apathy will cause many not to attend. Training for most needs also to be given in a less formal way.</p> <p>Teaching to the congregation that they understand that all Christians have a personal responsibility to evangelise in their daily lives.</p> <p>Encourage more church members to attend Bible studies and house-groups.</p> <p>Consider setting up 'Fellowship Groups'.</p> <p>Use outside organisations where suitable (e.g. – Evangelical Ministries, Precept Ministries).</p> <p>Provision of suitable training materials (e.g. PW's 'Go Deep' material).</p> <p>Provision of suitable witness material (e.g. CDs) to assist members in their evangelism.</p>
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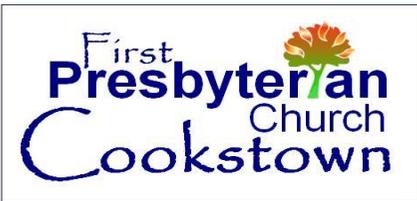
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<p>Encouraging all church organisations to focus on evangelism</p>	<p>The church has a number of organisations which are not fully utilized in mission.</p>	<p>All church organisations play their part in friendship evangelism, both within their own organisation and in the wider community.</p>	<p>Session representatives to each organisation to work with leaders to encourage this.</p> <p>Each organisation should aim to include outreach in their work, and review it annually.</p> <p>Prayer for organisation leaders to support them in their role and the witness of their organisation.</p>
<p>Improving Church Stewarding</p>	<p>Prior to church services, the foyer can be crowded to the detriment of welcoming strangers entering.</p> <p>Handing out bulletins sometimes takes preference to recognising fringe members and visitors and welcoming them.</p> <p>Stewards are selected based on membership of the church committee, and may not have any gift in this particular role.</p>	<p>First impressions mean a lot. Non-Christians should immediately feel welcome when they attend our church. If they are made to feel special, they may be more likely to take a greater interest in the gospel.</p> <p>Stewards should have a gift for stewarding.</p> <p>Stewards should know as many of the congregation as possible, and be in a position to recognise that someone coming in is a stranger or fringe member.</p>	<p>Establish a small group of stewards with the necessary skills for stewarding, and provide them with training in the best techniques.</p> <p>The handing out of bulletins should not be the stewards' main responsibility. Consider changing the way bulletins and other materials are handed out.</p> <p>Consider changing the layout of the foyer.</p>

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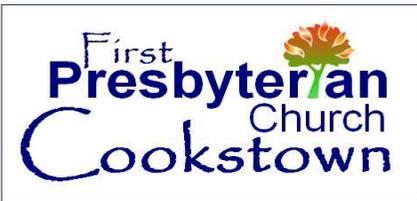
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<p>Maximising the effective use of special services (e.g.- Easter, Harvest, Christmas, Children’s Day) and using follow-up of such services</p>	<p>Special services take place, but they are not publicized in advance outside the church.</p> <p>No follow up takes place after such services</p>	<p>Special services can be attractive to those outside the church community.</p> <p>Efforts should be made to advertise suitable events by different means (e.g. posters, cards for members to hand out, paid newspaper adverts etc)</p> <p>The congregation should be encouraged to bring a non-Christian with them. (People are more likely to come if they receive a personal invitation from someone who will keep them company.)</p> <p>Special services could be followed by a meal in the hall with a chance for friendship evangelism.</p> <p>Follow-up should take place when non-Christians attend.</p>	<p>Committee to arrange suitable arrangements to place and finance advertising.</p> <p>Provision of invitation cards for members to hand out when they invite someone to come.</p> <p>Arrangements to be put in place to distribute invitation cards throughout Elders districts.</p> <p>Where non-Christians attend and are identified then someone with a real gift for friendship evangelism should be asked to follow-up with them.</p>
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<p>Children's work within the congregation</p>	<p>The church has a number of organisations working with children. (e.g. Sunday School, Bible Class, YF, uniformed organisations.) and takes part in CSSM.</p> <p>The Sunday School is starting to do more outreach (e.g. the picnic aims to witness to parents through a sketch.)</p>	<p>The church will provide facilities for children to make friends, have fun, hear the gospel preached in a suitable format, recognise their need of a saviour and be saved.</p>	<p>Prayer for and encouragement to those involved in children's work.</p> <p>Encourage parents within the congregation to send their children to the church's children's activities.</p> <p>Encourage organisation leaders to honestly assess their successes and failures in relation to mission.</p> <p>Uniformed organisations to include epilogues in their meetings.</p> <p>The church and congregation will give its full support to CCSM.</p>
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