

# JOIN THE FAMILY.

THE RED DOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH



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I HOPE U KNOW  
HOW LOVED U ARE



# 01. Section A

## OUR HISTORY WHO ARE WE

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The doors of Red Door were officially opened on 3 June 2012. Prior to becoming Red Door, the church that met in this location was a campus of Riverview Church. Due to a change in leadership and structure, Riverview's leadership made the decision to release the campus here which resulted in us becoming the independent, nondenominational community that we are today.

Our history since that time has been a continual testimony to the faithfulness of God and the abundance of His provision. He has added to our numbers, growing and maturing our family, and he has provided the buildings and physical space to enable us not only to gather together to worship Him but also serve the community and the city around us.

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The image shows the interior of a church. A bright red wall is the central focus. To the left, there is a wooden door with a decorative arched window. In the center, two people are sitting on red stools, facing each other in conversation. The woman on the left is wearing a black top and dark pants, while the man on the right is wearing a white t-shirt, a light-colored cap, and jeans. The ceiling features exposed wooden beams with several pendant lights hanging from them. To the right, a large glass door is visible, with a red circular logo on it that reads "RED DOOR CHURCH COMMUNITY". The floor is made of dark wood, and a black mat is placed in front of the glass door.

**MAY THE RED DOORS  
OF THIS CHURCH AND MAY THE  
LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH  
BE A MARKER OF HOPE AND REFUGE TO  
ALL BROKEN, LOST, HURTING, SEEKING,  
BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. BROKEN LIVES MADE  
BEAUTIFUL. A CITY MADE WHOLE.  
A PLAGUE OF BROKENNESS  
DESTROYED BY GRACE .  
JESUS.**

## 02. Section A

### WHY IS IT A RED DOOR ? OUR NAME

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“The Red Door” is Gospel imagery drawn from the Exodus story. In the book of Exodus, a story is told. A story about a man named Moses and God’s people, the Hebrews. God’s people who were broken and in bondage and who were crying for freedom. Freedom from Pharaoh and freedom from Egypt. So, God sent Moses with a message for Pharaoh - “Let my people go”. But Pharaoh didn’t listen. So, God sent plague after plague to help Pharaoh listen. He still didn’t listen - until God sent a final plague which was more devastating than the other nine put together. The angel of death was sent to kill every first-born in Egypt. In order for the Hebrew people to be spared, God told them to paint the blood of a perfect lamb on the doorposts of their homes. The Red Door. This would be a sign to the angel of death to pass over their homes. So long as their doorposts were painted with the blood of the lamb their home would be a place of refuge. When the plague came, they would be safe, and they would be saved.

Now, fast-forward to the story of Jesus. The story of His life, His death and the story of how He conquered death. The death and the resurrection of Jesus is the completion of the Exodus story. Jesus is our perfect lamb, and His blood was shed so that we all can be safe and be saved from death. He is our Red Door. In him we find salvation. We find refuge. We find hope. We find the answer.

We have named our church The Red Door Community Church as a call to the believers of this community to live lives that are a doorway to the hope of Jesus. We may not be facing plagues such as those in the Exodus story but in our city there is a plague. A plague of sin and brokenness. Our desire is that our church would be a place of rescue, redemption and hope to broken, lost and hurting people. Broken lives made beautiful. A city made whole. A plague of brokenness destroyed by grace. Jesus.

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# 03. Section A

## STATEMENTS OF FAITH OUR BELIEFS

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**GOD.** We believe that there is one true God who has existed for eternity as three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

[Deut 6:4; Acts 1:4; 1 Pet 1:2; Gen 1:26]

**REVELATION.** We believe in the divine inspiration and absolute authority of the Bible as the written Word of God – fully trustworthy for faith and life.

[2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21]

**HUMANITY.** We believe that God created people in His image, male and female, to share in His eternal life, worship Him, steward creation and participate in His work of redemption. [Gen 2:7, 15-25]

**THE FALL.** We believe that through man's rebellion against God, sin entered the human race alienating us from God, corrupting every aspect of our being and condemning us to death. The supreme need of all people is to be reconciled to God. [Gen 3]

**THE PLAN OF GOD.** We believe that from all eternity God planned to send His son, Jesus Christ, in human form through the incarnation. His is our perfect sacrifice rescuing people from sin and death and inaugurating the Kingdom of God on earth as in Heaven. [John 3:3-8; Rom 5:10-12]

**THE KINGDOM.** We believe the Kingdom of God includes His general sovereignty over the universe and His spiritual rule over the hearts and lives of those who submit to His authority.

[Matt 25:31-46; Isa 9:6-7]

**SALVATION.** We believe salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone which is the work of God to redeem the whole person, regenerating them through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, making them citizens of His kingdom and sanctifying them to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus. [Eph 2:8-9]

**THE GOSPEL.** We believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. That His atoning sacrifice on the cross was completely sufficient to pay the price of sin, defeat evil and death, and reconcile us back to God. We believe that Jesus physically rose from the dead on the third day, and that He ascended to the Father's right hand where He now reigns as the Saviour of the world. We believe that fallen humans are justified through faith in this Saviour, Jesus Christ. [1 Cor 15; Luke 24:45-49]

**THE HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe that God sent His comforter and guide, the Holy Spirit, who leads us into repentance, life with Christ through new birth, empowers our Christian life, deepens our faith and enables us to witness to the world.

[John 16:7-9; 2 Cor 3:6,18]

**THE CHURCH.** We believe that God has established His people as the Church, His bride, the priesthood of all believers, who are empowered by the Holy Spirit through the impartation of spiritual gifts, who are called to proclaim the gospel, and live out His Kingdom life on earth.

[Eph 1:22, 5:23-32; 1 Cor 12; Acts 2:42-47]

**THE FAMILY.** We believe God has ordained the family (those related by marriage, blood or adoption) as the foundational institution of society and that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.

[Gen 2:15-25; Matt 19:2-9]

**BAPTISM & COMMUNION.** We believe that these are ordained by the Lord Jesus himself. The former is connected with entrance into the new covenant community, the latter with ongoing covenant renewal. They are simultaneously divinely ordained means of grace, our public vows of submission to Jesus and anticipations of His return.

[Matt 28:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-32]

**THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS.** We believe that Christ will personally and visibly return to fulfil God's salvation plan where He will raise all people in the harvest for judgement, and He will finally and fully establish a new heaven and earth where all sin and its effects are destroyed.

[Acts 3:21; Rev 21:1]

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# 04. Section A

## THE RED DOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH OUR FOCUS

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### VISION

#### OUR PURPOSE . WHY WE EXIST

##### **MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM** MATTHEW 6:10, 28:19

To see His kingdom come and His will done on earth as it is in heaven by making disciples.

### MISSION

#### WHAT WE ALL PARTICIPATE IN

##### **REDEMPTION** ROMANS 1:16

People saved into the Kingdom of God through the power of the Gospel.

##### **RESTORATION** ISAIAH 61:1-3

Lives restored, healed, transformed and made whole.

##### **RELEASE** EPHESIANS 2:10, 4:12-13

People equipped and released into the work God has for them to do.

### STRATEGY

#### OUR WORKING THEORY OF TRANSFORMATION

##### **BE WITH JESUS AND BECOME LIKE JESUS** JOHN 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

### VALUES

#### AT THE CORE OF OUR CULTURE

##### **RELIANT** JOHN 15:4

Prayer, Trust, Dependence

##### **REAL** 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Authentic, Transparent, Honest

##### **RELATIONAL** ACTS 2:46

Serve, Give, Love

### CALLING

#### OUR DISTINCT CALLING

- Unity across the broader body of Christ
- Creative expressions of the Gospel
- Planting churches beyond our walls

### PROMISE

#### THE PROMISE OF GOD UPON WHICH WE REST

##### **2 CHRONICLES 7:15-16**

From now on I'm alert day and night to the prayers offered at this place. Believe me, I've chosen and sanctified this Temple that you have built: My Name is stamped on it forever; my eyes are on it and my heart in it always.

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**NOTHING IS MORE FUN THAN TO SERVE GOD WITH THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE. NOTHING! TO TRULY KNOW JESUS IS TO KNOW JOY. THIS IS A PLACE OF DEEP JOY, RAUCOUS LAUGHTER AND GREAT REJOICING. SO DON'T TAKE YOURSELF TOO SERIOUSLY AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO DANCE!**





## 05. Section A

# LEADERSHIP GOVERNANCE

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**CHURCH LEADERSHIP.** The head of The Red Door Community Church is Jesus Christ. From Scripture we see that Jesus and Jesus alone is the cornerstone and the head of the church. From Scripture we also know that Jesus wants His Church to be ordered, organised and overseen by the men and women He calls for this purpose. At Red Door there are two groups of people charged with the task of bringing leadership to the church - The Board and the Pastoral Team. The members of each of these teams meet the biblical requirements of an elder.

**BOARD OF GOVERNANCE.** The Board is made up of Christian men and women who provide general governance of the church in accordance with The Red Door Constitution. The Senior Ministers report to the Board on a regular basis and provide the Board with vision, strategies and plans for leading the church. When evaluating a candidate as a new Board Member, all parties concerned consider a set of criteria determined by Scripture, as outlined in the Church Constitution. A process is then initiated for appointment and induction of the new Board member that is outlined in detail in The Red Door Constitution. Copies of the Constitution are available from the church office.

**THE PASTORAL TEAM.** At Red Door our Pastors carry the responsibility and authority to see that the church remains on a true biblical course, that its members are being appropriately shepherded, that the body is being fed through sound biblical teaching, and that the life of the church is being well managed with the assistance of competent and godly leaders. They are also responsible for guarding the church against harmful influences, confronting those who are contradicting biblical truth or continuing in a pattern of sinful behaviour. They shepherd the church by being an example and role model and caring for the spiritual and physical well-being of members.

**FINANCIAL REPORTING.** The Red Door is audited each year according to the Australian Auditing Standards and complies with all Australian Accounting Standards and requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA). The audited financial statements of the church are available to Family Members on request.

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# 06. Section A

## WHAT DISCIPLESHIP AT RED DOOR LOOKS LIKE DISCIPLESHIP

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Red Door is to be a doorway through which people such as yourself are formed into disciples of Jesus that are equipped to love and serve God, the Church, our city and the nations. This is a huge part of why we exist. And the way we fulfill this divine mission is by participating with Jesus in His work of redemption and restoration in the world, and by the releasing of His people into their call.

This is what it is to be a follower and a disciple of Jesus. To be a disciple of Jesus is to live a life of transformation where we, over time, become more like Jesus. But how does that happen? The journey of discipleship is a life of being with Jesus that we would become more like Jesus. We believe that change and transformation into Jesus-likeness happens through 4 key factors working together in combination: truth, practices (or spiritual disciplines), community and of course, the Holy Spirit.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT.** We need the Holy Spirit to grow in Jesus-likeness. The Spirit makes us one with God as we engage in spiritual practices, and the Spirit is the one who distributes gifts for the building up of the Jesus community. The Spirit's work in us is at the core of how we change and become more like Jesus.

**TRUTH.** Our main source of truth is the Bible. Therefore, one of our highest values is the sound preaching and teaching of Scripture in a way that challenges the mind, penetrates the heart, and reveals Jesus.

**PRACTICES.** These are the ways revealed in the Bible that we engage and interact with the truth and experience the transforming grace of God. Traditional Christian practices, or spiritual disciplines as they are otherwise known, include things like Bible reading and study, prayer, worship, fasting, meditation, sabbath, silence and solitude, serving and giving. Our goal is to train, encourage and equip you to engage with these practices well.

**COMMUNITY.** Human beings are hardwired for community and that is because we are made in the image of God who himself is a community of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In order to grow in Jesus-likeness we need deep relational connection with God and with one another. Jesus saves us into a community of people, the Church, whom we are to love and serve and grow with into maturity in Christ.



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# HOUSE CHURCH

THE RED DOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH



## 06. Section B

# GATHERINGS DISCIPLESHIP

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God Acts 2:46-47

There are two key expressions of community which we see reflected in the account of the early church in Acts 2:46 that we ask our Family Members to commit to. We refer to what is revealed here as a Temple and Table rhythm where followers of Jesus gather together in larger, corporate gatherings (Temple) and also smaller gatherings in homes (Table).

### HAMMOND ROAD GATHERINGS SUNDAY 10AM & 5PM SERVICES

These are our large corporate gatherings where we worship and pray together, listen to Gods Word preached, and love and serve one another.

### HOUSECHURCH GATHERINGS

HouseChurch is a smaller gathering of Red Door family members, meeting in someone's home where the Word is taught and discussed, God is praised, people pray for and with one another and where meals, Communion and life are shared and celebrated. HouseChurch is an important part of fulfilling our vision and mission by being a powerful context for discipleship, and in times of uncertainty, an effective tool for future proofing church gatherings.

There are two legs that form the basis of our HouseChurch structure - HouseChurch Sundays and HouseChurch at the Table.

**HOUSECHURCH SUNDAYS** . The last Sunday of each month we shift our 10am service from Hammond Road to people's homes. On this Sunday we gather in our HouseChurch's to do church together in a smaller context. Worship and a video teaching with discussion points is provided as well as resources for kids. The content is available at [www.thereddoor.cc/house](http://www.thereddoor.cc/house) and also our App.

**HOUSECHURCH AT THE TABLE** . At a minimum happens the week of the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Groups are encouraged to meet around a table for a meal, to share communion together and participate in a time of prayer, blessing and encouragement.

# 06. Section C

## MINISTRIES AT RED DOOR DISCIPLESHIP

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### **NEXT GENERATION**

#### **REDKIDS**

Toddlers: Confidently walking to pre-kindergarten . 10am Register in U5

Little People's: Kindergarten to pre-primary . 10am Register in U5

Primary Zone: School years 1-6 . 10am Register in U5

Stomping Ground: School years 5-6 . 4:30pm Register in U2

#### **RED DOOR YOUTH**

For school years 7-12 Register in Unit 2 at 4.30pm each Sunday during the school term. Look out for the term postcard for details.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

Young Adults currently gather in HouseChurch groups. Organised social gatherings after the 5pm service, and quarterly events for specific input.

### **PRAYER TOGETHER .**

- 7am every Wednesday morning

- 12pm every Monday lunchtime

- 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month

The Prayer Team is available at the end of each service, and individual prayer ministry is available by appointment.

**PASTORAL CARE .** Available by appointment with one of our Pastoral Team. Email us for an appointment at [pastoralcare@thereddoor.cc](mailto:pastoralcare@thereddoor.cc)

**RED DOOR WOMEN .** Regular gatherings and an annual Women's Retreat.

**RED DOOR MEN .** Regular scheduled events including annual weekend prayer gathering.

**ALTA-1 .** An alternative high school program that operates out of our church building mid-week.

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## 07. Section A

# BEING A FAMILY MEMBER WE BELONG

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### WHY BECOME A FAMILY MEMBER?

We use the term “Family Member” because we believe this term best describes and encompasses the relationship and commitment that a local body of believers has to one another. Scripture tells us that all believers are brothers and sisters in Christ who are gifted by the Holy Spirit to love and serve one another as the body of Christ.

We encourage a formal commitment to becoming a Family Member because of the promise found in Psalm 19:13 that those that are planted in the house of the Lord will flourish. We are called to commit to a local body because this is the divinely ordained context in which we best experience deep transformational growth in Christ. We love to see people planted and flourishing into spiritual maturity.

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## 07. Section B

# BEING A FAMILY MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

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### WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF FAMILY MEMBERS?

Simply put, that you desire to follow Jesus. This desire is more specifically expressed in a willingness to seek to:

- Submit to the authority of Scripture.  
[2 Tim 3:14-17]
- Pursue Jesus through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship and practice of spiritual disciplines.  
[Acts 2:42-47]
- Follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in Baptism and Communion.  
[Matt 28:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-29]
- Participate in the life of Red Door by regularly being a part of gatherings, committing to a HouseChurch and by serving.  
[Acts 2:42-47; Heb 10:23-25]
- Steward the resources God has given you (time, talent and treasure) in a way that is sacrificial and cheerful.  
[Matt 25:14-30; Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 8-9:1; 1 Peter 4:10-11]
- Pursue a life of holiness as an act of worship to Jesus.  
[1 Peter 1:13-16; Rom 13:11-14; Eph 4:22-24]
- Preserve and uphold the gift and sanctity of marriage and agree to walk through the steps of reconciliation before considering divorce.  
[Heb 13:4; 1 Cor 7:10-11; Mark 10:1-12]
- Take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially in those areas that could present a stumbling block to another.  
[1 Cor 8:1-13]
- Confess your sin to God and others, to repent and seek help to put sin to death.  
[Rom 8:13; Col 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6-10]
- A willingness to receive the loving discipline of God by following the biblical procedures for church discipline where unrepentant sin is evident.  
[Psalm 141:5; Matt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 5:9-13; Heb 12:5-11]
- Contend for unity and peace within the church.  
[Eph 4:1-3; Heb 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5]

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TRANSPARENCY IS FAR  
GREATER THAN THE POWER  
OF PERFECTION. WE BRING  
OUR BROKEN BEST TO ALL  
THAT WE DO. WE SEEK TO  
BRING HONOUR AND GLORY  
TO GOD BY BEING EXACTLY  
WHO HE MADE US TO BE. WE  
DO NOT SEEK THE PRAISE  
AND APPROVAL OF MAN. WE  
SERVE GOD ONLY. THIS IS A  
PERFORMANCE FREE  
ZONE.**



## 08. Section A

# WE ARE A FAMILY PARTICIPATING

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At Red Door we see church as being family and we all know family works best when everyone is involved and participating in the life of the family. To participate is to give of our time, talents and treasure. Also, as Christians we are called to follow the example of Jesus who said that he came not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28). How can you participate in the life of the Red Door family?

**SERVING.** We have a number of different areas in which you are able to love and encourage others:

- Host Team and Café
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Prayer Team
- Venue Team
- HouseChurch Host/Leader
- Creative/Music Team

Sign up to serve at [www.thereddoor.cc/serve](http://www.thereddoor.cc/serve)

**GIVING.** At The Red Door we believe that financial giving is something that comes as the fruit of a life devoted to Jesus. Our giving is not just how we participate but it is also a part of our worship to God. This is why giving is a part of our corporate gatherings. All Christians innately know there is a calling and a mandate upon them to be generous givers. It is a desire that fills our heart and compels us from the moment that we receive the message of the Gospel and we are born again. There is no mystery as to why. The spirit of God now dwells within us and it is God's nature to give, and to give extravagantly and abundantly.

We suggest that people make 10% of their income the initial goal for their Tithe as this has precedent in scripture both as a general principle and as a compulsory practice within the Old Testament Law. While we recognise that as New Testament Christians we are free from the obligations of the Old Testament Law we encourage members to adopt the practice of giving 10% as a freewill offering but allow them the freedom to decide on the level of their giving based on their individual circumstances. For more information on this topic refer to the pdf document online 'Tithes and Offerings' at [www.thereddoor.cc/resource](http://www.thereddoor.cc/resource)

Practically there are a number of ways in which you can give that are outlined at [www.thereddoor.cc/give](http://www.thereddoor.cc/give)

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## 09. Section A

# STAYING CONNECTED COMMUNICATION

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**CHURCH CENTER.** Church Center encourages the Red Door family to connect and share experiences together, and it coordinates information, communication, resources, and administration. All of our data is securely stored and backed up in the cloud, making it available 24/7 from anywhere using a desktop, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

If you are not on Church Center please follow the instructions at [www.thereddoor.cc/login](http://www.thereddoor.cc/login) to join up.

**REDDOOR APP.** The Red Door app gives you access to Podcasts, Project73 (our Bible reading plan), Events and Calendar, and also Sunday Service information. The app can be accessed at [www.thereddoor.cc/app](http://www.thereddoor.cc/app)

**YES CARD.** This is our all-purpose communication tool. If you have a question, want to find out more about serving or about an event then you can fill out a YES card either manually or electronically. Manual copies are available at the Info Bookshelf at the rear of the auditorium and can be placed in the red letterbox next to the bookshelf. An electronic version is available on the App.

**THE LOOP.** Our e-newsletter is produced monthly and sent via email to all family members. It contains all information relating to upcoming events and opportunities to engage in community and discipleship.

**NEXT STEP.** Visit [www.thereddoor.cc/joinus](http://www.thereddoor.cc/joinus) to watch the video of this content if you have not already done so. If you attended a join the family session you don't need to watch this video. However please use the form here to make a time to meet up.

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# 10. Section A

## LEADERSHIP THE TEAM

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### STAFF TEAM

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