



Vision Framework

About us, our vision, and beliefs.

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U R CHURCH

Our Journey

U R Church, as part of the International Network of Churches (INC), was planted in the early 80's and known as Townsville Christian Outreach Centre, at the Townsville TAFE refectory. The church grew rapidly, and a school was started not long after.

In the late 80's a property was purchased in Kirwan on Morindo drive, where a purpose-built church and school facility was built. The school eventually closed but the church stayed in Morindo drive until the suburbs had grown around them and the church felt the Lord leading them to move from there and to purchase a new property.

Approximately 4 years later the church was able to buy 8 hectares of land on Hervey Range Rd, where the Townsville location is meeting today.

In 2019 U R Church Townsville was joined by the Burdekin COC church, now placing U R Church INC in 2 locations in the region. The church there is also well established having its own property, located on the main road into Ayr on the north side.

Over the years U R church has witnessed and experienced the faithfulness, favour and love of God through seeing many lives impacted by His awesome life changing grace.

We see U R Church in the Townsville location, being a resource hub for the region with a heart to build people who minister rather than ministries. We want to create space for people to take a breath, to belong, and to grow. In the future, we see locations across North Queensland being places of personal growth as we encourage people in their relationship with God, equipping people to stand strong in the knowledge that God is faithful because He has got this!

Our Name

The name U R Church came about simply through talking with some young people about church names, when one of them said "I don't understand why you just don't call it CHURCH, that's what you are isn't it?" This simplicity of this resonated with us.

The statement, 'you are the church' is more than a hip statement, we believe it's a call to God's people to be the church wherever they are. We were not asked to build ministries, but equip ministers who will go into all the world KNOWING who they serve, strengthened by their relationship and equipped by His Spirit to do whatever is before them and dare to step out in faith, dare to be the church, because... U R Church!

Our Governance

U R Church is part of a larger movement/denomination called the International Network of Churches (INC), formerly known as the Christian Outreach Centre (COC). Our legal organisational name remains Christian Outreach Centre and this may be seen in legal documentation and bank accounts. However, we are trading as U R Church.

VISION FRAMEWORK SUMMARY

Our Vision

Know God! Be Strong! Do...!

*Those who know God will be strong and do exploits **Daniel 11:32 b***

Our Mission

Disciple people

to know God, be strong and do...

Our Culture

Because of the generous,
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VISION FRAMEWORK EXPANDED

Our Vision

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Our knowledge of God and His ways, directly affects our ability to be strong and healthy. Our level of health then directly affects what we produce and do.

Know God

It's more than knowing about Him. It is to develop a relationship with Him through seeking Him and spending time with Him. To know His majesty, character and to be confident in His promises. It is to be known by Him and to communicate openly with Him. God has always intended us to walk the journey of life and discover the treasure of who He is and His vastness. Our quest is to discover the many facets of Him, to love and serve Him while openly embracing His love for us, through the work of His Son and leading of the Holy Spirit.

To Know

To perceive, See, Find Out, Discern, Distinguish, Experience, Recognise, Admit, Acknowledge, Confess, Consider, Discriminate, Acquainted, Perceive, Revealed, Tell, Understand, Teach, Declare, Comprehend, Regard, Respect, Discover, Understand, Observe

The Father

Faithful, Merciful, Gracious, Loving, Light, Healer, Deliverer, Saviour, Father, Lord, Magistrate, Glorious, Holy, Judge, Long-suffering, Creator, Slow to anger, All-powerful, All-knowing, Provider, I AM, Sovereign, Almighty, Tower, A bull-walk or shield, Ancient of days, Most High, Abba, Yahweh, Jehovah, Elohim, Unchanging, Infinite, Truth, Good, Just, Jealous, Discipliner, Beyond Measure, Forgiving, Worthy of praise, True, Righteous, Vindicates, Protects, Rejoices, Everlasting Father,

The Son

Deliverer, Saviour, Lord, Conqueror, Redeemer, Christ, Healer, Warrior, Head, Master, Teacher, Advocate, Wonderful, Prince of Peace, Almighty, Counsellor, Last Adam, Our righteousness, Groom, Emmanuel, Alpha/Omega, Upholder of all things, The Door, the Way, the Truth, eternal Life, Lamb of God, Lion of Judah, Great shepherd, Bishop, Vine, Bread, Morning Star, Ruler, King, Rock, Cornerstone, Priest, Prophet, Intercessor, Resurrection, First born from dead, God in flesh

The Holy Spirit

Holy, Helper, Sealer, Comforter, Wisdom, Reminder, Messenger, Builder, Instructor, Reveals, Spirit of the Lord, Teacher, Testifier, Guide, Enlightens, Intercedes, Sends, Calls, Draws, Works with us, Commands, Abides, Dwells, Partners, Forbids, Fellowships, Affirms, Convicts, Directs, Corrects, Imparts, Gives gifts, Not speak of self, Searches, Sanctifies, Witnesses, Perfects, Works, Strengthen, Anoints, Equips

Be Strong

It's out of relationship with God, knowing Him and His love for us, that we can find strength in all of life's circumstances. God has done everything needed for you to exchange the old for the new, to equip you and empower you, no matter your age or background. In Him, you are complete, as He makes up for what is lacking. You are lacking nothing in Him. No matter what happens to us, around us or against us, we know that He will never leave us. He will make a way for us. He works all things out for our good. His grace is sufficient for us. He is the source of all we need.

'Be Strong' means to...

Hold, Repair, Harden, Prevail, Encourage, Catch, Fasten upon, Seize, Maintain, Withstand, Contain, Retain, Take, Keep hold of, Support, Make firm, Restore strength, Make bold, Grow rigid, Grow stout, Prevail, Be resolute, Be courageous

Being Strong is demonstrated in these qualities...

Courage, Boldness, Health, Determination, Persistence, Stability, Immovability, Wisdom, Joy, Peace, Love, Faithfulness, Consistency, Humility, God-dependency, Patience, Confidence, Authority, Knowledge, Obedience, Enthusiasm, Leadership, Inspiration, Innovation, Calmness, Unoffendable, Forgiving, Resilience, Creativity etc

Do...!

It's not about doing as much as it is about being. In the same way that an apple tree doesn't 'do apples' but produces apples because that is in its DNA. Our natural sinful DNA has been transformed to be holy and righteous, making us sons of God. It is from our connection to God and from His DNA in us that we produce life.

The works that we do are to represent the heart of God. From doing the miraculous to feeding hungry mouths, it is all for God and for the purpose of sharing the message of good news. Whatever we do, we do it passionately, not to please ourselves or others, but to serve God and emanate His love.

We live limited lives when we make ourselves the source. When we connect with God, the limits are removed, and our doing becomes limitless!

God...

Fashions, Accomplishes, Makes, Works, Produces, Acts, Effects, Makes an offering, Prepares, Attends to, Puts in order, Celebrates, Observes, Ordains, Brings about, Uses, Spends, Appoints, Institutes, Keeps, Performs, Advances, Bear, Become, Brings forth, Accomplishes, Exercises, Follows, Fulfills, Governs, Grants, Holds, Is industrious, Maintains, Serves, Offers

So, we can...

Noble deeds, Great achievements, Works, Fruitfulness, Actions, Evangelism, Generosity, Love, Creativity, Problem-solving, Serve, Establish, Initiate, Teach, Disciple, Mentor, Pray, Heal, Miracles, Reconcile, Enterprise, Ministry, Missions, Deliver, Comfort, Encourage, Father, Sow seed, Adventure, Correct, Obedience, Believe in people, Put others first, Respect, Compassion, Honour authority

Our Mission

Disciple people

to know God, be strong and do...

We will achieve our vision by discipling people to know God, to be strong and to do... what God has uniquely called them do.

We believe that **2 Peter 1:1-8** reflects the vision and provides a guide for growing personally and leading others in their faith, to be healthy and fruitful.

Know God...

*To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. **2 Peter 1:1-3***

Be Strong...

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may **become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. **2 Peter 1:4**

Do...

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

For **if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful** in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Peter 1:5-8**

Our Culture

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unconditional acceptance and empowering of God,
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God

Authority and character of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit

Family

Individuals of all ages and backgrounds who choose to join together, sharing common values and beliefs for the purpose of honouring Father God

Faith

The strength and credence on the truthfulness of God

Emanate

A feeling, quality, or sensation spreading out from the source in the same way heat emanates from a fireplace

Love

Embracing and sharing the generous, unconditional acceptance with which God loves us

Communities

The people in your world