

Connect with Christian Life Camps Bay

Our Vintage

In 1926, this church began as *a non-denominational local church* in Camps Bay. Then, in 1977, the church formally became 'The Camps Bay United Church', which included Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists. In 2011 our church constitution was broadened to allow the calling of a pastor from a wide range of Evangelical expressions. At that time the church was also given the name 'Christian Life Camps Bay' (CLCB). Our current pastor was appointed by and receives covering from the Association of Vineyard Churches in South Africa.

Our Vision

Our vision slogan is 'Be Changed, Be Nice, Be Used', and this expresses our vision for healing, honour and harvest.

'Be Changed' speaks of our vision for Healing.

First and foremost, our vision is for the once-for-all, decisive healing of our relationship with God.

- We all need our relationship with God to be 'healed' by the removal of sin, which separates us all from the holiness of God. (1.)
- The good news is that our Lord Jesus Christ became a man and came into the world to save sinners. (2.)
- He achieved this salvation by his death and resurrection. (3.)
- All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord, receive the forgiveness of sins and a restored / healed / justified/ forever-right relationship with God. (4.)
- Water baptism expresses our saving faith in Jesus and our membership of His Church (5.)

Secondly, our vision is for the growing, progressive healing of our becoming more and more like God.

- When we receive Jesus by believing in Him, we are born again of the Holy Spirit and become children of God. (6.)
- The Holy Spirit, who enters our lives by faith, then works in and with us for the rest of our lives on earth, to change us into people like Jesus. (7.)
- This on-going, increasing growing in holiness is called sanctification. (8.)
- Turning to God from sin in repentance is part of this progressive spiritual change. (9.)

Thirdly, our vision is for the supernatural healing of the sick, physically and psychologically.

- This sort of supernatural healing is a demonstration of the coming of the kingdom of God. (More on this in our values.) (10.)
- When on earth, Jesus healed the sick and commanded His followers to do the same works. (11.)
- The healing ministry relates to our being used in the manifestation of spiritual gifts (See below).

'Be Nice' speaks of our vision for Honour.

- Our vision is to be nice and to honour all, welcoming and calling them to follow Jesus in repentance and changed life. (12.)
- The ministry of the church is done by believers who have already travelled some way along the road of repentance. (13.)
- Our oneness as the Body of Christ is expressed in regularly sharing in Communion together (14.)

'Be Used' speaks of our vision for Harvest.

- Our vision is for all our members to be growing their harvest of righteousness, which refers to growing in spiritual maturity. (15.)
 - Spiritual growth requires that we depend on God in prayer (16.)
 - Spiritual growth involves devotion to the reading, hearing and obeying of Scripture, which is God's Word (17.)
 - Spiritual growth includes meeting and supporting our church with our time, talents and treasure (18.)
 - Spiritual growth is also about becoming people who love our neighbours and care for others, especially the poor. (19.)
- Our vision is also for all our members to be used by God in gathering the harvest of souls, which refers to spiritual ministry (20.).
 - Spiritual power is from the filling of the Spirit, who comes upon us by faith as we let Him take control. (21.)
 - Spiritual power is expressed in the gifts of the Spirit, which we are to eagerly desired, received and manifested (22.)
 - Spiritual power includes sharing the Gospel, which is 'the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes'. (23.)

Our Values

These are our three core values:

Bible Centred

- We highly value the Bible as God-produced, true, '*profitable*' and relevant for today. (24.)
- We therefore put a high value on the clear, systematic exposition and application of the Bible. (25.)
- We keep asking; "What does the Scripture say?" And the answer to this question will determine what we believe and how we live. (26.).

Spirit Welcoming

- We highly value the empowering presence and gifts of the Holy Spirit (27.)
- We keep on asking and inviting the Holy Spirit to come and fill us (28.)

Kingdom Tensioned

- The kingdom of God is the dynamic, saving reign of God, which gets God's will done on earth as it is in heaven (29.)
- We highly value that the kingdom of God has already been inaugurated in Jesus and the Holy Spirit, resulting in healing for today. (30.)
- We also agonise over the reality that the kingdom of God has not yet fully come, meaning that some are not immediately healed (31.).

Notes:

(1.) 1 Peter 2:24-25; Isaiah 59:2; Ephesians 2:1; Ephesians 4:18. (2.) John 1:1, 14; 1 Timothy 1:15. (3.) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Romans 3:21-26; 4:25. (4.) Ephesians 2:8; 2 Timothy 3:15. Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:14-25; Romans 3:23-26; 5:1. (5.) Acts 2:41 (6.) John 1:12-13, 3:6. (7.) 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 1:6. (8.) Romans 6:19 (9.) Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Hebrews 6:1 (10.) Matthew 12:28 (11.) Matthew 4:23-24; 10:1, 8; 28:20; John 14:11-12. (12.) Luke 5:27-32 (13.) Psalm 101:6 (14.) 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (15.) 2 Corinthians 9:10 (16.) Colossians 4:2; Matthew 6:6-13 (17.) 2 Timothy 3:15-17 (18.) Hebrews 10:24-25; Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Corinthians 9:13-14 (19.) Matthew 22:39-40; Galatians 2:10 (20.) Matthew 9:37-38; 28:18-20 (21.) Acts 1:8; John 7:37-39; Ephesians 5:18 (22.) 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 14:1 (23.) Romans 1:16-17; Galatians 3:8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (24.) 2 Timothy 3:14-17; John 10:35; Hebrews 3:7-10; 4:12-13 (25.) 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 5; 1 Timothy 5:17-18 (26.) Romans 4:3; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Matthew 19:2-6 (27.) John 7:37-39; Ephesians 5:18; 1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1 (28.) Luke 11:13; John 1:33; Acts 1:4-5; 2:4, 33; 4:8, 31 (29.) Matthew 6:10 (30.) Matthew 12:28 (31.) Matthew 6:10; 2 Corinthians 12:8-9; Galatians 4:13-14; 2 Timothy 4:20.
