



## Arnold Community Church

### **2010-2015 Ministry Goals**

*“Co-building a life-changing and inviting community,  
passionately centered on Jesus Christ”*

Over the next five years, our church family seeks to pursue several key ministry goals.  
This is an overview of the these five goals.

***With God’s guidance, it is our prayerful desire that...***

- 1) ***Everyone who makes Arnold Community Church their “faith family” will feel known, valued, encouraged, and cared for.***

***Key Points:***

- People need to become a priority for everyone (prayer, hospitality, relationships)
- Care Groups and intentional “affinity groups” will need to be the primary mechanism for care to happen

- 2) ***Every disciple of Jesus who makes Arnold Community Church their “faith family” will use their God-given gifts, resources, and passion to serve the Kingdom of God for His glory.***

***Key Points:***

- Our value of service must remain strong (demonstrated to newcomers and old timers alike)
- Our culture of spiritual gift encouragement and development must continue (especially with our younger crowd)
- We must give our first and our best of our material and financial resources. Imagine if every follower of Jesus at ACC understood that they were a manager of God’s possessions where every disciple lived within their means, practiced contentment, gave generously, shared with others, and expressed gratitude for everything in their care!

- 3) ***Our ministry to parents will become as focused and strategic as our ministry to children and youth.***

***Key Points:***

- Faith @ Home (a ministry strategy) will form the strategic building blocks to ensure that the church is equipping the home to be the primary influencer and nurturer of faith development in the lives of children and teenagers.
- Ministry descriptions of both our Youth & Young Adult Pastor and Children’s Ministry Director have been revised to include a collaborative working relationship with other staff and an intentional “working alongside” parents.

***The Needs:***

- Christian parents must fully embrace their responsibility as spiritual leaders in their families (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
- ACC must think purposefully of reaching the parents of our non-churched crowd of children and youth (about 20% of our current ministry to children and youth).

- 4) ***Through prayerful and intentional ministry of Arnold Community Church, we will strive to reach and touch 20% of the Sumas Prairie population every week witnessing people of all ages and backgrounds coming to faith in Jesus Christ through the ministry of ACC.***

***Key Points:***

- This amounts to approximately 650 people.
- Currently we reach and touch slightly under 400 people every week in some aspect of our formal ministry.
- Currently our ACC church family comprises nearly 300 people (43% 18 years old and younger)
- Where have we come from over the years?

***The Needs:***

- We need to be people of prayer
- We need to be people of faith (John 4:35)
- We need to be people who both live out and speak out our faith (Romans 10:14-15)
- We need to continue to work hard at what God has called us to do (I Cor. 15:58)
- We need to leave the results to the Lord

5) ***Through prayerful, intentional, and sacrificial giving, our church family will reduce our indebtedness by 50% of our current mortgage.***

***Key Points:***

- In less than two years, we have responded with earnest commitment by reducing our original mortgage from \$825,000 to its current amount of \$580,000.
- Each one who makes Arnold Community Church home should prayerfully consider how they can make debt reduction a part of their regular financial giving.
- As newcomers settle into our church family and make Arnold Community Church their faith family, we invite them to engage in the vision and life of our church using their gifts, service, and resources for the glory of God.

***The Need:*** We need at least one person who will champion this ministry goal for the next five years. This person will not only need to engage a few others as a resource team but will need to be able to prayerfully strategize with others, communicate and implement strategies, and mobilize the church family to action.

***Recommendation:*** That as an outworking of our vision of ***“co-building a life changing and inviting community, passionately centred on Jesus Christ,”*** Arnold Community Church embrace, in faith, these five primary ministry goals from 2010-2015 trusting the Lord with the results.