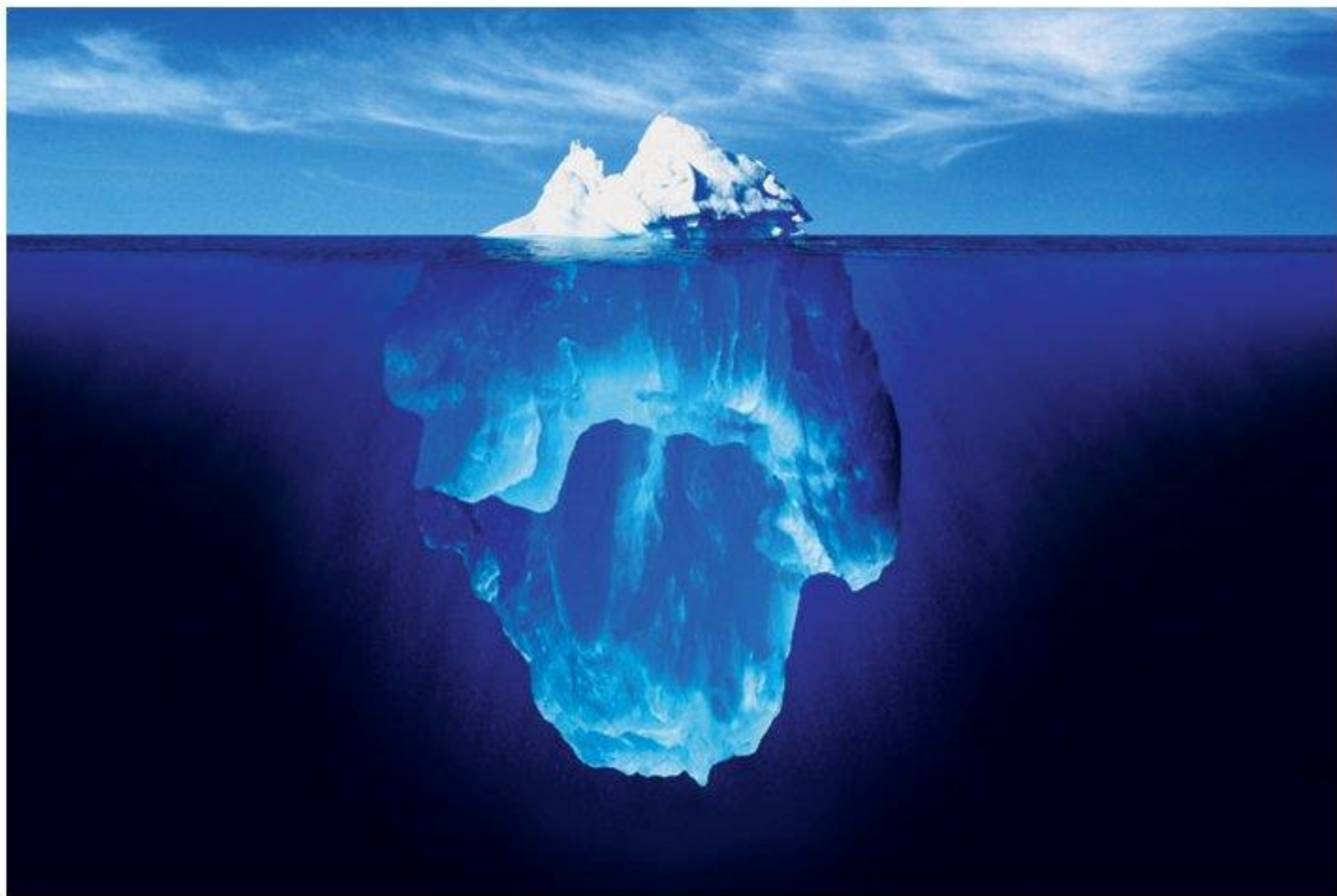


Lakes Christian Centre

Healthy Church – Growing Church

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Vision

- Our vision is to be a **healthy, growing and prayerful** church which is **led by the Holy Spirit** and where the **Bible is studied and applied**.
- Our vision is to be a church which **worships** and **honours God** in all it does.
- Our vision is to be a **united** church in which people **grow** in spiritual maturity and **build one another up in their faith** in Jesus Christ.
- Our vision is to be a **welcoming** church which **serves** its community – both local and visiting – with **love and passion** and through which people **come to know Jesus Christ** as Lord and Saviour.

1. If we are growing healthily it's because it's Jesus' ministry which we are joining in with.

Acts 1: 1-2 “about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A church in which everyone is encouraged to make a contribution*
- *A church in which people come to give and serve as well as to receive*
- *A church with a clear process for assessing new ideas*

2. If we want to see growth we need to make proper preparation

Acts 1 v 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A church with a close team of Elders and Deacons working together*
- *A church with a team of Deacons taking on responsibility for practical tasks*
- *A church with at least one trusted spiritual advisor outside of LCC, and associated churches, to whom the Elders can refer*
- *A church with purposeful support for and development of leaders*

3. Harvest vision

Acts 1:8 “and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A Church with a clearly communicated vision for the “harvest”*
- *A Church where everyone understands their role in evangelism*
- *A church where everyone is on board with the vision for the “harvest”*

4. Constant Prayer –

Acts 1 : 14 “They all continued with one accord in prayer & supplication”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A Church that is known as a “House of Prayer”*
- *A Church which is “soaked in prayer”*
- *A Church which recognises its role in spiritual warfare*

5. Right Leadership

Acts 1 : 24 “Then they prayed ‘Lord you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry.’”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A church where the workload is shared according to capacity, gifting and calling*
- *A church where leaders, at all levels, are functioning effectively and alert others when they need support or relief*

6. Empowering Presence

Acts 2:4 “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” (See also Acts 4)

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A Church which gives free expression to the work of the Holy Spirit*
- *A church which nurtures new Christians effectively*
- *A church which encourages Christians to mature and grow*
- *A church which develops and challenges mature Christians*

7. Transformational Preaching

Acts 2:37 “When the people heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘what shall we do?’”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A church which is intentional about evangelism*
- *A church which plans well and make the most of seasonal opportunities for evangelism*
- *A church which does the best it can with the resources available*
- *A church which moves people forward through effective preaching and teaching*

8. Biblical Discipleship

Acts 2:42 “They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching...”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A Church which gives free expression to the work of the Holy Spirit*
- *A Church which builds discipleship through biblical teaching*
- *A church where everyone feels “well fed”*

9. Relational Unity -

Acts 2:44 “All the believers were together and had everything in common”

Psalm 133 “Where brethren dwell together in unity, there the Lord commands the blessing.”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A church where difficult theological discussions are tackled with love and graciousness*
- *A church where gossip has no place and negative comments are challenged*
- *A church with an Eldership team and wider church body committed to genuine and robust unity*

10. Financial Generosity –

Acts 2:45 “selling their possessions & goods they gave to everyone as they had need”

Our Vision is to be ...

- A church which is generous with its money, time and resources
- A church whose members are generous with their money, time and resources

11. Large celebrations and small groups –

Acts 2:46 “Every day they continued to meet in the temple courts, they broke bread in their homes together and ate with glad and sincere hearts.”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A church which welcomes everyone to its meetings.*
- *A church with welcoming, well attended, small (home) groups.*
- *A church with a variety of larger gatherings which meet the varied needs and tastes of the members*

12. Supernatural Favour –

Acts 2:47 “They were praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A church which is self-evidently blessed with the favour of God*
- *A church which enjoys the support of the local community*

13. Overflow evangelism –

Acts 2:47 “and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

Our Vision is to be ...

- *A congregation which prays for and takes advantage of Divine appointments & evangelistic opportunities*
- *A church which is growing in numbers through people becoming Christians*