

CORE FIVE

THE ESSENCE OF

THE BAPTIST

• MOVEMENT •

1 CHRIST CENTRED

- enjoying a dynamic relationship with Jesus
- relying on the Bible as foundational to shaping our understanding of Christ, our faith and the world
- being led and empowered by the Spirit of Christ to live a life of worship
- believing God is able to do more than we ask or imagine.

2 MISSION SHAPED

- committed to the announcement and demonstration of the universal reign of God through Christ
- motivated by love for God and others
- seeing people, communities and societies transformed
- biasing our resources toward mission, both locally and globally.

3 RELATIONALLY COMMITTED

- serving each other and working together, honouring the varied expressions of our faith and practice and our cultural diversity
- actively promoting healthy unity through mutual collaboration, transparency and accountability
- prioritising authentic relationships over programs and structures
- honouring marriage as an institution created by God as the foundation for a lifelong faithful union of a man and a woman.

4 PEOPLE EMPOWERING

- nurturing a disciple making culture that encourages, shapes and releases every person to glorify God in all of their life
- investing strategically in the identification, development and empowerment of leaders
- respecting our heritage whilst championing further innovation.

5 PARTNERSHIP ORIENTED

- recognising and celebrating God at work both within and beyond our movement
- partnering with like-minded bodies in the mission of God both locally and globally
- evidenced by mutual respect, healthy dialogue, and where appropriate resource sharing and the development of common goals.