

MULTIPLYING

... Church Planting



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Matthew 16:18-19

The Church was Jesus' idea and His '***master project***' and all of His energies are focused on completing it.



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God's Master Project

“The Church is a community of Christ-followers empowered by the Holy Spirit to participate in God’s mission to the world.”



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The Church expands in the book of Acts

Acts 2:37-41 - Peter's first sermon resulted in 3,000 people coming to Christ.

Acts 2:42-47 - The Church in Jerusalem was experiencing the daily occurrence of people coming to Christ because of its outreach activities.

Acts 4:1-4 - Peter's second sermon resulted in 5,000 men coming to Christ.



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Persecution and the scattering of the Church

Acts 7:54-60 - 8:1-3

This is the account of Stephen's stoning and Saul's immediate pursuit of persecuting the Church in Jerusalem resulting in many of the believers scattering afar.



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Amongst those who were scattered were

Acts 8:4-5 - Philip went to Samaria where many people come to know Christ.

Acts 9:19-25 - We find there were believers in Damascus where Saul began to preach in the Synagogue.

Acts 9:31 - There are now churches throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria.



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Amongst those who were scattered were

Acts 11:19-22 - We read that those who scattered and went to Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, where a great number of people became believers.



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Saul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-18

The dramatic conversion of Saul brings relief from the persecution as Saul was the chief persecutor.



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**With the storm of persecution now passed,
what was the state of the Church?**

Acts 9:31 (nkjv) *Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*



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The Church was now, as a result of the scattering from Jerusalem, multiplied into many local churches.

Acts 13:1-4

One of these new local churches, at Antioch, became another “*operational base*” replicating the first church in Jerusalem.



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Throughout the book of Acts we can identify a biblical principle for revival:

Compound Multiplication

Local churches starting other local churches and in turn becoming operational bases for extension activities of outreach.



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WPCC Strategic Shift

If we are to fulfil our Mission Statement ***“to connect people to Jesus Christ, developing them into Christ-like maturity and empowering them to a meaningful life of service in the church, community and world.”***



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WPCC Strategic Shift

Then one way is to be purposeful in increasing our presentation of the Gospel to a greater percentage of the City of Greater Geelong, the Golden Plains Shire and beyond by engaging in strategic evangelistic endeavours.



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WPCC Strategic Shift

The strategic shift that we will make is to take our church to the people by following the New Testament pattern found in the book of Acts by planting new Churches so they will reach-out to their localities with the good news of Christ!



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Introducing the Multi-site Church concept

What is a multi-site church?

Short for multiple-site church, multi-site church is *'one church meeting in multiple locations.'*



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Introducing the Multi-site Church concept

Gathering together in different locations in the same region, or in different cities, states, or possibly Nations.

A multi-site church shares a common vision, budget, resources and leadership.



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Why become multi-site?

The core purpose of becoming a multi-site church is to make more disciples by bringing the church closer to where people who are far away from God are.



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The motivation is to love different people, with an outcome of making significant advances in obeying Jesus' Great Commandment **Matthew 22:37-40** and Great Commission **Matthew 28:19-20**.



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Advantages of the Multi-site Church concept

- Shared DNA (*vision, mission and core values*)
- Grow larger and grow smaller at the same time
- Less cost through the sharing of resources with greater impact
- Wider outreach by taking the church to where the people are
- Accountability through shared leadership and structure



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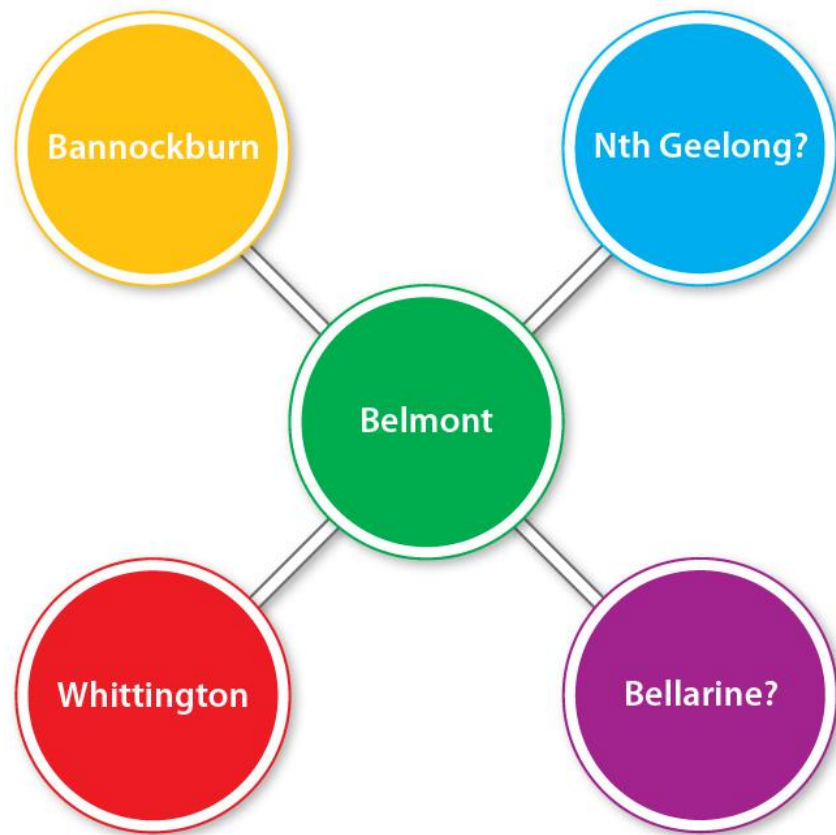
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Advantages of the Multi-site Church concept

- Mobilizes volunteers through an added variety of ministry opportunities
- Greater prayer support
- No need to *'reinvent the wheel'*
- Balanced consistent teaching diet through the *'Big Idea'* model



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Our new outreach in Whittington

Pre-Launch Planning

March – May

Outreach Leader Selected

Outreach Location

Outreach Launch Date

1st Small Group Commencement



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Our new outreach in Whittington

June – July

Outreach Facility Fit Out

Funding Campaign

Equipment Inventory

Marketing Strategy

Prayer Strategy

Core Team Recruitment

Family Fun Day Planning



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Our new outreach in Whittington

August – September

Marketing Info Production

Signage

Core Team Training

Family Fun Day Planning ongoing

Prayer Strategy Ongoing

Big Idea Launch Series Planning

Mail out for holiday programme

Children's Programme School Holidays

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Our new outreach in Whittington

August – September

Family Fun Day School Holidays

Opening of Facility on Fun Day

1st Setup Practice

Personal Invitations to Opening

7 day Prayer and Fasting

2nd Setup Practice

Practise opening Service

Big Idea Series Completed

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Our new outreach in Whittington

(28th - 2nd October)

Personal Invitations to Opening

Core Team Training Ongoing

Prayer Strategy Ongoing

Clean Facility

Final Setup

Launch Saturday (3rd October)

Launch Service



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