

## **Christ Centred Change Agents** **Part 2 – What Change Agents Value**

As followers of Jesus we have gathered together as a church to make a difference. We all want our lives to make a difference; we all want our lives to count for something. The question I want to ask today is, “What do change agents value?” At Australind Baptist Church we value being ....

### **I) CHRIST CENTRED - Honouring God with prayer filled lives that are Bible based and Spirit led**

*"...it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20 NKJV)*

*'He who is a slave to the compass enjoys the freedom of the open sea'*. As a church we have made a total commitment to let Christ be our compass in all that we do. We want to live and operate in a state of full dependence upon Jesus Christ.

### **II) CONNECTED - An inclusive community supporting each other with integrity, gentleness and care**

*We form one body, and each member belongs to all the others (Romans 12:5)*

Without a church home we are like an organ without a body, a sheep without a flock, or a child without a family; a spiritual orphan. You need a church family and we need you in the family.

*"If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honoured, all the other parts share its honour" (1Co 12:26 NCV).*

### **III) CONTEMPORARY - Having the courage to be innovative in making the gospel accessible to all people**

One of the reasons churches go stale and die is because they stop being teachable. A church that is no longer teachable is no longer fruitful.

*"The discerning heart seeks knowledge" (Proverbs 15:14 NIV)*

### **IV) COMMITTED - To giving 100% to the work God has prepared for us to do**

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).*

What we're doing here as a church is not a game, it's not a hobby, it's not a whim. This is God's calling on our lives and so what we set out to achieve with the Lord deserves our best efforts.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men (Colossians 3:23)*