

Heart



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Thank you for downloading Heart and reading about our big dream for Lifecentre Church, Care, and College.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at hello@lifecentre.church

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Our History

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- 1981** • Lifecentre began at Talisman Hotel
- 1982** • Bought first building on 1826 Woodward Dr
- 1992** • Moved to 2214 Innes Rd
- 1993** • Launched Downtown Church
- 1994** • Launched Westend Church
- 1994** • Assumed responsibly for Le Centre de Vie
- 1995** • 40 Days Ablaze saw 120 days of services
- 1996** • First missionary to Israel
- 2007** • Lead Pastor Transition
- 2008** • Transitioned LCA to a City-Wide School
- 2008** • Purchased Blackburn Facility
- 2011** • Launch of Lifecentre Kanata
- 2012** • Food Bank Launched from Blackburn
- 2013** • Launch of Lifecentre Cornwall
- 2018** • Celebrated 40 Years of Lifecentre
- 2021** • Launch of Lifecentre Care Charity
- 2023** • Lifecentre is completely Mortgage Free
- 2024** • Launch of Lifecentre College
- 2026**

Our Heart

Our Heart

Jesus is not part of the story we're telling. He is our story. The beginning, the middle, the never-ending end. Every life changed, every moment of hope, every step of faith, they all trace back to Jesus.

At the heart of Lifecentre is not a model, a message, or a method. It's Jesus.

A well-crafted structure is supported by a cornerstone, the first and most essential stone laid in the foundation. Jesus Christ is that Cornerstone. Chosen by God and rejected by many, He is the One upon whom everything else is measured, aligned, and held together.

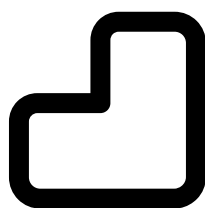
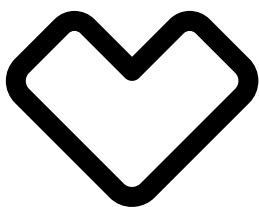
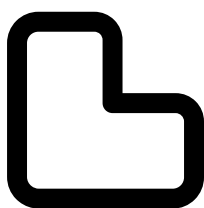
As the Cornerstone sets the lines of a building, so Christ establishes the truth, direction, and stability of Lifecentre. What was once rejected has become the sure foundation, unshaken, eternal, and true.

Jesus is the One who is at the heart, the centre, of Lifecentre. The heart is the core of our being. Our Lifecentre heart is a shorthand mark for our soul, our foundation and absolute obsession. Our heart is symbolic of our deepest love, our focus, the One who anchors our entire ministry. Jesus.

This is why you will see our Cornerstone-shaped heart everywhere. And this is why you will notice heart language and wholehearted idioms in our communications.

It is how we express our, heart.

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious Cornerstone for a firm foundation. The one who believes will never be shaken.” Isaiah 28:16



Our Big Dream

Our Big Dream

“Ah, but a man’s reach should exceed his grasp, or what’s a heaven for?” Robert Browning

Vision is simply this: it’s looking ahead, to see a picture of the future we believe God is leading us toward. It’s answering the question, when all is said and done, what do we want to see?

For us, that question is sacred. It goes beyond services, buildings, or numbers. It’s about impact. When years of loving people, serving, and following Jesus have passed, what difference will it have made?

That picture is our vision, our big dream.

Real vision should feel big, bigger than us. And our big dream certainly does. At times it will feel unrealistic, even impossible. We might find ourselves asking, “Who are we to believe for something like this?” That’s exactly the point. It’s not our dream, it’s God’s. And He’s the one who will attain it.

We see this throughout Scripture.

Our Big Dream

Abraham was a man called to believe for a future he would never fully see. He was invited by God into a dream that defied every natural limitation. God asked him to leave the familiar and trust in a promise that sounded impossible: that he would become the father of many nations, despite his old age and childlessness, and that through one of his offspring the entire world would be blessed. The father of our faith was a man just like us. His response was not perfect certainty, but faithful obedience. He went, even while asking in his heart, “Who am I?” yet choosing to trust that the One who called him was greater than his limitations.

Moses was called to lead a whole nation out of slavery. His first response was, “Who am I?” He felt unqualified and unsure. But God didn’t shrink the vision, He called Moses to grow into it. And as Moses stepped forward, God’s power carried him.

That’s how God works. And so the question for us is:

What is the big, Jesus-sized dream He is inviting Lifecentre to have faith for, and to steward?

A WORLD WHOSE HEART BEATS FOR JESUS

In a world whose heart, right now, mostly aches, mostly breaks, mostly plots and schemes in a relentless rush of self-protection.

Dare we imagine something different? Dare we dream of a world whose heart beats, instead, for Jesus?

Our Big Dream

What does that kind of world look like?

It looks like ordinary men and women encountering Jesus and choosing, day by day, to follow His lead in real time, loving when it's hard, forgiving when it costs, serving when it's inconvenient. It's faith in motion: not stuck in routine or reduced to empty religion, but active, responsive, and alive in Christ.

A world whose heart beats for Jesus is not static, it's dynamic with holy purpose. It's a people entranced by Him, stirred with wonder, awakened to the possibilities He brings. Not just agreeing with His Lordship in theory, but living it out, growing, changing, and stepping forward with Him every day.

We dare to dream this dream because we know that the world changes, one person at a time. We understand that the world starts at our doorstep, and goes out from there. We are certain that what Jesus has done for us, He has done for the whole world and that it is our responsibility and joy to hold faith for, and participate in, His Big Dream that has become our Big Dream.

A WORLD

God loves the whole world. Every person, everywhere. That's why He sent Jesus. Jesus gave His life because people matter that much to Him. No one is outside of His love or His reach. The world is a very big place but it consists of individuals, families, who we can reach and disciple right here in our own city. Here's where we start...but it's not where we end.

WHOSE HEART

Even though the world is so different in so many ways, there's something we all share, and it is a deep need for purpose, connection, and truth. The world has one heart, and even though it's broken and bleeding, it's searching.

Our Big Dream

BEATS

Our desire is to see that heart get healed and come alive for Jesus. One person at a time. Because when just one person turns to Him, it doesn't just affect them, it creates a ripple. Lives change, families change, communities change. Worlds change.

FOR JESUS

We don't just want people to know about Jesus or believe in Jesus, but to live, vitally, wholeheartedly, with, in and for Jesus. We want them to fall deeply in love with Him. This is what it's all about: hearts fully given to Jesus. Not halfway, but all in.

And when that happens, even in one person, it matters more than we can imagine. Whether it's in Orleans, Kanata, or Cornwall, every life changed sends a party invitation to Heaven and ushers hope into our world.

Our Big Dream
Believing for a world whose heart beats
for Jesus.

Our Story

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Lifecentre Church began in 1981 with six people and a vision from the Lord.

Bill & Gwen Prankard.

Barry and Joyce Boucher.

Jim and Bonnie Scheel.

It was not a vision built on scale, strategy, or human ambition, but on the conviction people need the life only Jesus can give.

For Pastors Barry and Joyce, this meant growing a church that would centre on the life of Jesus, or as it would come to be known, Lifecentre.

Since day one, Lifecentre and a heart have been inseparable, because in all the stages of life, God's love never fails. (1 Cor 13)

From our first beginning, we've planted three autonomous churches in Ottawa and have also grown to include three additional locations in Kanata, Cornwall, and Orléans.

Today, Lifecentre is a Church, a College, and a Care charity. All three remain centered on the same unchanging truth: Jesus, the Cornerstone, is at the heart of all we are & do.

Speaking of what we do, let us introduce you to Lifecentre: Church, Care, and College.

Each is a way in which we help a city, and ultimately a world, to come alive with the heartbeat of Jesus. Each is unique, each is also linked through a wholehearted big dream.

Church think creating.

Care think loving.

College think equipping.

Our Church

Lifecentre *Church*

Creating space to share Jesus with
every heart.

Lifecentre Church

As you've read, Lifecentre Church began in 1981, with six people and a vision from the Lord. Launched from the conviction that people need the life only Jesus can give. From our beginning, a spiritual family has grown, now expressed across autonomous churches in Ottawa as well as multiple campuses in Kanata, Cornwall, and Orléans. We remain anchored on the same unchanging truth: Jesus, the Cornerstone, at the heart of it all.

Lifecentre Church exists as a place where that heart is encountered and nurtured. We are **creating space to share Jesus with every heart**, so that people can meet Jesus, and grow together. But growth in Jesus was never meant to happen alone.

From the beginning, God's design has always been a people. A community. A "we." And so at Lifecentre, we give ourselves to this shared journey of walking together through the joys and challenges of following Jesus, helping one another remain faithful over a lifetime. Because discipleship is not a moment; it is a life. Not always easy, but always worth it.

More than a Sunday, church is about life together. Lifecentre forms community through Services, Conferences, Groups, Courses, and Serving together.

When we meet Jesus, these are the ways we grow together.

Lifecentre Church

How do we Connect?

To connect is to be shaped into His likeness, not in isolation, but in community. Growth begins with being planted—choosing to make Lifecentre home—and continues as we put down roots in Christ alongside others.

Your First Three Steps To Connect at Lifecentre

Planted (1 week)

Planted is a one-week investment designed to help you learn about Lifecentre while allowing us to get to know you.

Rooted (8 weeks)

Rooted is an eight-week investment. It will help you become more like Jesus by guiding you to follow Him on your own and of equal importance at Lifecentre alongside others.

Flourishing (1 week)

Flourishing is a one-week, three hour investment with Pastors Jason and Lori designed to help you learn how you can best assist others in finding and following Jesus.

Lifecentre Church

How do we Gather?

To gather is to come together around Jesus. To worship, to hear His Word, and to encounter His presence among His people. Week by week, across every generation, we make space for this sacred rhythm. In Sunday gatherings, in conferences, and in age-specific ministries, we are formed as a people who lift our eyes together.

Sundays

Sunday Services are an essential way we bring our hearts together in worship. We will sing, learn from Scripture, pray for one another while creating space to experience the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Conferences

Two annual gatherings: Heart for Women and Strong for Men.

Generations

Age-specific discipleship environments for children and youth up to Grade 12.

Serving

An essential part of growth. Through serving, individuals contribute to the life of the church and discover how they are uniquely wired to make a difference. We believe life is meant to be lived in relationships.

Groups

Accessible, relational environments for every season—whether focused on Scripture, life stages, or specific challenges.

Lifecentre Church

Prayer & Care

Supporting one another through various types of prayer, practical care, and walking alongside people in times of need.

How do we Equip?

Let us introduce you to Lifecentre College.

Lifecentre *College*

**Equipping believers to minister
the heart of God
wherever they are.**

Our College

Lifecentre College

How do we Equip?

Lifecentre College exists so that everyday people, busy with careers, families, and responsibilities can be intentionally equipped to minister the heart of God wherever they are, without stepping away from the life they are living.

It is where the practical meets the spiritual, where formation meets function. In many ways, it is a meeting point between a trade school and a college: deeply theological, yet immediately applicable.

At its heart, Lifecentre College is about shaping ministers whose lives bear the unmistakable marks of Jesus. A life of ministry is marked by a growing hunger to be led more by Jesus, a deepening desire to lead more like Jesus and an increasing burden to lead more people to Jesus.

This is true whether one serves vocationally or pastorally, formally or informally. The call is the same: to become a vessel through which the life of Christ reaches others.

Lifecentre College

And so Lifecentre College creates an environment where that calling can be nurtured, clarified, and strengthened. Over three intentional years, students are guided through a journey of formation and equipping.

Annually: Heartstrong Discipleship

Heartstrong is an incredible space for anyone looking to grow deeper in their understanding of Scripture while being surrounded by a vibrant community.

We devote ourselves to studying God's Word and encouraging one another. These powerful morning sessions provide the perfect environment for anyone seeking to grow closer to Jesus in community. By participating, you will journey through the entire Bible in three years, studying it chapter by chapter.

September - June

Monday - Thursday at 6:00am on Zoom

Lifecentre College

Year 1: Christian Disciple

This one-year journey provides a foundational understanding of the Bible. Throughout the year, you will explore the entirety of Scripture, discovering how each book connects to God's overarching narrative.

The Christian Disciple program serves as the essential foundation upon which you will continue to build if you choose to advance to Year 2 of Lifecentre College.

Lifecentre College

Year 2: Christian Leader

The Christian Leader pathway is carefully crafted for followers of Jesus who desire to dive deeper into Scripture.

After completing the Christian Disciple program, you can transition into Year Two, where you will learn core Christian doctrines, such as the Trinity, salvation, and the person of the Holy Spirit.

Simultaneously, you will explore what it means to not only be a disciple of Jesus, but to actively play a part in the discipleship journey of those around you.

Lifecentre College

Year 3: Christian Minister

Year Three of Lifecentre College is exclusively focused on training and empowering those who feel called to pastoral leadership.

In this final year, you will receive targeted, practical training for ministry within a church or para-church context.

You will have the unique opportunity to learn directly from pastors who are actively engaged in ministry and passionate about seeing you equipped for everything God has called you to do.

Our Care

Lifecentre *Care*

Loving people as God's work
of heart.

Lifecentre Care

At Lifecentre, we carry a deep conviction: that the Church is called not only to gather people in, but to send people out. Our dream is bold. We long to minister to more people outside the church than the total number who gather within it on a Sunday.

We feel compelled to step into the realities of our city. To meet people in moments of need, vulnerability, and injustice and to have the singular privilege of treating every person as God's work of heart.

Lifecentre Care is the expression of that conviction. It is where faith becomes practical. Where generosity becomes tangible. Where the heart of Jesus is extended beyond the walls of the church into the life of the city.

Through initiatives such as our food bank, and in partnership with organizations like Ottawa Food Bank and CityServe Canada, we are able to provide essential resources to individuals and families in need, meeting immediate challenges while also opening the door to deeper transformation.

Lifecentre Care is not only about provision, it is about relief that leads to restoration.

This is why we carry a vision not just for a food bank, but for a solution centre. A place where people are not only helped in crisis, but supported toward wholeness.

Where dignity is restored, hope is renewed, and practical pathways forward are made possible. Let us tell you a little more about our Food Bank and City Serve.

Lifecentre Care

Food Bank

In partnership with the Ottawa Food Bank, our Food Bank, located in our facility in Blackburn Hamlet serves 1,485 clients monthly. That is us supporting 449 families with dignity through emergency food services.

City Serve

CityServe believes every person deserves access to basic necessities and a chance at a brighter future. It serves as a bridge that connects surplus goods-in-kind from Canadian businesses to local supporting organizations and churches to better help them serve their communities.

Our local expression has it's own warehouse facility and each of our Campuses have distinct expressions of care that are served through City Serve.

Last year we received over 279 seven-foot high pallets filled with goods-in-kind from household items, electronics, sporting equipment, to other items that we're distributed not only through Lifecentre Church but to over 70 local partners.

Lifecentre Church - Creating

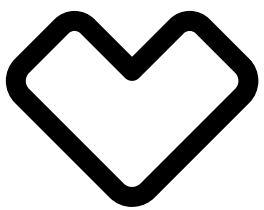
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Lifecentre College - Equipping

Equipping believers to minister the heart of God wherever they are.

Lifecentre Care - Loving

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