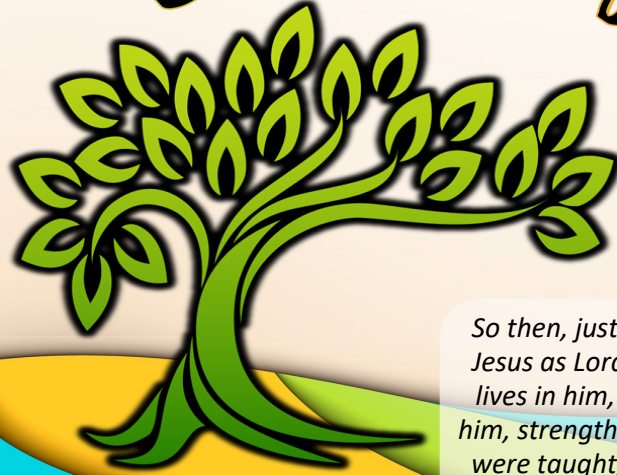




TURRAMURRA UNITING CHURCH

# VISION

*Sunday '24*



*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7*

# VISION 2024

Vision Sunday is a day where we talk about our church's values and goals and how they might shape what we do over the next 12 months. We affirm the overall vision direction that we believe God is calling us to where we as a church would invest extra energy and focus in five key areas:

- ★ **Faith and Discipleship**
- ★ **Growing Young**
- ★ **Pastoral Care and Connections**
- ★ **Small Groups & Support**
- ★ **Being Better Neighbours / Community Connections**



At the end of last year, our TUC Church Council discussed and affirmed that Vision 2024 would build on these five focus areas with a particular focus on **growth** – growth numerically, spiritual growth and growth in the feeling of connection and community both within & beyond our church.

We believe that in 2024 God is calling our church to grow by:

**Strengthening our core** through nurturing faith, community and connections.


**Growing young** through intergenerational opportunities and supporting and empowering children, youth, young adults and families.

**Reaching out to our local community** through raising awareness, strengthening links, social justice and being a lighthouse church

## STRENGTHENING OUR CORE

Over the next 12 months we are encouraging groups and ministry areas to consider how we can stimulate growth and how we make any growth

### Prompting Questions:

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- 1. What is one small thing we might do or try to grow? How might we increase the number connected to our group or ministry area?***
  - 2. What is one small thing we might do or try to spiritually grow? What rituals, practices or other ideas could we share in our context to be more helpful in connecting people with faith and Jesus?***
  - 3. What is one small thing we might do or try to strengthen or deepen the sense of community in our group or ministry area? How do we show love, care and support for each other in all parts of our life?***

## GROWING YOUNG

Building on the Successful Growing Young program – we wish to continue to Grow Young in 2024

- 4. What is one small thing we might do or try to attract and encourage people who are younger than us? How do we encourage intergenerational connections and conversations? How do we include and encourage children, youth, young adults, and families?***

## REACHING OUT INTO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

For any growth to be sustainable, we need to reach out beyond the church into our local community - to be a lighthouse church.

- 5. What is one small thing we might do or try to build or strengthen bridges or links beyond our group or ministry area into the local community? How can we help raise awareness in our local community of what we offer?***

## Vision 24 Timeline

### February

Vision Sunday '24

### March / April

Conversations with groups and ministry areas using prompting questions.

### April / May / June

Groups and ministry areas implement some small steps to take the vision forward.

### July

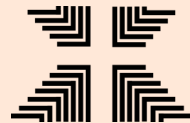
Vision update at AGM.

### July - Dec

Strengthen & Grow

*We would encourage all groups and ministry areas within our church community to either formally (with myself or Kevin or others guiding the discussion) or informally chat about these five questions and to see whether they might discern one or two small things that they could do or try to keep bringing life and momentum to the Vision. We would encourage the collection of these ideas and the feedback when they are tried so that we can encourage the whole church community with what God is doing.*

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