

Taber Evangelical Free Church

Know. Grow. Go. These words encompass the culture of Taber Evangelical Free Church. To make disciples who *know* God, *grow* to be like Jesus, and *go* in the spirit to make disciples. This is a focus adopted by Taber E-Free almost a decade ago and our dedication to fostering the development of these three steps towards a God centred life has not wavered.

KNOW

To do our part in making disciples who *know* God we welcome the responsibility of building foundations in the hearts and minds of the children in our church family. Our Sunday morning children's church ministry plants seeds using biblical truths in practical, age appropriate, ways that the children can relate to. While the children are attending children's church the Sunday morning worship service feeds those God has brought through our doors. Our lead pastor, Keith Boschman, teaches gospel centred sermons focused on knowledge of who God is and His great love for us, our desperate need of salvation purchased by the blood Jesus Christ, and offers encouraging applications to equip us in our day to day lives. Invitations for prayer and/or deeper conversation are extended at every service to those whose hearts God is stirring. Every one of our leaders at Taber E-Free welcomes the opportunity to help build the kingdom of God.

GROW

There is nothing more encouraging and exciting than to watch people *grow* more like Jesus. At Taber E-Free we are so blessed to have leaders whose hearts are moved to deepen the knowledge of Jesus Christ across all age groups. This has enabled us to offer mid-week programs such as the AWANA children's ministry, a ministry firmly rooted in the gospel. The youth ministry has always been a key focus at Taber E-free. Weekly events and bible studies build relationships and facilitate a safe place for our youth to gain an understanding of their need for a saviour. Although at this moment we do not have a youth pastor, the needs of the youth are being met by an incredible group of leaders who have been active in the youth ministry for quite some time. They have been blessing to us through their commitment to the spiritual growth of the youth while we wait patiently for the one God has appointed to step in to the pastoral shepherding of these young people. Another way Taber E-free encourages growth is through our "Life Group" program. Rather than refer to these groups as "small groups" we have adopted the life group description because we believe that an important aspect of growing together is doing life together. Other ministries have recently started blooming again after being put on hold due to restrictions concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. These include our women's ministry, men's breakfasts, and congregational potlucks, all of which deepen relationships and encourage fellowship centred on christian like mindedness.

GO

In this step we rely on, and put our trust in, the Holy Spirit. Our responsibility as disciples of Christ is simply stated by our saviour himself in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." At Taber E-Free we aim to equip those whom God has called with the knowledge and nourishment needed to take the truth of the gospel outside the doors of our building. We pray that what is taught on Sunday mornings, and what is experienced through the relationships formed on the firm foundation of the gospel, might go with our congregation into the world and shine brightly. Obediently making disciples and ultimately bringing glory to God.

Taber Evangelical Free Church has been my church for as long as I have been committed to Jesus, and for quite sometime before that. The love of Jesus in the hearts of His people here is impossible to ignore. We are not a large church, but we humbly strive to honour and glorify God and we pray that He bless us with His presence and sustains us as we make disciples who know God, grow to be like Jesus, and go in the spirit to make disciples of Jesus Christ.