



The Grapevine 19/9/2021

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Sermon: "Where there is no vision, the people perish"

This verse from Proverbs 29:18 has a lot to answer for. It has been the mantra of many a leader to explain and justify their position and plans based on the mantle of Leadership. Certainly being a CEO fits that.

In the world church there are so many differing models of leadership. Authors such as John Maxwell state that "Everything rises and falls on leadership." I agree, but in the church whose leadership are we following?

Others talk about vision as the generator of life:

***"We are limited, not by our abilities,
but by our vision."*** – Khalil Gibran

Others have suggested that for true visionaries, the imaginary world of their visions is more real to them than the concrete reality around them. The idea that being a visionary has no earthly connection is also a little concerning.

Sometimes I think we miss the point. Whose vision are we following? Or another way to ask that is, where does the vision come from? There can be no denying that vision is powerful, Warren Bennis states that

***"Vision animates, Inspires and
transforms purpose into action."***

But what comes first?

Is it the Vision or is it the Purpose?

Now I am not trying to play word games, but it is an interesting tension. For me our beliefs and our purpose shape the nature of the Vision we have, because our vision must line up with our values. No point having a vision for turning The Vines into a casino... that is a FAIL. So how do we build on the vision of the past and make it our own today, so it shapes the future?

Rev DJPrior

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is the last week for preparation of shoe boxes for distribution overseas.

There are 3 ways in which you can be involved:

- ❖ Fill your own shoe box/ or plan as a “Small-group” activity.
- ❖ Donate an individual item.
- ❖ A donation of money.

Shoe boxes, collection boxes and brochures are available in the foyer.

For further information please contact; *Wendy Fittock 0422 230 795 or*

Sandra Stone 0403 607 852 or Judy Beames 8322 0892

Please pray for this special ministry, as these gifts are prepared.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring God's love and joy to so many children and families in need.

Completed shoeboxes to be returned, please, by this Sunday 19th September.

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:
Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE
'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID
We have to pass on God's love.



BREAD TAGS
CHAPLAINCY

Please help Reynella South School by continuing to collect the plastic tags from bread bags and leaving them in the red labelled box in the church foyer.

The School is collecting them for a charity that makes them into products that are then sold to fund the purchase of wheelchairs.

Thank you, Leon.

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.

This week we are need of the following items:

- ❖ Cereal
- ❖ Long Life Milk
- ❖ 2 Minute Noodles
- ❖ Soup
- ❖ Pasta
- ❖ Toiletries, or a Cash Donation marked FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY.

Thank you again and may God Bless you.

Leon and the Pastoral Team

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

Next week:

Watch this space.

Our Children's Church....Sessions are held fortnightly, during the services at the Church.

See below for the scheduled weeks:

Sunday 19th September
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Sunday 17th October

Kristen Waters and Reniini Samuel

Children's
CHURCH



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