

Richmond Hill Baptist Church
November 20, 2011, **A Picture of the Future** (Vision Statement Part 2)

Prelude & Prayer Time

Call to Worship: *Come Thou Fount*

Welcome: Welcome to Richmond Hill. It is good to see you. I am super excited about what God is doing. If you are a guest please fill out a Connect Card. Let's greet one another.

Sing: Great is Your Glory, My Saviour My God, Salvation Belongs to Our God, I Love You Lord

Children's Corner: Alyssa, Matthew, OCC DVD, Warehouse, Dec 13 sort boxes

Announcements:

1. Business Meeting tonight 6:30 pm
2. Ladies Christmas Decoration Party, 9:15 am
3. Christmas Light Party, Sunday, 2 pm
4. Grey Cup Party, Sunday 3:30 p

Offering & Offertory: *Word of God Speak* (Daryl)

Sermon: **A Picture of the Future** (Vision Statement Part 2)

Vision Statements:

Burger King Vision Statement:

We proudly serve the best burgers in the business, plus a variety of real, authentic foods - all freshly prepared - just the way you want it!

Mars Vision Statement:

Not to ship any chocolate products that exceeds 250 calories per portion by the end of 2013.

Disney Mission Statement:

To make people happy!

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We - This is a group effort.

1 Corinthians 12:12

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

Serve - Jesus modeled a life of service and humility. He expects us to serve Him and one another.

Philippians 2:3-8

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

John 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

God - God is the object of our faith and He is worthy of our service and devotion.

Revelation 4:11

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

One Another - The New Testament has 59 “one another” passages that challenge us in our relationships. We are called to love, pray, forgive, encourage, serve, and be devoted to one another.

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Let's take a moment and pray for one another!

Build – Building healthy relationships requires a lot of hard work. It is easier to tear down a friendship than it is to build or restore one.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Frank Slide: “Natural Disaster”

On April 29, 1903, at 4:10 a.m., 82 million tonnes (30 million cubic metres) of limestone crashed from the summit of Turtle Mountain and buried a portion of the sleeping town of Frank. The dimensions of the rock mass that fell are 150 metres (500 feet) deep, 425 metres (1,400 feet) high and one kilometre (3,280 feet) wide.

The town of Frank was home to approximately 600 people in 1903. Of these, roughly 100 individuals lived in the path of the slide. An estimated 70 people were killed.

Last summer we went through the interpretive Centre. I came to the final sections that explained the cause of the slide and read this word: “Undermine.”

Undermining kills friendships, partnerships, and churches.

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Lifelong Relationships – We are relational in nature and we live in a world filled with lonely & lost people who are looking for a genuine friendship.

Genesis 2:18

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Romans 16:5

Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.

Eternally Impact – We can impact our community and world in lots of wonderful ways but the greatest impact we can make in our world is by sharing the hope and life that we have in Christ.

1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

Our – We take ownership and responsibility for being the light of Christ in our world.

Matthew 5:14-15

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Community and World – We understand Christ’s command to make disciples has local, regional, and global implications for us.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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Revelation 2-3 Church Evaluation

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Response: *Jesus, All For Jesus*

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Are a Church - We are a Church. (1 Peter 2:9)

One of - We are a part of the broader Kingdom of God and do not stand in isolation. (1 Corinthians 1:2-3)

Calgary - Calgary is our ministry context. (Acts 1:8)

Dynamic - We are active not static. We are being transformed into the image of God. God’s Spirit and His power (dynamis: δύναμις) are at work in us. (2 Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 1:28-29)

Overflowing - God’s activity cannot be contained. (Acts 2:47b)

New Believers - New believers are a sign of God’s activity and an outgrowth of our witness. (John 4:39-41)

Growing Disciples – Discipleship is a lifelong process of becoming more like Christ like that results in helping others come to and grow in Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20, Colossians 2:6-7)

Passionately Participate - We believe that God has uniquely gifted each person for whole hearted service throughout the various stages of life. (Matthew 22:37-39, Romans 12:7-8, 11)

Following Christ - Collectively our church and community will be transformed to the degree that individuals choose to follow and live for Christ. (Luke 9:23, Matthew 4:19, 2 Corinthians 5:15)

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