

BLOCKHOUSE BAY  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

# CALLING & CULTURE HOPES & DREAMS

BBCC'S BIG PICTURE

*Real People*



*Real Life*

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# OUR CALLING

As a local Christian church, we exist to serve and glorify God in our community, and have influence throughout New Zealand and around the world. We believe our church is called ...

**TO BE A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF JESUS TO THE  
WORLD, EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT TO  
PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL, RECONCILE LOST  
PEOPLE BACK TO GOD, AND TRANSFORM THEM  
INTO FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.**

This calling will find expression throughout a range of ministries which will be adapted and refined to meet the changing needs of our world, however, our calling will remain the same - Jesus Christ will always be central in everything we do.

**Matthew**  
**28:18-20**

# OUR CULTURE

As we find ways of fulfilling God's call on our lives, we will encourage a clearly Christian culture consistent with a church who lives under the leadership of Jesus Christ.

Inspired by the phrase *Real People, Real Life* our culture will be characterised by genuine, truthful, and transparent relationships with God, ourselves, and others, and we will pursue the fullness of life God offers through faith in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit's empowering



Our culture will inspire, encourage, and transform people to become all they can be in Christ, and to live for God in ways that will influence our world.

Our culture is the nature and character of Blockhouse Bay Community Church - it's the DNA of BBCC. It's who we are and who we're seeking to become and is expressed through the following statements:

## OUR CULTURE

- ⊙ **ACCEPTS AND VALUES PEOPLE OF ALL CULTURES, BACKGROUNDS AND AGE GROUPS**
- ⊙ **HONOURS THE BIBLE AS GOD'S WORD**
- ⊙ **INSPIRES CREATIVE & DIVERSE EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP**
- ⊙ **ACTIVELY ENGAGES IN PRAYER**
- ⊙ **COMMITTS TO EVANGELISM IN NZ AND SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**
- ⊙ **DEMONSTRATES CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE**
- ⊙ **ENCOURAGES SPIRITUAL GROWTH & MATURITY**
- ⊙ **ENCOURAGES HEALING AND WHOLENESS OF THE TOTAL PERSON (MIND, SOUL, AND SPIRIT).**
- ⊙ **EQUIPS IT'S PEOPLE FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY**
- ⊙ **ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO USE THEIR GIFTS AND TALENTS**
- ⊙ **PROVIDES RELEVANT EXPRESSIONS OF OUR FAITH**
- ⊙ **DEMONSTRATES SERVANT LEADERSHIP**
- ⊙ **STRENGTHENS THE FAMILY**
- ⊙ **PRACTICES FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY**
- ⊙ **FACILITATES FRIENDSHIPS FOR EVERYONE**
- ⊙ **ENCOURAGES TEAM WORK**
- ⊙ **PARTNERS WITH LIKE-MINDED CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES**
- ⊙ **ACTIVELY SUPPORTS THE MINISTRY OF OUR ALLIANCE FAMILY**
- ⊙ **ENCOURAGES EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING - WE WANT TO GIVE GOD OUR BEST**

# HOPES & DREAMS

On 28th August, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., Rev Martin Luther King Jnr. began to speak to a huge crowd of people gathered for a Civil Rights march. During this speech he coined the now famous words “I have a dream” as he outlined his hopes for racial equality in the USA. His speech has been an inspiration to thousands of people around the world, both those who have fought for racial equality, and those, like myself, who hope and dream about something bigger than themselves, bigger than their current realities, something that can only be possible if it comes from the heart of God.



Having been part of Blockhouse Bay Community Church for over 25 years, and in Pastoral ministry here since 1996, God continues to develop a dream within me for BBCC. It’s what I hope for, and what ignites my heart for ministry, and I invite you to bring your hopes and dreams to BBCC and join us on this exciting journey .

*I dream about...*

A **large community Church** that’s international and intergenerational with hundreds of people gathering regularly, committed to being real people seeking the real life Jesus offers.

*I dream about...*

A **high quality building** which provides for a vast range of activities and people groups, especially children and youth. This facility will be a landmark in our community which serves the people around us and maximizes our available land so wisely purchased over 30 years ago by our founding members.

*I dream about...*

A church that's **passionate about prayer** where every person is developing a strong prayer life, every small group committed to praying for their members, every family represented at our monthly prayer gatherings, and a network of prayer warriors covers every person, every need, and every ministry.

*I dream about...*

A church which is **free in it's worship expression**. Where pride, fear, doubts, and inhibitions are replaced by a passion and a hunger for God which produces a God honouring, truth inspired, heartfelt, life changing response to God revelation in all our gatherings.

*I dream about...*

A church which is **equipping people for life**. Where the training and teaching is Bible based and supported by relationships which encourage spiritual growth and God honouring lifestyles. This type of equipping will prepare people to live well for God both inside and outside the gatherings of the church.

*I dream about ...*

A **huge local harvest** where we see people coming to Christ in significant numbers who have connected with us through our community ministries and our own personal networks.

*I dream about ...*

A **church with global vision** who reaches out beyond it's community and links with the wider Alliance family to impact the world. This will include short term mission trips, the adoption of several mission projects, and a rising interest and practical concern for the world around us.

