

ON THE COAST AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

VISION



Beachlands
Baptist Church

Our Vision

We Believe

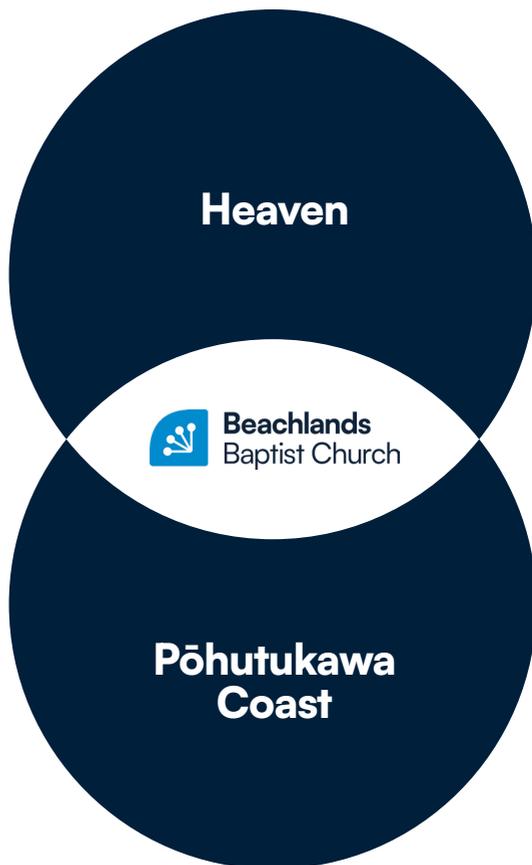
“On the Coast, as it is in Heaven.”

We Are Called

To follow Jesus, by living the Way of Jesus.

We Abide

In Yahweh to become like Jesus, and do as He did.



Guiding Principles

Our guiding principles influence our decisions that we make as a church. We see them as foundational for the vision God is leading us into. We liken it to a garden of Gods people flourishing — preparing for the harvest!

1 - Growth and Kingdom Building

Our church recognises that God is calling us to a season of growth, for His kingdom.



Seed, Soil & Water

Together we plant and water, expectant for God to do the growing. Without planting, there is no harvest.

2 - Counting the Cost

Our church sees that God is asking us to count the cost of what He is calling us to in this growth for His Kingdom.



Shovel and Sweat

We accept there will be a cost to each of us in serving God's purposes

3 - Abiding & People Above Programs

Our church acknowledges that abiding in Jesus and doing life together (pastoral care) must come before programs and events.



Tools Down

Our time spent with Jesus and one another is more important than any program we might run.

Our Strategies

These are the 5 actions we believe God is asking us to undertake as Beachlands Baptist.

We liken it to the parts of a tree — that when we do this well, a person finds a whole new way to be human in Jesus.

Strategy 1

Abiding in Yahweh

Abiding

Permanently staying connected, dwelling, and relying on the source of life, which is Jesus and His teachings.

Yahweh

The Lord, The I AM, The Trinitarian God.

A tree has roots, and those roots are its anchor.

A clear desire and call is for this church to be a “house of prayer for all nations”.

Our abiding in Yahweh is essential to how we live individually and as a church family. Not simply to lay requests before God, but to be in communion with the living God in every moment of life.

Strategy 2

Church Family Community

Church Family

Doing life together,
So much more than a Sunday faith.

Community

People above programs.

A tree's trunk helps it reach sunlight.

Our church recognises that to be “the church” is more than a Sunday service, but of being committed to one another.

Our desire is to care for one another and live as the church in our day-to-day. That as we commit to one another, we become one another's strength.

Strategy 3

Focus on Younger Generations

Focus

To fix our gaze.
Give greater attention to.

Younger Generations

With our focus on people over programs.

The branches offer structural support.

Our churches heart is to see younger generations flourish in our church family and in our community.

We desire to be a people that offer support, encouragement and look for ways to change the culture amongst youth on the Coast.

Strategy 4

Discipleship and Habits of Jesus

Discipleship

Be with Jesus,
Become like Jesus.

Habits of Jesus

Do as Jesus did.

**The leaves help a tree
grow and thrive.**

Our church family desires to be more like Jesus
and to do as He did.

Our heart is to learn and live in what Jesus called
“the Way”. That through the habits of Jesus and
discipleship, we thrive in our walk with Jesus.

Strategy 5

Justice through Mission

Justice through mission is a Christian concept that involves demonstrating the gospel through mercy and justice. It's a core part of the church's mission to follow Christ's example.

How is justice through mission practiced?

- Defending the poor: Supporting people who are trapped in violence, slavery, or human trafficking
- Promoting peace: Working with local authorities and churches to provide care for orphans and abandoned children
- Raising public opinion: Conducting research and publishing reports to protest injustice
- Living in solidarity: Living with the poor and outcast, and taking up their cause
- Learning from the poor: Recognizing that there is much to be learned from the values and courage of the poor

What is Biblical Justice?

- Seeking God in prayer
- Demonstrating the gospel through mercy and justice
- Taking up the cause of the poor and outcast

Shade is the product of a healthy tree, providing rest to the weary.

Our church desires to be a people that bear much spiritual fruit, that it will be the Kingdom here and now for those around us.

The Way Forward

“The Soil we plant in...”

Where is God Leading Us?

Next 12 Months - 2 Years

Laying Foundations

- Establishment of Management Team
- Building Development Project resumed
- Establishment of Family Communities
- Pastoral Care Team Establishment
- Leadership training and development with a focus on youth and young adults
- Mentoring with a focus on youth and young adults
- Continued focus on sound biblical preaching and teaching

Further places to strengthen our foundations...

- Jo Robertson Seminar for parents
- Brett Harvey Seminar
- Prayer Course,
- 321!, CAP
- Church Family Camp 2026

5 Year Plan

The Garden Grows

- Building Project Underway
- Family Communities are well established and thriving — they are part of the church culture
- Healthy discipleship taking place from our now trained leaders especially in spaces of children and youth ministries
- Ability to now offer wider pastoral care to our Pōhutukawa Coast Community (perhaps in the way of counseling services? School? “adoptive grandparents”?)
- Our way of life — is focused on Abiding in Jesus and doing life together.

20 Year Plan

Reaping the Harvest

- That we are not our building, but a church community committed to the holistic care and discipleship of others
- That as we have counted the cost — we have instilled that same principle in all generations. That there is a cost to discipleship, and we are all willing and ready to ‘pick up our cross’.
- That we will be a people of Kingdom Focus — being the Kingdom of God to people here and now and giving them a foretaste of the world to come. And being expectant for the Kingdom that is to come.
- That our purpose built-building is able to be a place of worship, prayer, holistic care and a blessing to our wider community.
- That our focus on younger generations has seen a cultural shift on the Coast as a whole and more of our young people and young families are thriving in our church.
- Family Communities will now have 2-3 generations of impact, meaning we are doing life together, growing in Christ together — and this will be the norm for those who have grown up in BBC for the last 20 years.
- That our people will be therefore not conformed to this world of stress, anxiety, apathy, self-indulgence — but a renewing of the mind that seeks to be more like Christ in the everyday of life.
- That due to our focus of growing leaders, of living in intentional community — we will be a church planting church that seeks to bless other communities in need of Jesus Gospel and love.

Joining with Beachlands Baptist

The journey of discipleship is not linear, it's cyclical. There's no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to following Jesus. This pathway is simply a way of finding yourself within Beachlands Baptist Church and an invitation to move deeper into our family. Move at your pace, in the way that matches your journey, and in the timing that fits your limits.

You are welcome here!

Gatherings

Sunday Gatherings

Conferences

Lectures/Courses

Prayer & Praise Nights

Courses

Welcome to BBC

Alpha/321

Spiritual Habits

Parenting

Community

Family Communities

Justice through Mission

Life With Beachlands Baptist

Following the Way of Jesus

Jesus calls us to Follow His Way of living. We do this by ordering our lives around Abiding in Jesus, to become like Jesus, to do as Jesus did.

Live in Community

Church is not a Sunday event - it is to live life together. Throughout the week we eat, pray and share life together. In Community is where we Follow the Way of Jesus together, here on the Coast.

Gather on Sundays

We gather as a Church Community to pray, learn and understand the scriptures, to celebrate and worship together.

Serve

We serve by demonstrating self-sacrificial love to those both in and outside the Church Community. We all have a part to play in the Community of God and on a Sunday Gathering. We are family, and like a family, we must all pitch in!

Give

We give in our partnership with what Jesus is already doing to serve others. We pray to be known as a church known for radical generosity and hospitality.

The Heart of Living in Community



What is a Beachlands Baptist Family Community?

A Family Community is a small group of people who are part of our wider Church Family, committed to gathering weekly to eat, pray, and Follow the Spiritual Habits of Jesus.

Family Community Shape

Community Leader/s

Serves as frontline “pastor” of their Family Community. Leading, empowering their Community in its discipleship to Jesus and giving oversight to the Community in partnership with the Vision and Eldership of the wider body. The Community Leader keeps in contact with the Pastoral Care Team of any support or prayer needed for their Community. This could be done with two people.

Communications Coordinator

Works in partnership with the Community Leader to keep their Family Community organised. It looks like maintaining a calendar and managing necessary group communication for the weekly gathering and other Church activities.

Food and Hospitality Coordinator

Works in partnership with Community Leader/s to plan out where the Family Community will gather and what they will eat each week, and who is bringing what for the meal together.

Mission Coordinator

Works with the Community Leader/s to plan, organise and facilitate the Family Communities monthly mission.

Other Roles

These can include anything (and anyone of any age). For examples: someone making sure everyone’s birthday and anniversary is celebrated, planning a Family Community trip, planning activities alongside the night you meet, planning holiday-themed parties, leading worship, reminding everyone about prayer requests of the group, or anything you may wish to contribute.

Your Commitments

Active In Your Own Spiritual Formation

- Focus on deepening and regularly integrating the Habits of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit: scripture reading and study, prayer, Sabbath rest, Church Gatherings, Family Community, Emotional Health and wellbeing, generosity.

Active in Beachlands Baptist Church

- Regular attendance and involvement in our Sunday Gatherings

Active in Your Family Community

- A commitment to regular attendance (understanding that some may travel for work, are unwell, or unforeseen circumstances)
- Engagement in the life of the Community: prayer, breaking of bread, mission
- Being present with one another (e.g. putting phones away, engaging honestly with discussion)
- Like any family, sharing the responsibilities of the Community (e.g. food, clean up, personal needs that arise, praying together)

Active Participation on the Coast

- Involvement in the Justice through Mission of your Family Community
- Praying for the Coast (for salvation, for restoration, that BBC can be a lighthouse to our neighbours)



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