



FOURSQUARE
GOSPEL CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

TO FULFILL THE

GREAT COMMISSION

AND THE

GREAT COMMANDMENT

THROUGH

GREAT CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the wonderful Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

On behalf of our churches in Southern Africa, I want to extend you a heartfelt welcome as you take the time to learn more about this extended family called the Foursquare Gospel Church. This booklet was written to help those who want to know more about our vision, our mission, our background and our beliefs.

The Foursquare Church in Southern Africa is only a part of a growing family that reaches into 107 countries around the world. There is truly a global Foursquare effort to work together and to share vision, strategies and resources.

I want to invite you to learn more about us. Hopefully, this booklet can help, but we both know that nothing can replace the true fellowship of believers in Christ. Whether we meet face to face or you meet with one of the hundreds of other Foursquare leaders, I hope that you sense the wonderful presence of our Lord.

Sincerely,

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OUR MISSION

To fulfill the **Great Commission**
and the **Great Commandment**
through **Great Churches**

OUR ASSIGNMENT

To present **Jesus Christ** as Savior, Healer, Baptizer with the Holy Spirit and the coming King...and

To establish healthy, mature and culturally appropriate reproducing churches.



We are dedicated to the development of churches which are infinitely reproducible, making possible the continuous spread of the Gospel.

OUR VISION...↓

The Lord has commissioned His Church to

REACH the lost,

RECONCILE them to God,

REDEEM them to His purposes, and

RELEASE them to ministry.



OUR TASK...↓

We have chosen these vehicles here in Southern Africa to help accomplish this.

1. CHURCH PLANTING:

The need is obvious, Jesus said, "*Go and make disciples.*" We have committed ourselves to develop a Regional Church Planting strategy to fulfill the Great Commission.

2. CHURCH REVITALIZATION:

While there is great joy in "birthing" new churches, there is also an obvious need to invest in the renewal of existing ones.

3. CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

It is obvious as one reads through the New Testament that Jesus spent a lot of time with a few. Why? It appears that the most effective way of transferring His mission was through key leaders. He loved the multitudes, but He only disciplined a few.

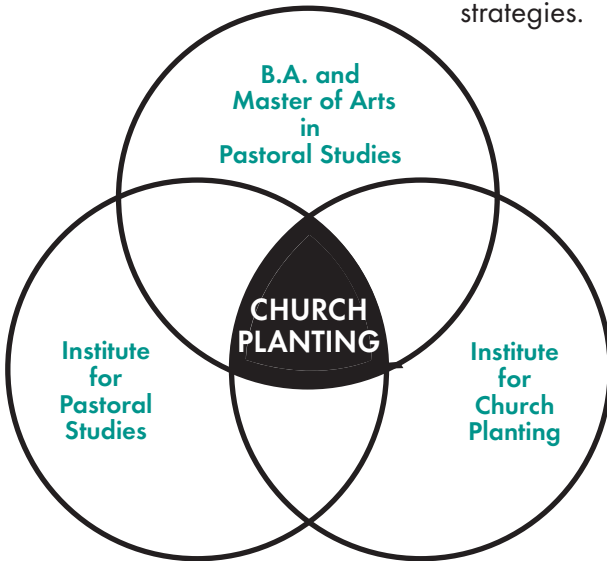
People are our greatest resource and we are committed to helping people grow, develop and become the most effective they can...*leaders who understand their potential value.*

4. THE VEHICLES – HANDS-ON TRAINING:

A. THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED PASTORAL STUDIES (CAPS)

To provide a training program with three divisions.

- I. Academic Division leading to a B.A and a M. A. in Pastoral Studies
- II. Institute for Pastoral Studies serving the continuing education needs of all leaders regardless of academic background.
- III. Institute for Church Planting serving to raise the consciousness of the national churches toward church planting priorities and strategies.



Three Programs of equal value and importance, each with their own specific ministry, but with a common purpose...CHURCH PLANTING

B. WORLDBASE

- WorldBase is a global church planting program established to utilize our greatest resource...people. It is designed especially for participants from various countries to come together under the supervision of local leaders to focus on cross-cultural church planting.
- Within the WorldBase program, Field Ministry Schools (FMS) prepare the short-term missionary with a focus on spiritual, cultural and church planting ministry skills by hands-on training.
- WorldBase Ministry Training Centres (MTC) blend international & regional participants in training for long-term mission service and church planting.

WorldBases are presently being established in South Africa, Thailand, Norway, Spain, Mexico and Colombia.



Southern Africa

Adventure

Church Planting

Training

Serving

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (NIV)

THE TIME IS NOW!

OUR STRATEGY...↓

THE FOUR STAGES OF GROWTH



Stage I Initiating & Pioneering

Our goal is to make *responsible, reproducing believers* who are truly disciples that multiply themselves by winning their families and friends to Christ. (Acts. 11:19-26)

Stage II Nurturing & Strengthening

Our goal is to make *responsible, reproducing leaders* who model servant-eldership in their homes and in the local congregations. (Titus 1:5–3:14)

Stage III Nationalizing & Empowering

Our goal is to make *responsible, reproducing congregations* who multiply culturally appropriate churches that together become a national church movement. (Acts 19:1–20:35)

Stage IV Sending & Supporting

Our goal is to make *responsible, reproducing missionary sending churches* who make disciples of the nations in fulfillment of Christ's mandate. (Acts 13:1-4)

Churches that go "full circle" through all four stages are those which participate in preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom "...in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matt. 24:14). Thus, fully-developed national Foursquare Churches are "full circle" churches that keep the process of world evangelization "rolling" until Christ returns.

THE HISTORY OF FOURSQUARE

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Since New Testament times, every move of God has resulted in the formation of Christian fellowships. Most often, the groups that emerged became known by the distinct emphasis that God used to turn them to Him. This small booklet describes some of the background and the unique qualities of the Foursquare Church.

Early in the twentieth century the term "foursquare" was often used to describe something or someone that was respected. It meant "solid," "balanced," "true."

It was into that mainstream of society that God called a woman evangelist, Aimee Semple McPherson, and gave her insight on the message that He wanted preached: A simple, four-point doctrine that reached the heart of thousands as it proclaimed Jesus Christ as...



SAVIOR



HEALER



BAPTIZER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



COMING KING

When the evangelist first preached it she said, "Why, it's the Foursquare Gospel." When the people heard it they said, "It really is foursquare!"

The ministry that resulted from that clear communication soon became a movement; and the movement gained such momentum that an organization was formed to facilitate the crowds and handle the legalities of owning and developing properties. Bylaws were established to ensure that the movement would stay true to the Scriptures.

FOURSQUARE DOCTRINE

WE BELIEVE:

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. God is triune; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Man fell through disobedience. Christ died for our sins. Salvation is by grace. In a daily relationship with Jesus. In water baptism by immersion. In the regular celebration of the Lord's Supper. In the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. In the gifts and fruit of the Spirit. In divine healing. That the second coming of Christ is both imminent and personal. In the final judgment. In Heaven and Hell. That the church is responsible to evangelize all the world. In tithes and offerings to do the work of the ministry.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Heb. 13:8

THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

SAVIOR–HEALER–BAPTIZER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT–COMING KING

JESUS CHRIST——*Savior*

The only hope for mankind

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith– and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God... But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.” (Eph 2:8,13; Rom. 10:9)

JESUS CHRIST——*Healer*

The Great Burden-Bearer

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” (1 Peter 2:24; Is. 53:5)

JESUS CHRIST——*Baptizer with the Holy Spirit*

The Mighty Baptizer with the Holy Spirit and Fire

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.’” (Lk. 3:16; 24:49)

JESUS CHRIST——*Soon-Coming King*

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God...”

“‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’” (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17)

OUR CHARACTERISTICS

“All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.” Col. 1:6

WE ARE:

INTERDENOMINATIONAL IN SPIRIT– EVANGELICAL IN MESSAGE –

INTERNATIONAL IN PROJECT– PENTECOSTAL/CHARISMATIC but not legalistic

More of **A MOVEMENT** than a denomination
A FAMILY of believers committed to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords

A FELLOWSHIP of churches dedicated to the cause of interdenominational, worldwide evangelism

A MOVEMENT with a message, Jesus Christ the Savior, Healer, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and Coming King

Our church exists to **GLORIFY GOD** and **ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM**

Therefore, for the past 70 years, Foursquare Missions has **PREACHED** the Gospel, **PLANTED** churches and **PRODUCED** national church movements

Thus today, we are a **GLOBAL FAMILY** of over **3.3 MILLION BELIEVERS**

And a **WORLDWIDE FELLOWSHIP** of over **26,000 CHURCHES**

We are an **INTERNATIONAL** movement in over **107 COUNTRIES** which leads over **2,200 PEOPLE TO CHRIST** daily

WE EMBRACE AN ATTITUDE OF:

DIVERSITY and **FLEXIBILITY**

IN ESSENTIALS-UNITY → **IN NON-ESSENTIALS-LIBERTY** → **IN ALL THINGS-CHARITY**

WOMEN GIFTED BY GOD are recognized and released in ministry

Pastors are **NOT TOLD HOW TO PREACH** or how to conduct a Service

The Foursquare Church **DOES NOT HAVE LOADS OF BUREAUCRATIC BAGGAGE**

Foursquare pastors are allowed to implement **THEIR OWN STRATEGIES** for ministry

Foursquare has a **HANDS-OFF DECENTRALIZED APPROACH** when it comes to the local congregation

We are in the business of **HELPING PEOPLE GROW** and when you have people growing you **HAVE GROWING CHURCHES**

In reality it is what GOD HAS DONE and will continue to do THROUGH YOU!

We need to always have a fresh faith, fresh ideas and a fresh message from God to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY SPIRIT

The *overarching spirit* of the Foursquare Church around the world is that of a family, rich in relationships. It is a spirit of acceptance and harmony.

The *purpose* of the Foursquare Gospel Church is to glorify God and advance His Kingdom in obedience to Jesus Christ's mandate to preach the Gospel and make disciples of all nations/peoples (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19). Therefore, we are *dedicated to the cause of interdenominational and worldwide evangelism.*

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

As a family of believers, the Church of the Foursquare Gospel seeks to bring a balance between freedom and responsibility without either subjecting its leadership to political manipulation or its people to domineering control. Authority is best employed in a loving, serving relationship between the leader and the follower.

JESUS IS OUR MODEL— *“And whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:27-28)*

The spirit of humility, reverence and submission to the Father’s will that rises to compassionate concern for others is Jesus’ answer for the needs of our world. It is the **spirit of the servant-leader** and is even more significant as the time of His return approaches.

We believe in **harmony, unity and loving care** for the called and gifted men and women of this movement. Our desire is to serve and to bless. In a healthy family, there is no need for political seeking, power-brokering or maneuvering for personal position or public recognition. Relationship, not regulation, has been the heart and soul of the Foursquare Church.

WE ARE HIERARCHICAL RATHER THAN CONGREGATIONAL

The polity we have chosen is a modified Episcopal form of church government. We set forth a system of governance in which the will of God is supreme. In this model of headship, spirit and relationships are preeminent, as is in the family: a) of God and b) of human beings (Eph. 5:22-23; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 2:1-10). Where loving relationships are exercised in a spirit of unity, the results are always positive. Where that spirit does not exist, no form of government will be successful.

This does not say there is no tension between structure and function. There is, and there will continue to be, stress between polity and people until Jesus comes again. However, we believe that understanding and practicing the truths of Eph. 4:1-16; 5:1-32 are very important in creating and maintaining true peace and unity.

WE ARE NOT SUPERIOR

We do not believe the Foursquare Church’s system of church government is superior to other denominations or that our sister organizations are inferior. We do have a strong commitment to the distinctives we have been given and we recognize that we are only a small part of HIS larger body.

“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matt. 9:38

OUR CORE VALUES ARE...

THE HARVEST

- We believe the harvest is foremost
- We believe Jesus' life and death was to seek and save the lost
- We believe the Great Commission is our primary calling.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

- We believe healthy, reproducing churches are the greatest means of evangelism
- We believe the church is eternal and is assured of ultimate victory
- We believe the church is Christ's Body, His Bride, Salt and Light to the World.

LEADERS

- We believe in equipping leaders to equip others
- We believe in intentional leadership (Spirit led, vision fed)
- We believe in accountability of leaders to live exemplary lives.

EXCELLENCE

- We believe we should offer to God the first and best in all we do
- We believe excellence in all we do is a form of whole-hearted worship to God
- We believe we should not offer to God "that which costs us nothing."

PRAYER

- We believe prayer is essential for eternal results
- We believe prayer establishes our dependence on God
- We believe "prayer is not preparation for battle...*Prayer is the Battle.*"

WORSHIP

- We believe worship is the celebration and adoration of God's character and Kingdom rule
- We believe worship prepares the heart to receive God's Word and God's Spirit
- We believe worship should be culturally and generationally relevant.

THE UNITY OF BELIEVERS

- We believe we are the "household of faith"
- We believe we are to relate to each other as brothers and sisters
- We believe we are one essential part of the larger body of Christ.

THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL

- We believe in Jesus' fourfold ministry as Savior, Healer, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and Coming King
- We believe in the mission, ministry and doctrine of the Foursquare Gospel Church
- We are submitted to the organization and leadership of the Foursquare Gospel Church.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

