



# THORNAPPLE

## COMMUNITY CHURCH



### Our Mission

Living and Teaching Transformational Faith in Christ.



### Our Vision

Thornapple Community Church seeks to be a unique refuge in the community where people of all abilities and ages connect, both with God and with each other, in authentic and life-changing ways. We will:

1. Cultivate authentic relationships and experiences with and for children & youth.
2. Use our facilities and resources to meet needs in our community.
3. Engage with all people within our reach, both inside and outside the church environment.



### Our Values

As we strive to live out our mission and vision, we will hold ourselves accountable to be:

1. Faithful to the Word of God in our cornerstone commitments to preaching, teaching, worship, fellowship and nurture of children and youth.
2. Inclusive of all abilities and ages in our efforts.
3. Representative of Christ every day, extending the presence of God into our community.



### Our Commitment

Building on our Mission, Vision, and Values, TCC steps out in faith to reach:

**Inward:** We draw on the very best of what God has planted in us and use it to our full potential

**Outward:** Service, evangelism, and outreach gain a greater emphasis. We are a church that joins God in building the kingdom.

**Upward:** We deepen our scriptural knowledge and fall ever-more in love with Christ.



# LONG TERM PLAN:

## Reaching Inward, Outward, and Upward

In the next 5 to 10 years, our priorities are:

### Children & Youth

Children and youth are a priority for TCC as evidenced by the launch of our children and youth ministry that includes the following:

- The children and youth program is evaluated, redesigned, and implemented
- A full-time experienced children and youth leader is hired. Internships continue.
- Everyone at TCC is involved in discipling our children and youth.
- Financial needs for the program are integrated in the budget.
- Formal and informal mentoring relationships are nurtured.
- Profession of Faith is cherished and celebrated as an important milestone in the faith process.
- Children and youth are involved in church leadership, teams and activities, and given increasing responsibilities in the development of their skills.
- Service events are designed to engage with each other and reach outward in service.

### Community Impact

Community impact will be a priority as evidenced by:

- A team is appointed with the purpose of identifying specific service opportunities with a focus on reaching out to people who are helpless, homeless, economically challenged, or otherwise in need.
- Using the building and land, we will serve the community. We will explore significant infrastructure and program improvements that allow us to minister in new ways.
- Being actively involved in growing the church locally, regionally, nationally and internationally through prayer, time, physical efforts, and giving.
- Extending an open door to other organizations and people in the community as TCC has modeled in our relationships with Whitney House, we grow in our acceptance, inclusion, and involvement with people of all ages and abilities.