



Christian City Church
connect **HEPBURN HEIGHTS**

MEMBERSHIP

**Imparting our C3HH Vision
Values and Ministries**

OUR BACKGROUND

OUR HISTORY

Christian City Church Hepburn Heights is a contemporary Pentecostal church, enjoying a reputation of life, balance and integrity. It was formed in August 1975 when two churches merged together under the leadership of Dr Frank Hultgren and Ps Bernice Hall. C3HH was previously known as Shiloh Faith Centre until it changed to NorthCity Christian Centre in 1998 and then to Christian City Church Hepburn Heights in 2005. We moved from our premises in Balga to our current premises in 1999.

OUR MOVEMENT

In 2001 we joined a global movement, Christian City Church International (C3i). Dr Phil Pringle is the President of C3i, which was started in Sydney during the 1980's. John and Dianne Finkelde are the National 500+ Directors for C3i. C3HH has planted churches throughout its history, the most recent plants being C3 Fremantle (1996), C3 Crawley (2002), C3 Paris (2005) & C3 Floreat (2008). We are avid supporters of global C3 2020 Vision of 1000 churches with average membership of 500 by the year 2020.

OUR LOCAL LINKS

C3HH has strong relational links with other churches & movements in Western Australia and Australia. Locally we are linked through the Church Together Network.

OUR VISION

The C3HH Vision is

**Building a Church to Reach a
Community**

Two key scriptures inform our vision

I will build my church

Matthew 16:18

**All peoples on earth will be
blessed through you**

Genesis 12:3

OUR PRIMARY VALUES

- Encounter** We love God! We encounter Him personally through the Word, Holy Spirit, corporate worship & private devotion.
- Connect** We enjoy people. We love family. We love friends. We build long lasting relationships. We connect.
- Volunteer** We volunteer. We utilise our gifts & skills to serve Christ, build His church & support our leaders.
- Beyond** We go beyond ourselves, reaching people who don't know God. We are blessed to be a blessing to our local & global communities.
- Multi-generational** We equally value all age groups - children, youth, young adults, singles, young marrieds, families, seniors.
- Integrity** We love godly character. We believe that only your integrity will keep you in the unique places that your giftedness takes you.
- Journey** We value journey. Growing with God through all experiences, increasing our knowledge, understanding & wisdom.

OUR KEY STRATEGIES

Sunday Services

Connect Groups

Church Planting

Excellent & skilled volunteers

Word, worship & prayer

Multi-generational connections

Stage of life & gender based ministries

Going to the nations

Conferences

People development

C3 Connection

Creative Arts, Technology & Media

OUR STRUCTURE

- Christ is the foundation of our house
- The Members are the pillars of our house
- The Church Board, Pastoral Team and Volunteers are the roof of our house

A C3HH MEMBER'S COMMITMENT

Being a C3HH member means commitment to the

- **Foundation of this house, Jesus Christ**
salvation, water baptism, Holy Spirit baptism.
- **Being a pillar in the house**
walking with Christ, attending, loving, tithing, serving, inviting unchurched, growing
- **Leadership of the house**
actively supporting and praying for the leadership and vision fulfilment

WHAT'S NEXT?

Are you ready to make this commitment?

- Please sign the Membership Agreement and complete the attached Membership forms.
- If you are not yet baptised please commit to beginning the journey towards this.
- Return the signed Membership Agreement and Membership forms to the office or Information Desk.

Are you still considering your decision?

- If you're not yet ready to make this commitment then please feel free to take more time to consider it and contact one of the pastoral staff if you have any more questions.
- When you are ready then just follow the steps above.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Christian City Church Hepburn Heights believes in the following basic truths:

- a) The holy scriptures—their inspiration and fallibility.
2 Tim 3:16, 1 Peter 1:23
- b) The godhead—comprising Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Matt 28:19, 2 Cor 13:14
- c) The Lord Jesus Christ—his humanity, deity, virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death for the sin of the world, resurrection for our justification, ascension to the Father's right hand, and personal return to reign upon earth.
1 Tim 3:16, Acts 2:31-33, 1 Cor 15:1-4, 1 Thess 4:3-18
- d) Salvation—by repentance, faith in and confession of Jesus Christ as Lord producing an upright and moral life.
Eph 1:7, Eph 2:8-9, 1 John 1:9
- e) The ordinances—water baptism for all believers, by immersion; the Lord's Supper, celebrated regularly in remembrance of Christ.
Act 2:38, 1 Cor 11:23-26
- f) Divine healing—secured for every believer through the atonement of Christ; and deliverance from all bondage to the power of Satan.
Matt 8:16-17, Col 1:13
- g) The baptism in the Holy Spirit – as a subsequent experience after salvation.
Acts 1:8, Eph 5:18
- h) The gifts of the Holy Spirit – for the equipping of ministry and the edification of the church.
1 Cor 12:7-11

- i) The fruit of the Holy Spirit – as the expression of Christian character in believers.
Gal 5:22
- j) The church universal—comprising of all born again believers of all nations under the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Matt 16:18, Rev 7:9-10
- k) Bible prophecy—its fulfilment in world events, heralding the climax of this age and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Rev 11:15, Rev 19:11-16

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and saviour and been baptised in water and in the Holy Spirit. I have read and do accept the declaration of faith of Christian City Church Hepburn Heights and am in agreement with its vision and values, I now wish to become a congregational member of Christian City Church Hepburn Heights.

By the grace of God, I agree to do the following:

I will share the responsibility of my church

- ... by praying for it
- ... by attending faithfully
- ... by giving tithes and offerings

I will serve the ministry of my church

- ... by using my gifts to lead others
- ... by personal growth in Christ
- ... by inviting the unchurched to attend

I will protect the unity of my church

- ... by acting and speaking in love
- ... by supporting the vision and leadership
- ... by encouraging others to develop godly character

By the grace of God, the church council and pastoral team agree to do the following:

- ... We will lead you biblically, faithfully, diligently.
- ... We will serve you with love and integrity, by praying for you, ministering to you and equipping you according to your gifts and call.