

The Big 12

12 values at the heart of HBC's new DNA

Heaton Baptist Church is a Christian community that:

Passion 1. **Is passionate about God** – We owe Him everything. Jesus is the best thing that has ever happened to us. Neutrality is not an option.

Grace 2. **Will elevate grace** – being a ‘safe’, forgiving community that prefers open arms of compassion rather than pointing fingers of judgement.

Truth 3. **Is rooted in the Bible** – seeking to apply Gods timeless truth into the complexities of modern life.

Welcome 4. **Is welcoming and warm** - trusting that new people find a spiritual home that is full of kindness and encouragement.

Unity & Diversity 5. **Understands that people matter to God** - whatever our shape, size, age, ethnicity, background, job or theological perspective, we cherish our diversity yet recognise that our power is in our mutuality and togetherness.

Gathered and Dispersed 6. **Follows Jesus wholeheartedly** - across our 24/7 sphere of influence, whether we're together or apart.

Life 7. **Lives life to the maximum** – choosing to be positive, generous and encouraging people to be around

Society 8. **Holds an holistic vision for our community, city and nation** – desiring to be agents of transformation in our modern society through words, works and wonders.

Dependant 9. **Trusts completely in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit** – expecting the Spirit to work through us as He did in the acts of the apostles.

Giving 10. **Gives sacrificially** – encouraging all who make HBC their home to give as much as we're able of our time, gifts and money to advance the kingdom of God

Balance 11. **Teaches and models a healthy work/life balance** – encouraging family life, lifelong marriage, rest and recreation and rewarding work.

Excellence 12. **Pursues innovation and excellence in all areas of the church's life** – always giving of our best in everything we do.

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