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We want to make a difference
in our community of Manukau & the world!

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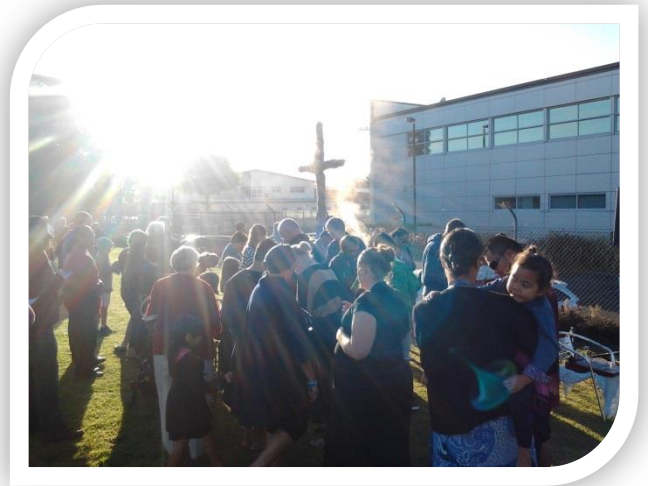
We are an integral part of a faith community with God and the people of His church.

ON MISSION:

We are absolutely passionate about living a life on mission that brings honour to God.

To be effective as a church, we need to have:

- Passionate Spirituality
- Intentional Evangelism
- Loving Relationships
- Gift orientated Mission
- Inspiring Large groups
- Nurturing Small groups
- Empowering Leadership
- Functional Structures



Isaiah 58:9-12 (NIV)

*If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins,
If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out,
Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.
I will always show you where to go.*

*I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places—firm muscles, strong bones.
You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry.
You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past.
You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate,
make the community liveable again.*

PASTOR ALASTAIR

HOW HAS YOUR YEAR BEEN?

This is always an interesting question...and it is good to reflect back on what has happened. As followers of Jesus, we do need to have a forward/future-orientated/heaven focus. But we also need to have the ability to look back with thanks for what God has done... and with a sense of learning from our mistakes and victories!

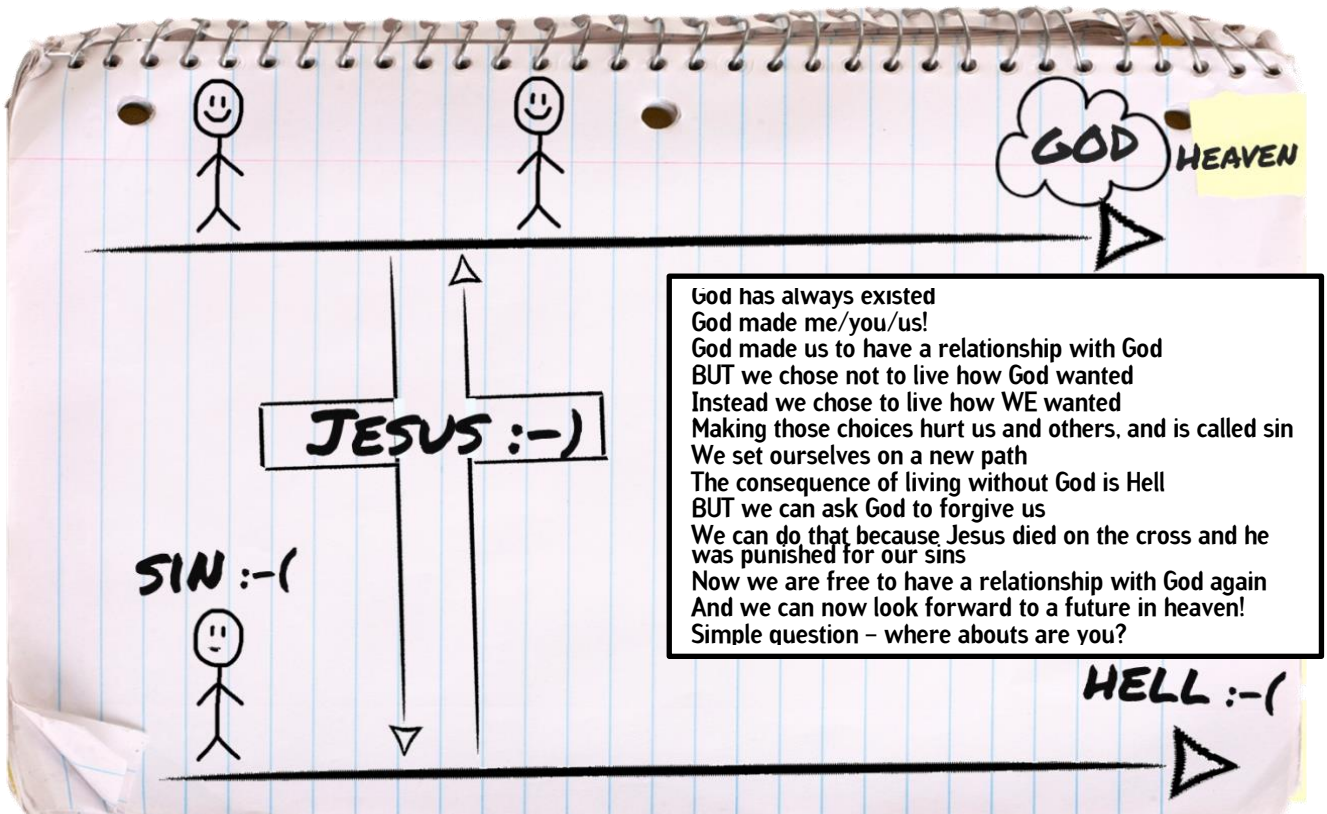
SO HOW HAS YOUR YEAR BEEN?!

For us as a church, I feel like it has been a year where we have stepped forward...especially in the area of engaging people in a conversation about Jesus. In 2015, we asked a group of people from church a simple question: "How confident would you be in leading someone to become a follower of Jesus?" One third of those people said they were confident, two thirds said they would be somewhat, or not very confident. This was an awesome realisation – we are asking people to tell others about Jesus, but not giving them the skills to do that!

The good news is that explaining to someone how to become a follower of Jesus is not as hard as we think! As Elders, we discussed this, and set a goal for our church in 2016: we want to be part of a church where every person 8 years old and over is able to tell someone how they can become a follower of Jesus is! We can't make you tell others about Jesus, but our role is giving you the tools to use.

We have done this a number of times in church – and I loved being sent a photo of a six year old doing this diagram with someone...and he did it with a mate at school. We were wrong about "8 and over!"

I want to be in a church where we are ALL ready to tell others about how to become a follower of Jesus. Here's the diagram again – just in case you have forgotten it!



And we have added amazing discipleship resources so that we ALL can help others grow in their faith – see the giant koru in the foyer!

We have had some changes in staff too – David Jackson retired, Noray Greyling is our new Admin Manager and Casey Clark has been employed a day a week as Pastor Jaimee's has been ill.

Have a look on the back cover of this Annual Report – we decided to do a summary of everything the church does. It is an awesome list! It is awesome because of it's diversity and the different entry points into our community. I also like that it shows that central to what we do leads to a faith and a love for the Lord and fully part of the community of "The Church" that God calls us into. This Annual Report will step you through that variety of ministries. THANK YOU to those who lead ministries. THANK YOU to those who help make ministries work. THANK YOU for being involved in these ministries. We have some great opportunities to interact with our church community and our local community – make the most of this! It is also great knowing that the ministry you are involved in is surrounded by other ministries working with you – we are here to help each other!

On a national scale, Baptist churches desire and learning curve to relate well with Maori continues.. This is reflected in our own church – we have an amazing Te Roopu Awhina group and we are excited about the Te Reo course they will be running next year.

We also are now a very multi cultural nation, and Baptists are looking to make the most of these opportunities At MCBC, we have a significant challenge to ensure that we are a multi cultural church in attendance AND involvement in our church. We all have to realise: we have a significant current opportunity to invite different cultures to become part of our church community and part of our FAITH community.

In the past three years, we have sent out two new full time overseas workers or couples, and we have a third person waiting on finance. We have been sending on average one young person a term on a DTS with YWAM for the last year, and that looks likely to continue. We have an amazing team of 12 heading up to the Philippines on a Short term mission in 2017. That is healthy and exciting stuff, and things to be thankful to God for!

We sent this quote around recently:

"We used to make a decision "I'm going to church" when we became a christian...now we make 52 decisions a year whether we will go to church!"

I think this is a great reminder that we are all personally responsible for keeping our faith fresh. We need a commitment that our faith means more than everything this world holds! And having a faith-first life is actually not complex! It is interacting with our Bible reading, two-way communication with our God in prayer, meeting and encouraging others in a church community and having a living relationship with the Holy Spirit. If we get these things right, serving and obedience and forgiveness and self worth and hope and love and faith will also follow.

It is amazing to be part of this church community – you are awesome because God made you that way and intended it to be that way!

Psalm 116:1-2 I love the Lord because he hears my voice, and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

Alastair Hall – Lead Pastor



PASTOR GAREY



One of the things we believe to be important is to care for people and this can be done in various ways. Over the years we have had various forms of ministry to provide meals for families who were going through difficult times. This can be anything from a death in the family or hospital stays, as well as not so difficult times, but just as stressful such as having a baby. Each of these attempts have been great and well received but difficult to maintain.

This year in conjunction with an organisation called Kiwi Harvest and NZMA a catering training organisation we have been able to provide 191 frozen meals to 47 families. We also have a team of dedicated people who are willing prepare and deliver fresh meals to families

who have had babies and they have done a fantastic job. Many thanks to Megan Carter for her wonderful leadership skills to make this all happen and to her team of people willing to provide a meal and deliver them.

Connect Groups

For our church connect groups are an important part of church life. In these group people get to journey through life together in relationship with Jesus. They are groups that provide a place where people can connect with each other and develop a sense of community and family. Connect groups are the heartbeat of church life and we aim to have on just right for everyone.



Connect groups are not just groups that meet in homes for Bible study. They are also ministry groups, cultural groups and special interest groups that allow for people to get together round a common purpose with Jesus at the centre. One of our groups decided that they would write a book. Each member of the group contributed a chapter about their journey of faith, how cool is that. A group of people working together to create a resource for themselves and maybe others. It is hard to state the exact number of people involved in this ministry as all areas of church life have groups of people meeting for support and encouragement.

Super Friday

“A place where no body stands alone”

We believe that our older adults are a huge asset for our church. The collective wisdom of this group is enormous. One of the biggest issues facing older adults is meaningful relationships. Lots of people in our wider community are lonely. They have retired and no longer have regular social contact with people. Super Friday is designed to meet this need



for connection and also designed to provide opportunities for older adults to share about their faith and lead people to the Lord. We are regularly seeing people from outside our church community show up on the Friday having seen the advert in the Courier and we are starting to see people who have come along to Super Friday now attending church services.

This year we have had speakers from the Red Cross, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Auckland Museum and Blind foundation. We have had numbers of people who don't attend church coming

along for the social interaction. Be praying that the message they hear of God's love sinks into their hearts. A highlight for Super Friday is our trip days, where we take an opportunity to explore our city. The highlight for these was the visit to Auckland helicopter rescue.

As you reach your later years don't think you are "passed it" ... think "there is still more for me to discover!!"

Welcoming Team

We believe that an important part of the worship experience is connecting with people. For visitors they connect with people before they connect with God so it is important for us to provide a welcoming environment which our team does a fantastic job at. When you arrive at church you are greeted by people who genuinely love what they do which is making other feel welcome and cared for.



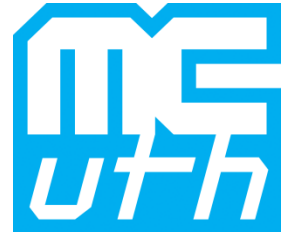
There is no way of measuring the impact our welcoming team has on visitors but you know what it is like when you visit another church and nobody talks to you. We work very hard to ensure that doesn't happen here and if you are not officially part of the welcoming team you are definitely part of the unofficial team if you call MCBC your church. So thank you again to all on the team.

Pastor Garey

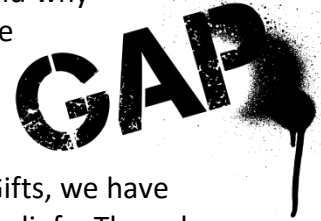


PASTOR MARTY'S REPORT

2016 – Pushing On. As we come to the end of the year it is incredibly encouraging to reflect on what God is doing. When you work with young people there are often many challenges, they are dealing with all sorts of pressures and stresses, but for me it is so good to see that we have an amazing bunch of high schoolers who are seeking God in the midst of everything. We have high schoolers serving in many areas of church life and actively putting their faith into practice.



GAP – On any given Wednesday night you might find 30-40 young people around church. This year we have explored the ideas around what we believe and why we believe it. We have some awesome leaders who have had to carry the load a bit more this year as I have been out of action firstly with the arrival of our first baby and secondly during my surgery. Small groups are a really important part of our nights and we couldn't do Gap without our incredible volunteers. This year we have looked at Spiritual Gifts, we have had some topical nights, exploring things like online safety and other beliefs. There have also been some of the regular favourites like Gap Kitchen Rules and Gap Church. We have had guest speakers and always have a great night. If you have high school aged young people in your house – this is a great place for them to be on a Wednesday night. We have had a number of young people get baptised this year and we have seen more young people come along without a church background which is really exciting.



SOUTH AUCKLAND HUB – A few years ago myself and a few other local youth leaders set up a South Auckland Hub. We get together once a term to connect and know that we are part of something bigger. It's really encouraging for our young people to know there are other young Christians locally! This Hub has expanded this year and it is exciting to see how this will grow. Currently we have our church, Bridge Community Church, PACT/Papatoetoe Community Church, Papakura Wesleyan, Manurewa Baptist and Franklin Baptist as the youth groups involved.



GAP BAND – This year has been a little quiet on the music front due to some key people being committed in other areas – but it has been neat to see some of our high schoolers continue to flourish and step up in the Worship area.

NIGHT CHURCH – When I think about our Sunday Night Church, it really is about family. We have a broad range of people who come along from different walks of life, united by Jesus. It really is a great thing. This year we have looked at the lead up and aftermath of the first Easter, a series looking at 1Timothy, and "Where is God?" We have had worship and prayer nights and of course FOOD in the café thanks to our superb teams. If you have never been, come check it out one night. We recently installed new curtains in the main auditorium which means we can reduce the size of the auditorium by half which makes it a great setting for Night Church.



PAP HIGH – This year I am only taught the Yr Choice Relationship classes at Papatoetoe High as well as doing the 1st XI Girls Football coaching with Gabby



Frank. The response from both teachers and students is always so positive and reminds me of our need to be a good voice within the community. It was also exciting to have Neda and Erin come on board and coach the Girls 2nd XI Football team this year. Being in the school has led to some interesting conversations around faith and I pray for more opportunities to share my story with young people.



WHERE TO NEXT?

How do we make sure that every young person who walks into our doors has a point of connection with other young people and with the wider church? How do we adopt people well in to the church family? How do we continue to teach our young people biblical truth in a world that is shifting moral perspectives? How do we continue to encourage our young people to pray and seek God? How do we prepare our young people for the things beyond school? These are a few of the things I am processing and praying into as we go into a new year... Thank you all for your support and encouragement, our young people need to know they are part of something bigger.



Marty Barrett – Youth Pastor



PASTOR JAIMEE

This was a year that didn't exactly happen according to plan for the Max crew.

However, each and every year I tell you all how blessed I am to have such creative, committed and capable leaders, and in 2016 they proved that these aren't just empty words. With an unexpectedly absentee leader for over half the year as my pregnancy has come with significant



health difficulties, things had the potential to completely fall apart. But these guys stepped up, taking on extra responsibility, churning out studies, coming up with games, improvising and just making it happen until a more settled arrangement could be put into place.

We've been super fortunate now to have Casey take over so seamlessly and do such a great job over the last few months employed a day a week by the church, but contributing so much more.

Part way through the year we welcomed Julia and Sam to the leadership team and they brought with them a tonne of awesome kids adding not only numbers (which now fluctuate between 30-40 a night), but a great deal of experience to what we do.

Highlights for the year have included eCamp, Oscars and the mixture of creative, physical and mental teamwork challenges and games allowing kids to thrive at the things they love. It's been awesome seeing relationships built between community and church kids, new people and the ones and the ones that have been around forever, and exciting to see them develop bible reading habits and curiosity about faith.

Max Deluxe has changed this year. Fortnightly Maxers have enjoyed their games, bible quizzes and travelling through the stories of the Old Testament, and the other fortnight they do the "Deluxe Pod" and are in church with some worksheets to help them get the most out of the message at Morning Church. With bean bags. With snacks. Morning Church Deluxe style!



Jaimee Spurdle



ALPHA

This year saw us doing new things again with Suz running all of the administrative duties, Keith doing the general waffling up front and finishing off the extra deserts and James and Nicole Corbett, Fiona Hippolite, Daniel Palmer and Ross Robertson as well as Suz doing a fantastic job of leading the small groups.

On top of that there is a new version of Alpha. The old one was good.... but the new one is brilliant! It's a bit shorter and keeps you 100% interested the whole time, a real revelation and we really enjoyed sharing it with the group of about up to 25 that regularly attended.

Again a big thanks to our prayer team, it's always such a blessing to be supported in this way and has made a huge difference to the outcome of the courses and to how well things have gone, we've especially appreciated them going out of their way showing interest and wanting specifics to pray about and the prayer and council during the weekend part.

Also another huge thank you to all of the volunteers who made the amazing deserts and others who've been a part of making it all happen.



The Alpha program is a great way to facilitate open discussion and teaching which leads and disciples people into a better understanding of who God is, and what it means to have a relationship with him. It's a safe place for people to ask the hard questions and hopefully come away with real answers. We really enjoyed getting to know everyone who attended this year, building relationships with them and watching them grow.

We've already booked next year for the beginning of the second school term for the first course (we may/may not do 2...) and we're looking into doing a course at one of the techs or unis, which we're really excited.... and scared about!

Thank you so much to all those who have helped and supported us in this ministry, we have really needed it and appreciated it.

The Alpha team.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS (CEC)

Brrrr.. the bell's going at 9am. It's Central School Manurewa and it's Wednesday! Bible time! I don't want to be late.. it's only for half an hour. We find the children keen and eager to learn – especially with the backing of Principal and staff. And we, the team, learn so much as well



The joys:

Murray was encouraged when early in the year he was asked by a child in his class "Are you a Christian? (Yes) "Do you pray?" (Yes). "Well three of us have started a prayer meeting and we pray at lunch time"



Another 8yr old said he was thinking about Hebrews 12:7 and didn't agree with it but the more he thought about it the more he realized that discipline is very important

Trixie was thrilled to be invited to a previous pupil's baptism – "I spoke to his father afterwards and he said that it seemed to be that I was backing up everything that he and his wife were telling him "Praise God!"



Pam says "Something surprising happened to me – I had to miss my Bible lesson one week and the teacher plus the teacher aide got a Bible and did a word search for the kids

to do for the half hour of Bible! I was amazed they'd felt it important enough so the kids don't miss out"



The bible is amazing because ... Joseph's brothers learnt their lesson
It stops people fighting each other (Tarore's story, 8yrs old)
It changes people's behaviour & the way they live (Zacchaeus, 9yrs old)

Last year we were given a donation from the Presbyterians next door and this helped us to pay for materials and visiting speakers but we found this year that some of our numbers were able to take assembly for us which was a big help!

The ploys:

You may have heard that there was some opposition to Bible teaching in schools last year and with this in mind the CEC organization (that we are a part of) have re-written our syllabus to be more in line with school curriculums and more PC. We find the material so different to what we did in the past that we have to teach something more like values and can't use years of preparation/notes most of us have on file – at least there is a Bible reading set down for every lesson!

BRAVE NEW LIFE

On the third Sunday of the month, we have our support group for those who have lost a partner through death. The group has grown each time we have met as the word gets out. Most people also coming from outside our own church community. Many of the group have experienced their loss while still having dependent children and are still juggling work, family and grief.

We meet upstairs in the Lifecare Centre where we create a lounge atmosphere and enjoy the use of the new upstairs kitchen for making drinks and sharing in afternoon tea. The gathering is light hearted and encouraging. We have many laughs and are enjoying making new friendships with others who are journeying on a similar path.

I feel privileged to be able to walk with these, now friends, as we all learn to cope better with life's struggles but also celebrate the achievements. By helping others we find we are also helping ourselves.

We welcome anyone who may need the extra support of this group as they negotiate a Brave New Life in their journey of grief. Please pray that we can show love and care for one another as we also get closer to God.



Mandy Clayton

BREAD RUN

Review

We have been involved in the bread run for almost 2 years. It's always a joy to bring in fresh bread in church for people's kitchen. There are so many families who struggle to buy food and the bread run is an initiative to help families. We are forever grateful to the Bakers Delight staff for helping us help others.



Personal Story

The best part of our bread run night is knocking on our neighbours door around 10pm at night to give some bread for their next morning's breakfast. The initial response to the knock started with an amused look: 'who can it be around this time of the night' and then it changed to a more familiar smiley look 'here comes our bread'. Our neighbour is an old lady who lives alone.

Apart from packing up the bread, we love distributing the perishable item that won't last to our neighbours and church members who are floating around at church on the Friday night. Some of the Max members are kind enough to help us a hand in lifting the boxes full of bread.

Encouraging

Thanks to the church management for having patience for our bread runners. We often trigger off the alarm and there is always somebody there to help. The Team vibe never runs out and it's just nice to know we are in this together.

Goals for 2017

More believers in Christ seeking the Bread of Life through fresh bread!

Community Impact

It definitely feels like a community to stand around the bread run table on a Sunday morning. Gets the church members talking, sharing stories and even recipes!

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live in unity Psalm 133:1

Kris & Arati Sudhakar

BUILDING HIREAGE

It's awesome opening our doors to community groups such as First Aid, Key Assets, MIT, Plunket and Kidz First. I enjoy hearing feedback of how wonderful our premises and facilities are and word of mouth travels quick that I'm always receiving phone calls and walk in enquiries for space to hire.

New hirers this year include the Counties Manukau MUMZ cooking classes; NZ Nutrition Foundation cooking class for Seniors; carpark space lease to Affinity and the Arena was hired out for Renaissance's bootcamp and end of year disco and to Universal church for youth basketball games.

A huge thank you to the tech guys and gals that have made their God given talents and time available to make all the weddings; end of year dances and fundraising concerts possible. May God continue to bless your ministry.

Some people who arrive for their course ask if this place is a church and when I reply 'Yes' they feel a bit awkward... but I get my kicks from seeing all walks of life come into God's building, some may not be believers, some may have walked away from the Lord, but wherever they are on their journey – I like them to feel at ease and welcome – showing them church isn't



a scary place and we're not strange weird people.

2017 is already looking to be a choca blocka year with our regular hirers, future weddings, dinners and events...

Keep Calm and bring it on!

Norah Greyling – Administration Manager

CHAPEL SERVICE

As our usual invitation to speakers states: 'As part of our outreach into the community, we have continued to offer a monthly CHAPEL SERVICE on the 2nd FRIDAY of each month.

The service is held at our CHAPEL, being part of the complex situated at Manukau Baptist Church. It is more traditional (in its make-up) and is mainly attended by Senior Citizens from a wide variety of backgrounds.'

Plus the regular notice posted in the 'Courier' Newspaper 'Events' reads: '...(this is) a time to connect with GOD through a worship style relevant to an older generation.'

We believe this to still be appreciated but it is not to be supposed that only the older generation wants/needs to connect with, as the Bible says, "The GOD and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ" – in a 'gentler' way. If you think that the MANY triumphant and stirring classical hymns/praise songs are 'gentle!'

We experience a wide range of speakers together with good fellowship and 'after' discussions, which give many and much-needed boosts. Hopefully to continue on, to the glory of GOD, and that 'The grace of the LORD Jesus be with all peoples'. Rev 22:21

Yours on His name

W(Bill) Higgins - Co-ordinator



CHURCH HISTORIAN

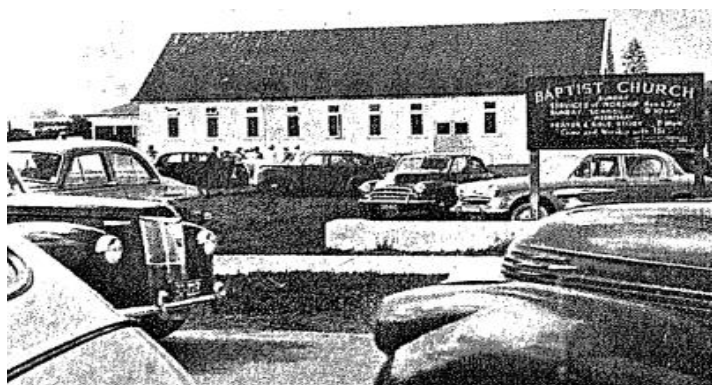
This year our church is 86 years old

BIG BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT 1958 TO ACCOMMODATE OUR GROWING CHURCH

Papatoetoe Baptist Church commenced the first All Ages Sunday School in New Zealand, an idea taken from Baptist Churches in America.

For this to happen a major building redevelopment took place, with a brand new wing to house from babies to toddlers being built.

While all this took place the church rented the Central Theatre for morning and evening services. In the evenings Dr. Billy Graham films were shown as a prelude to his first New Zealand Crusade to be held at Carlaw Park, with many new folk joining with us. The church was identified with the Crusade to be held in 1959 as a good church to attend.



PARKING has to be directed by two men, so flick is the press of cars round the church on a Sunday morning.

The Reverend Foster Sherburd, a great Evangelist himself (who also married Judith and me 53 1/2 years ago) had a great love for people which reflected in many new folk attending. Praise the Lord! The existing church was repositioned and enlarged and the youth hall connected to the church to enable a bigger overflow congregation to see the pulpit area. Primary and intermediate groups had their own space. Most adult groups met in private homes close to the church.

The Puhinui church hall was shifted to St George Street and the opening of the All Ages Sunday School commenced on the 5th of October 1958. Many other churches wanted to visit and see it in operation on Sunday mornings from 9:30am. A Pastor of Christian Education was appointed to help with the training of teachers, Department leaders and secretaries, parking attendants and visiting personnel, with growing numbers enrolling to nearly 600 people in the first year.

Doug Snook Church Historian

COME WALKING

Once a month – first Friday – may not seem often enough for this fun ministry. The walkers enjoy the half hour walk, a visit to a point of interest then back to the church café for cake and coffee – calories off, calories on!

The point of interest is not known until we arrive on the spot eg Court house, Fire station, Red Cross, White Water Park, Laidlaw College, research library, Youthline, Phoenix House, Rococo.

Numbers vary with up to-18 people. Courier advertising attracts folk from the community. There is always a lot of laughter and chatter.

A prayer at the beginning and a question to discuss on the way is an added ice breaker.

Anyone is welcome to join us for more of an amble exploring our community, rather than a serious fast paced walk.



Jill Hall

COUNSELLING

A couple walk into the room, nervous, grasping for anything that will stop the inevitable separation happening. The only things holding them together are “the children” and a fear of “managing life” if they go their separate ways..... within weeks they share about a relationship that is so different and better than it has been in years...and how much they have learnt about themselves and each other.... How amazing is our God!!

Parents ring, desperate to have help with the child that is a perfect angel at School and unmanageable at home, or scared that their recent separation will have lasting impact on the emotional, wellbeing of their children

Women fill our rooms, haunted by the neglect and abuse suffered during childhood and struggling to connect with caring people or a loving heavenly father because it is so hard to trust anyone..... What a privilege and honour to journey with them and see them walk taller, conquer fears, laugh & cry, and embrace life with new purpose.

Or to share in very special spiritual encounters with a God who loves them way beyond anything they can comprehend...

Families struggle to come to terms with life's cruellest tragedies The grief of the moment overwhelms and disempowers. The need for someone to listen and try to understand how tough it is for them, and help them find ways to come to terms with devastation.

We continue to offer a service for anyone in need of counselling help. This is a great opportunity for people from our community to receive caring & professional services. We strive to empower people to cope better with life's struggles and for some we have the privilege in sharing their spiritual journey also.

We praise God for his wisdom and grace that we are dependent on, to bring hope and healing to many of our clients.

Counsellors: Kathy Symons, Joy Ward, Judy Dransfield



EVENTS

Events we run as a church are aimed at our church community or at our local community – and this year has been superb!

We started with Weekend Getaways in February. These weekends are a great way to meet new



people or enjoy the company of people you already know. Held at Finlay Park, you chose one of three weekends to head away on. The activities are amazing – or the lack of activity (if you are so inclined) is equally amazing! We work real hard to make these weekends affordable and a great place to spend time together away from the hustle and bustle of Auckland!

Easter Friday is an outdoor dawn service (well, 8am – it feels like dawn on a public holiday!) It is a moving and special way to start Easter – outdoors, in the paddock around the cross – and a \$2 cooked breakfast to follow.

The Drive In Movie this year was significantly different – because of social media! We had people driving from all over Auckland and most nights the full house sign went up 30 minutes before the movie even started! We had 1,500 people go through over four nights – and plenty of hot dogs as well!

Light Party was also significantly different. We prayed for the event better, trained our volunteers better and changed the layout. The only hiccup was a massive storm hit Auckland just as we were about to kick off! We had reports of basements flooding in Papakura, massive hail in Papakura, Manurewa and Papatoetoe, and those of us on site had the privilege of watching the rain, lightning and storm circle round the church site...and we got a light shower! Praise the Lord! We had 2,500 people on site. We also got feedback that there were just better conversations between our volunteers and our community – good on you guys! We had almost 200 volunteers – you guys are awesome!



Angel Tree won't be happening this year due to some policy changes at their end...but we have something to replace that!

We have also done concerts, sausage sizzles, Oscars and heaps of other things. Jesus was fairly amazing at putting on events when he walked this earth. It never replaces one on one relationships, but events is a great way to create and encourage those relationships!



Pastor Alastair

FACILITIES STEWARDS

We are rostered on once every four - five weeks and our duties involve:

- organising the collection
- counting and recording the congregation numbers (including kids church)
- patrolling the carparks
- keep a general eye out in the church foyer during service
- on guard for general help to all
- fire wardens and safety wardens on site.



Facilities team have lost a few members.

Some of the old hands have found the security walks around the car park, climbing the stairs to count the young ones in childrens groups and being on watch during service too tiring. This is due to age, illness and have resigned. We appreciate their work very much and are sorry to see them go. We thank them for their time and effort.

We have been blessed with a couple of new members but there's plenty of room for more.

If this role interests you enquiries are welcome. Please get in touch with any of the church staff.

Greig Strickland

FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR CHRIST (FILIPINO GROUP)

The Family and Friends for Christ is a multi-denominational Christian group of Filipinos, fellowshiping together in a spirit of love and friendship. It is both a social and spiritual gathering.

Our main objective is for all of us to grow in the knowledge and likeness of our Lord Christ through consistent and careful study of the basic truth embodied in the Holy Scriptures. Individually and collectively, we endeavor to keep our faith strong amidst life's circumstances in a rapidly changing environment.

We believe that there is always a spiritual solution to every problem that besets us today. Hence, the group has embarked on discussing some environmental, global, political and cultural issues from a biblical perspective and how we can better address them without compromising our individual ethics and Christian values.

Life is good and it must be enjoyed to the fullest. The group's social agenda is always predicated with laughter and fun. Family dine outs, games and dancing have been great activities that bolsters the human spirit, builds confidence and strengthens the togetherness; while formal programs celebrating Father's/Mother's day, birthdays, Christmas and the like cultivates individual talents and creativity.



Rey Gumtang

FAMILY LIFECARE CENTRE

If you pop into our Family Lifecare Centre during the week you'll possibly hear parents singing with their babies, adults from many nations learning English, collaboration in CV writing, great conversation over tea and coffee or people praying for others.

Space for you and your baby has run on Tuesday mornings for 30 weeks. The parents love coming along to connect with others, discuss their parenting stories and have fun with their babies. Chantelle, Sonia and Cathryn have made Space a welcoming place where great friendships have been forged. We've had 12 parents enrol in this programme from our community. In Term 4 as their



babies have grown they have been introduced to Flavor Café. One mum has written, "Space is awesome. Love the opportunity to share the Space mornings with other mums. Crazy how often you find you're dealing with similar issues or going through the same stuff. The facilitators and facilities are awesome too. Keep it going! It's going to be sad when the year is over."

On Thursday mornings between 8-12 people from Iraq, Burma, India, China, Korea and Vietnam come along to our English class. It is great to hear these learners gaining more knowledge of the English language and growing in confidence to use it. Learning English means our attendees can participate more fully in their workplaces and communities. Many thanks to Seng Lip for starting up this class for us and to Nicola, Joy and Kim for



continuing this great outreach to our community.

CAP Job Club has provided a number of people looking for employment with practical tools, support and community. It has been exciting to see 5 members gain employment and others attending interviews, exploring study options and gaining confidence. This club has been capably led by Toni, Joy and Ben. We are also thankful to Steve and Jason who, as employers, have shared thoughts and inspiration with the group each term.

The Family Lifecare Centre has also run 3 CAP Money Courses this year, giving people great tools to help them have more control over their finances, and an Early Reading Together course to support parents in developing the language skills of their young children.



We are thankful to have received grants from the Baptist Foundation, Baptist Community Ministries for Tindall Foundation, the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board and the Baptist Children's Trust to enable us to provide these programmes.

At the Family Lifecare Centre all these programmes have the aim of journeying with people through life's joys and struggles and sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with them. If you would like to help us in any way we'd love to hear from you!

Karlene and Denise

FLAVOR CAFÉ

Flavor Café caters to Mums/Dads/Caregivers of preschoolers at our church and also within the community.

Currently, we are averaging between 35-45 Mums/Dads/Caregivers attending per week...plus their children! Sometimes we can have up to 50. Every week is different and there is no apparent reason for the influx or decline on a week by week basis. I would say roughly 50% of those who come are from our church or at least attend a church and the other 50% are from the community.

We have been blessed with great volunteers again this year and a few more have come on board while some have also stepped down. It's also a great way for our church ladies to contribute and with our roster mixed up, they get to meet other ladies in our church that they perhaps wouldn't ordinarily meet.



We have also had Sarah Telford join us as a permanent Tuesday worker. She makes great coffees!

Flavor is not only great for newbies but for our regular church Mums who come. It provides a place for them to encourage and to be encouraged.

Again, there have been a lot of babies born this year and we are noticing more new Mums come along. We have a great new babies corner which is safe and comfortable.

Goals for 2017

I am stepping down as leader next year and Annie Lamb is taking over. I will, however, still volunteer on a regular basis so as to keep in touch with the Mums/Dads/Caregivers there.

Goals for next year – really keep on doing what we’re doing and making sure that each morning begins with prayer and for the volunteers to prepare themselves spiritually to attend to those God directs them to. Also, to help Annie put her own ‘flavor’ into this ministry and to be her support.

We have also had a few Mums from Flavor come along to church regularly and also to BSF (a women’s bible study group).

God is good - Praise God!

Anne Edwards

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Newborns

This ministry started in April this year and it’s such an amazing way for a new family to be supported at a pivotal time in their lives. Our team of 14 or so ladies & men cook and deliver beautiful homecooked meals to families soon after the birth of their babies. So far this year we have helped 9 families, and speaking from experience I know first hand just how incredibly special it is to be on the receiving end.



Our team not only helps to physically feed these families for a few weeks, but we actively pray for them as well. Even if some of our team are unable to cook at the time a baby is born, they are still encouraged to support the family in prayer. So lovely to be looking after their physical needs as well as asking our Heavenly Father to help them spiritually.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our awesome team of volunteer cooks, without you and your willing hearts this ministry would be nothing.

Looking forward into 2017 it would be great to have a few more cooks on our team and be able to support a few families in the community as well.

Praise God for the amazing miracle that is new life!!

Megan Carter

FORTY PLUS

40+ is a great way to meet, getting together in small groups, eating, talking and having fun. We have between 55 – 60 people in small groups of approximately 8 each.

In 40+ there are no rules, but in saying that there is one, and that is you must have a good time. This can be anywhere you care to meet, for example, at home, have a picnic, and meet at a café for breakfast, lunch or dinner, a beach or even at the church. It is always as formal or informal as each group wants it to be. So as you can see the fun the fellowship and the places to go are unlimited.

We always have an enjoyable time getting to know each other, while also enjoying the food that everyone has prepared.

The banquet this year was held in the church foyer and attended by over 70 people. Ross Robertson was our very able MC. The food was great and the entertainment was superb. Louisa Hustwick organized a musical quiz, similar to what they had when they went on their cruise. When a small piece of music was played, everyone had to guess the name of the song. It was great fun. After desert Randy Salazar sang a bracket of songs that everyone enjoyed listening to. Alastair Hall finished the evening with a well-received devotion.



At the end of the evening we moved into the new groupings for the second half of the year.

Being in a group that meets once a month is the best way we know to get to know people you would only smile at on Sunday morning. You will increase your circle of friends and in some cases make some life long ones.

Rob and Diane Stone

GIRLS BRIGADE -1ST PAPATOETOE

This year we have again been blessed with many leaders to teach our girls - Juniors - Casey Clark, Danielle Fanning (nee Jamieson), Sarah Jamieson, Seniors - Rebekka Ross, Michaela Clark, Holly Mannering-Woods, Pioneers - Sarah Woods. One of our Pioneers from last year, Holly Mannering-Woods has been a helper with the Senior group of girls (aged 9-12 years). We also have Kim Clark who assists with different groups and the company and area accounts.

Well done to Kim Clark who has completed her first year of the Queen's Award programme. Also, two of our Pioneers, Mary Junor and Johanna Setefano are currently working on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. For the service part of this badge, Mary is helping out on Sunday mornings with the Mini Mega group.



Interesting highlights this year for the Pioneers included camp cooking and survival in the outdoors, which involved lighting fires in the church carpark and having a thunder storm ruin a batch of pancakes being cooked on an outdoor cooker!

The Senior girls enjoyed making and performing with poi, conservation, but of course the favourite activity with them is always cooking! The Juniors enjoyed our special ladies, Mrs Jill and Mrs Margaret from the church coming to teach them some craft. These awesome ladies are affectionately

called our 'Granny Brigade' as they are definitely part of our company and are just brilliant and so patient. Other subjects included Jump Jam with Mitchell, storytelling, yummy cooking and an awesome Teddy Bear Picnic that was arranged by Kim with help from "The Clarkies".

As part of our World of Friends - The Americas and The Caribbean badge, we had two fun nights the were planned by our young Leaders - Holly, Sarah and Kim. These nights involved making hot dogs, under the sea globes and experiencing a 'trip to The Caribbean' with our freshly made passports (thanks to Casey). The whole company had a sleepover at church which was themed for our World of Friends badge where the girls made pineapple thumbprint art, banana fritters, fruit and jelly desserts. The next morning we joined in with the church service to commission Michaela Clark and Danielle Fanning as Lieutenants and myself as the new Captain.



Thank you to our church family who provide support in many ways, from assisting with badgework, to encouraging words and prayer. An area that we need prayer for particularly is growth, so our numbers of girls can reflect on the number of awesome leaders we have.

Finally, I would like to thank the awesome group of leaders that our company is blessed with, who have gone from being my students to becoming my friends.

Blessings,

Sarah Woods - (1st Papatoetoe GB Captain)

HER MINISTRIES



At the beginning of the year I read an amazing book, "Why not women?" by Loren Cunningham and David Hamilton. It taught about how Jesus broke all the barriers against women and treated them with love, compassion and as equals. Women were part of the group following Jesus around

and supporting him and throughout the New Testament we read of women doing their bit for the kingdom of God.

And we have some wonderful women doing their bit for the Kingdom of God through HER Ministries. Aly Hall is such a blessing to everyone she comes in contact with. She is definitely an encourager and helps in any and every area she can. Gail Vause serves so hard and looks after us all so well and I love how she makes sure all the details are taken care of. Erin Berry – our youngest team member is a delight and again is so happy to help in any way. She has come up with some fun ideas for next year... but you will have to wait to hear them ;) . Sara Barrett is of course our wonderful designer and even though she is now a mum to gorgeous little Levi she still helps with all the design, making everything look so incredibly fabulous! We have three new members of the team Poia Alpha, Grace Adams and Chantelle Te Hira and we are so excited about seeing what they bring to the HER ministry!



I also want to take the opportunity to say a massive thank you to Alixx Ackland and Bex Renata-Auvaa for their wonderful contribution to the HER team over the years – you have blessed us so much and we pray many blessings on you in return!

The HER team is passionate about seeing every woman learn how fantastic they are and how they have a part to play in bringing the kingdom of God to their part of the world.

With that in mind our team has put together some great events this year. We were blessed to have Geneva Wilson (Head of Creative Ministries at LIFE Church) come and share her amazing journey at our HER Breakfast. At HER Church you as a congregation gave abundantly towards Women's Refuge. I heard they were so blown away by the generosity of our church – thank you for that! At our HER movie event we raised \$500.00 for Phil and Ruth Robinson who are missionaries from our church in the Philippines.



generous! AGAIN THANK YOU!

As we look toward next year our prayer is that God gives us his creativity and ideas to bless, grow, encourage and stretch each and every precious lady in our church no matter the age.

This is our time ladies and the HER team is determined to make the most of it and do all we can for our precious and loving Saviour – JESUS!

Suz Holmes

INDIAN OUTREACH

This ministry is all about reaching out to the Indian community with the gospel, we have struggled to make inroads. The Indian population in South Auckland continue to increase and the opportunity is great.

We have the outreach once a month. Our programme includes hymns, sometimes testimony followed by gospel message. We also have coffee and refreshments after the meeting just to get to know those that come to the meeting. We also have dinner twice a year one in June and one in December. We occasionally have non Indian speaking people that come and these are mostly through the letter drops that we do in the streets around our church.



There are flyers in the foyer so please use these to invite your families, friends and neighbours. Please continue to pray for this ministry that our loving God will touch the lives of Indian community around us.

Our final outreach will be on 4/12/2016 at 4.00pm followed by dinner.

Please pray that God will burdened the hearts of Indian Christians in our church to prayerfully look at the mission that God has entrusted upon us in reaching the unreached Indians with the gospel

Jack Chandra

INDOOR BOWLS

We now average 21-24 members most weeks and instead of two or three mats we now need four.

Janet Belcher continues to be a great help and support and Louisa Hustwick has consented to join the team and help with the running of the bowls.

Chris Godber, student from MIT sets up the mats, chairs and bowls which is a great help to us.



It's heavy work for us as we are the 'older generation' and the majority of us are between 70 and 92 and a bit long in the tooth to be lugging these mats etc.

It's not just playing bowls or winning and losing but companionship, fun and laughter and cracking the whip to keep them in order (or maybe it's just me that needs to be kept in order!)

Afternoon tea is a great time as we all sit at one large table and chatter about anything and everything. It's a real buzz to be able to sit back and watch them all.

Prayer is an integral part of our time together with other members leading in prayer on occasion.

Highlights:

St Patricks Day was organised by Maggie Foster which was celebrated by a green theme including food, drink and clothing and a good dose of Irish music

Margaret Rowe

ISRAEL EMPHASIS NIGHT

We live in days when Biblical Prophecy is being fulfilled in front of our eyes. For instance, Jewish people are continuing to return to their ancient homeland for many countries of the world, just as the Biblical Prophets indicated.

We have had bi-monthly meetings in the Church Chapel on Wednesday nights with speakers from various Israel Mission groups, such as “Christians for Israel”, “Prayer for Israel”, “Out of Zion” plus teaching on “Hanukkah” – the festival of lights in December, and “Aliyah” – returning Jews to Israel.

They have informed, inspired, and challenged us to pray for the people and various situations in Israel. It has been encouraging to be able to pass on generous offerings to the various speakers.

In July David & Josie Silver spoke. They are Kiwi Israeli missionaries our church supports so it was great to have a good turn out to hear them as they brought us up to date with their ministry and things in the land of Israel.

We have appreciated the willingness of Pastor Marty to work with us and accommodate our meetings as they occur on the nights they meet.



Ross & Iris Abernethy

KIDS CLOTHING EXCHANGE



The Kids Clothing Exchange operates from a room upstairs and is open on the first Sunday of the month. Families are able to get clothes for their children. We have been changing over to our summer range over recent weeks.



We have also shared our good recycle clothes with other groups who also meet at the church on weekdays

Karen Page and Susan Blackett

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

During the past twelve months our group has had quite a few changes, our leader Marion McIntosh moved to Taupo in July and many of our members have moved into villages, rest homes or called into Glory. So now there are seven of us who meet together every couple of weeks to discuss God’s words.

During the time that Marion was with us we discussed the book of James and part of Ezekiel. As none of the remaining ladies felt able to take on the leadership, it was agreed that I would arrange any admin needed and each member would give us their interpretation of a passage or passages which we would then discuss. This system has worked really well and we are all learning more of what God is showing us through His world. At present we are working our way through the book of Nehemiah from which we are learning more about how vision, teamwork,

organisation, faith and trust in our God brings everything together. Any ladies who would like to join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday 10-12pm would be very welcome.

God bless you all

Joan Hafner

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

We have had another good year.

My thanks to all the ladies who faithfully come each month to support me. Our speakers have ranged from Suz Holmes to our own ladies sharing their stories, the Blind Institute (with faithful dog) and Age support Concern.

We said goodbye to Marion in July. Fay has not been well. We have missed Fay and her lovely sandwiches. Morning tea continues to be an enjoyable part of our meetings with lots of cakes and tea. Our thanks to Margaret and Ken for setting up the hall for us.

I am very happy to continue as Leader of the Women's Fellowship as I have great support. Our last meeting is in December – roll on next year!



God bless all of you. Have a Happy Christmas

Heather Hughes

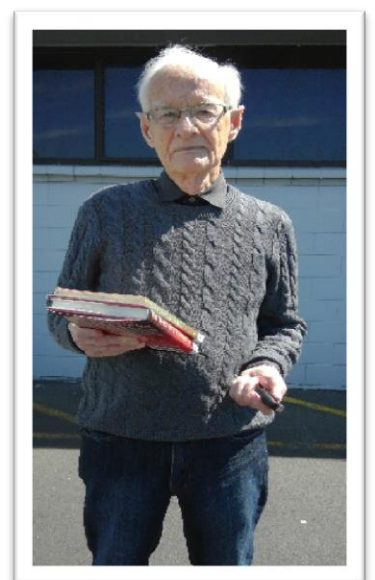
LIBRARY

This last year has been another happy and successful year in the library. We have had a wide range of borrowers, the youngest I have heard of being three months old, with enthusiastic parents reading to him! Our oldest readers would be in their eighties and love to take books out regularly.

We are always on the lookout for more librarians! Those we have are very reliable and enthusiastic, always on the ready to help our 'customers.' (The library is free to all church activity attendees by the way). But we still need a willing person to help before or after morning church once a month, and also someone to act as a reserve. Could this be you?

We have to report that Jim Fraser, who set up his books in the foyer each week, has had to stop doing so because of increased frailty and age. Jim chose and paid for all these books himself and they were included in the library system. We admire and thank him for his years of faithful and committed service to deepening the faith of us all.

Throughout the year library users have mentioned that they have been blessed by using our library resources. One lady reports that listening to Christian CDs in the car has been a real help to her, and others have been inspired by reading books such as Captive in Iran or Angels of Humility. A number of children repeatedly take out their favourite picture books or VeggieTales' DVDs and adult readers like to chill out with our large collection of, often thought provoking, Christian fiction.



It has been great to have your recommendations for the buying of library resources. This gives variety to the library. We also thank you for your gifts. We can't use them all – space is limited - but a number are now a valued part of our collection.

Joy Austin

LINE DANCING

This year I have two people coming to my weekly line dancing classes and we always have a good time. If you went to a proper line dancing class, the teacher would give out line dancing sheets. Line dancing is done in a cozzie club or at a RSA and it's normally a community based event.

Rowena Perston



MEGA (7 YEAR OLDS TO YEAR 6)

Mega children's programmes are run in three different areas on a Sunday morning from about 20 mins into the 10 am service:

Mega Tots 1-3year olds [downstairs through the doors in the café]

Mini Mega 4-6 year olds [Upstairs turn left]

Mega 7yrs- year 6 at school [Upstairs turn right]

Due to the larger numbers in each of our programmes we have and are working through ways to cater for everyone. One thing we have done is to move our under 1 year olds into the Chapel [just off the foyer] with parent supervision and the big screen with what is happening in church. We want parents of our under ones to stay connected with the services!

Mega has had a great year in terms of growth in numbers but also growth in relationships and knowledge and experience of God. We have had some very exciting corporate prayer times with children being more and more willing to pray. We have been looking at a Billy Graham resource this year that has covered the gospel and then some discipleship material after that. We have also spent some time encouraging a missionary family in Bangladesh and had wonderful feedback from them too. Mega has a great bunch of leaders, some that have been committed for years and others who have wonderfully put up their hand this year. Danyon, Chantelle and Wendy lead our large group time and Georgia, Kate, Gaby, Ben, Josh, are all small group leaders. We have recently added Milan, Anusha and Mary to the team as well. Thanks so much team for all the work you do with such willing hearts.

Thanks for the privilege of working with your kids MCBC!

Denise Snook and the Mega Team



Mini mega is run for 4-6year olds. Annie Snook took on the role of leading Mini Mega after Danielle Fanning finished up at the end of term 1 and does a great job leading the team of helpers and making the children feel at home each Sunday. Her helpers, Sarah, Esther, Lisa, Miracle and Berto are consistent and wonderful leaders.

Mini Mega continues to follow the Jesus Storybook bible this year and despite often running out of space [due to the increase in the numbers of children] still run a fun and welcoming programme.



Denise Snook and the Mini Mega Team

MEGA TOTS

Sarah Gilchrist runs an amazing and creative programme for our 1-4 yr olds along with her fabulous team of volunteers who are rostered on 2-3 times a term. We have had to increase our number of volunteers each week. So thanks those who have been willing to help!

Sarah has been writing her own curriculum this year and doing heaps of creative activities like play dough, action songs, tactile play, collage, role play, colouring, stories and so much more. We get amazing feedback from what happens in this group – active, fun and bringing Jesus to our little ones!



MANUKAU CITY BOARD GAME GROUP

We meet once a month with an average of 10 to 15 gamers per event. Gamers range from teenagers to seniors, many of whom do not regularly attend church. We have seen a number of good friendships develop between Christians and non-Christians, and we have also been able to offer prayer and support on occasion. Pray that God will use the "social ministries" of our church to plant a seed and bring people further along on their journey towards God.

Dan Nickoley



MANUKAU GLOBAL MISSIONS

2016 has been a year of true Mission Action for us as a church!

In that last two years, we have sent two new couples out on the mission field – and we have another person waiting on finance before he leaves. Barry Shaw has been accepted by Wycliffe to work in Eastern Europe. Three of our young people have been sent with YWAM for training and sent out on mission and out fourth in 12 months will go out in January. (Jasmine Holmes, Kahlia Hawkins, Bonnie Holmes, Amy Forbes-Brown)

As a church family we have our home grown missionaries:

- Ruth Page serving with OMF in Philippines
- Angela and Dan Cornelius in Thailand
- Ruth and Phil Robinson serving with One Mission in Philippines
- Neil and Barb Perry serving with Tranzsend in Macau
- Tania and Ian Vail serving with Wycliffe in Indonesia and NZ

Regularly praying for these people as they seek God's best for their future is something we can all do. What a privilege it is to be able to support these people both financially and prayerfully.

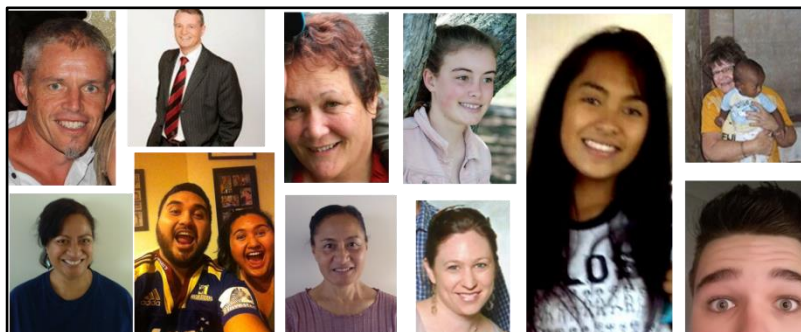


Arnie and family were able to visit Neil and Barb this year in Macau. They have settled in well and are a great “fit” for this ministry.

Ian and Tania have been home with us settling back to life in NZ and it has been a blessing to have them share personally of their experiences and knowledge with us. They have returned for a few months to continue their work in Indonesia.

Dan Cornelius has also spent a few weeks in NZ sharing their lives and having a break in NZ. Ruth was also home on assignment this year.

We are also busy planning a short term mission team which will visit the Philippines next year. This is a team of 12 with a great mix of ages and cultures. They will be leaving in early January 2017 to spend 2 weeks with Ruth and Ruth and Phil to experience what life is like for them and to serve in whatever ways they can. They held a very successful fundraiser in October and are meeting regularly to pray and plan for this opportunity.



Arnie Hall, Ross Robertson, Moana Prokopis-Peni, Georgia Thompson, Ester Dominguez, Jill Hall
Grace Adams, Caleb Haurua, Daphne Haurua, Poia Alpha, Chantelle Te Hira, Hamish Hippolite

PHILIPPINES SHORT TERM MISSION TEAM 2017

The annual NZ Baptist Missions fundraiser Prayer and Self Denial was held this year in July. The theme this year was “All in one canoe together”. As a church we raised over \$6000

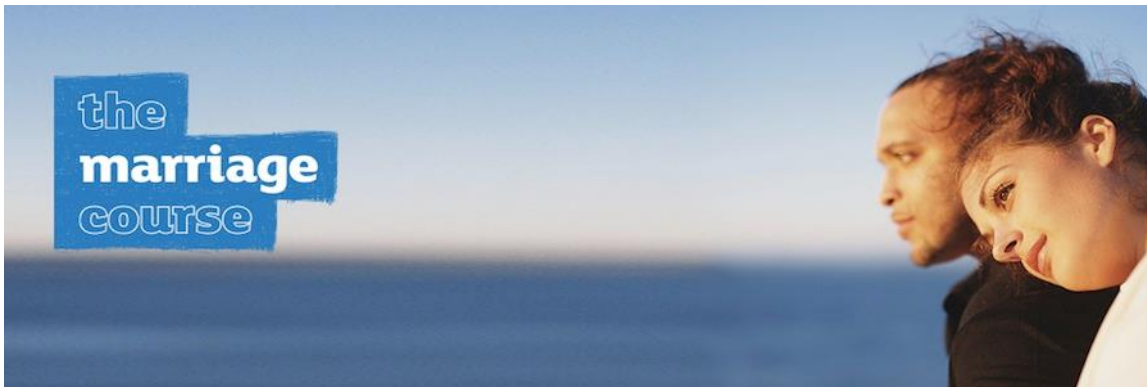
Thank you for your prayer and support as we ALL do missions around the world in the way God calls us!

From your Missions Action Group: Faye Borlase, Alastair Hall, Mandy Clayton & Craig Seargent

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Our fourth year of hosting the marriage course brought a fantastic response from couples who wished to enhance and grow their relationships. We were all so blessed by gifts of time, fantastic meals and deserts, provided and served by many of our Church family. Others enthusiastically waited on tables, and doing heaps of dishes. We are so grateful for all your help, which enables us to maximise the number of couples that can attend.

The Marriage course features: a fantastic atmosphere, candlelit meals, coffee, tea and dessert at a romantic table for two while listening to practical informative and fun talks on a DVD and with heaps of “private couple time” to discuss important relationship stuff. A strong, loving and lifelong relationship doesn’t happen by chance. It takes effort and dedication to keep the fun and romance alive.



A few quotes from our couples.....

The Marriage course was entertaining and meaningful. It prompted some great discussion between the two of us, we reflected on some really funny situations in our relationship and some areas we could focus on and improve. Great to have time set aside each week to focus on each other in a relaxed environment... it was the highlight of our week...

Being married for 29 years it is easy to slip into unhelpful communication habits. The Marriage course was a great opportunity to be reminded of what is important and re-establish and renew great communication patterns....

The Marriage course was very valuable to our marriage. It gave us tools to work through issues in our marriage and methods to make it a priority. And we loved the private tables to enjoy a meal together every Sunday night for eight weeks!!

It's my favourite night of the week – who wouldn't want to come on a Sunday night...

MINISTRY FOR MEN

We do ministry for men for the and space where they can hang out for them. When a woman walks can talk with. When a guy walks exit. Men aren't good at small talk



simple reason that guys need a time and connect in a way that is relevant into a room she will look for who she into a room he looks for the nearest and we don't form trusting



relationships easily. So we do activities that guys can get together to do stuff and have fun and along the way relationships build.

Our men's breakfast was a great opportunity for our guys to get together to have a fantastic feed, thanks to Daniel Palmer, Rick & Jarryd Zimri. This was also an opportunity to hear personal testimonies from our own guys of God working in their lives.



The Gutsy & Good course on spiritual leadership was a powerful encounter for the guys who participated. Twenty two guys signed up and we learned together what it means to be a leader in our homes. This year Ps Garey was ably assisted in leading the programme by Josh TeHira & James Hipolite as presenters and small group leaders and Rod Seccombe as a small group leader. The men have seen the importance of continuing to meet so once a month they gather for a breakfast to revisit the principle learned on the course and to

encourage each other to cement the learning.

Promise Keepers has also been a contributor to the spiritual input of our men. This year the theme was on being an influence. One of the key things I took away from this year's event was the power of blessing. So often people will speak negative things over themselves and it's good to be reminded of the importance of speaking blessing over ourselves and others. For those of you who have reached this part of the report I bless you in Jesus name with wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ that you may know what is the hope of his calling and the riches of His inheritance.

MORNING TEA

Wow! Have you stepped aside on Sunday morning after church just to see the vibe that goes around in the foyer? Yes it is so encouraging. Children running around, families' catching up with each other, praying for each other and it goes on.

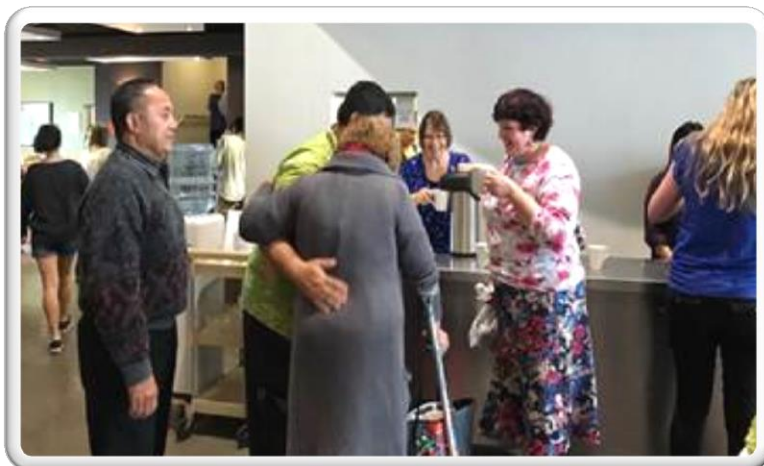
We see it from our corner from where we serve tea and coffee. I tell you it is encouraging and exciting and you cannot help but thank God for these moments. Thank you Jesus for our church families!

This is a good time also to let you know that, it has been another challenging year for the Morning Tea Team. One more family had to move out of the tea ministry and we are now in need for more members to join. Therefore this is a reach out message to you if you feel your calling in this ministry.

Not all of us can be preachers or musicians or singers but most of us can serve, smile and encourage each other because this is our natural gift that the Lord has given us.

There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Our task is simple, we come in 20 minutes early on our rostered day, prepare the



coffee percolator, set the tables with cups. We come out of the service when the last song is being sung. We serve, smile and say hello to all who come for coffee or tea. Lastly we clear up and take the tea towels home to wash. So you see; Easy and full of fun and enjoyment as you mingle with the church family. Rostering can be from 5 to 6 weeks gaps.

Once again from team we would like to wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas with your families

Blessings, Jenny Prakash

THE PASIFIKA IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Malo le lei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Bula vanaka,
Pacific Greetings to you all.

Our Pasifika in Christ Fellowship welcomes all into our Manukau City Baptist Multi Cultural Church / Village

We believe our Church & Fellowship allow us to connect, grow and live not intentionally but 'Godintentionally', that we may embrace each other in our journey of Faith.



"Riding the waves of Discipleship " is our vision statement.

Our Church & Fellowship provide a safe place and place to learn & grow in God's grace.

We meet regularly every 2nd Sunday of the month for shared lunch after Sunday morning cup of tea.



One of our focuses this year was to begin Working Bees in our Kitchen – Café & Arena / Gym/Hall. It has been a great way to support our Community, Church, Youth & Pastors. We have been nudged not to do too much but our response is:

" Little is much when God is in it "



Bexxx Au va'a has expressed her care, call, and conviction by contributing and weekly cleaning our Arena - Gym – Hall for our youth, community, Unicycle group & all who hire the premises. In Community On Mission is close to Bexxx heart.



Her busy schedule with her daughters in Waka ama & work commitments, Sunday tea duties, Bexxx your whanau is a shining light.

Michelle Burdock [sore foot and all] volunteers with our Sunday Car park Team, Mega Tots helper, flossed & packed our candy floss for The Light Party—boy hasn't she been a busy bee.

Our senior prayer warrior of our fellowship Mama Noa has blessed us this year with her presence, prayers, wisdom & encouragement. She has faced physical and difficult challenges but now after knee surgery is moving forward and pressing on in the Lord.



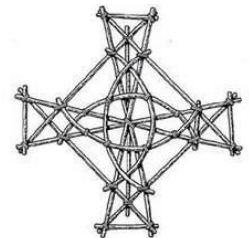
We saw our 'Go for Gold annual Oscar Talent Concert ...as they both believe ... 'You've got to do right cause it won't be long'

Dad's 'Sol & Akaata perform at our

We enjoyed our 'Lightning' Light Party and serving our community sausage sizzles as well

We also look forward to our end of year celebration break up at Waihi in November

We give thanks to our TEAM & Tribe of villagers who embody our fellowship: Michelle and her daughter Miracle & son Damian, Sandra, Julie, Soli, Mama Noa, the Auva'a's, Nikoro's and Haurua's.



We appreciate you all and how God is using you, growing your Faith both individually and collectively in our Manukau City Baptist Multicultural Church & Pasifika in Christ Fellowship

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year as God sets new goals, vision and hope for 2017.

Yours God-tentially, Akaata Haurua

PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain fluctuates in how much it is used, but it is used by a variety of people within our church, often in those harder seasons of life.

This year it has been encouraging to see people who have needed the prayer chain asses us and then say this is cool can I please join to help in praying for others.

It is awesome knowing that a whole group of people can immediately be praying for people when they need it most.

Over the last few years there has certainly been a trend in people using the phone less and email more and more. Any prayer request that comes in through the church website, will go straight out from the church office instead of the delay in being sent to me and then I forward it on.

This year everyone on the prayer chain received a prayer calendar to pray for people and events within our church and mission we support. Sorry the reminders to look at them were few and far between.

A huge thank you to the faithful team who pray for the prayer requests that come through the prayer chain. You guys are amazing!!



“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you”. Matthew 6:6

Pamela Cammell

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Team appreciate the support the Pastors give as they encourage the Church to take time to come forward for prayer after services.

It is rare now that a Sunday goes past without anyone being prayed for. Thank you Church for trusting us to pray with you.

As always a variety of concerns get prayed for. Concerns regarding healing, finances, relationships, marriage, life partners, studies, upcoming surgery, and more.

The concerns shared and prayed for are confidential so are unable to be shared publicly.

We also sometimes hear the result of the prayer, which greatly encourages us. However we believe that God is the one in control and He knows best in all things, so we leave the results with Him.

If you believe you have a spiritual gift in praying for others, or an intercessory gifting, please contact us. We would love to talk with you and see if you would like to join us.



Ross & Iris Abernethy

PROPERTY

UPSTAIRS KITCHEN

The upstairs kitchen underwent a much needed refurbishment and is now light and bright with a wall knocked, new units and bench and a splash of paint. The kitchen now feels connected to the upstairs lounge area and is very user friendly.

This was all achieved by the fit and friendly guys who volunteered through MMM New Zealand.

This has transformed how groups operate upstairs – we would like to do something similar to the downstairs lifecare kitchen as well.



MAIN KITCHEN

Our awesome kitchen which feeds and waters 1000's of people each year just got more “Awesomer” with the installation of a fantastic new oven. If you have a hankering for heating a few hundred sausage rolls or need speed that a bbq just can't offer for a fund raising sausage sizzle then we've got what you need! It is great for Night Church too that does 70plus meals a week.

CURTAINS

Have you been to a night service lately? If you have you'll notice what a difference the curtains have made.



The floor to ceiling curtains allow the seating areas on the sides of the auditorium to be closed off creating a more intimate space. This also has benefits for groups that hire our building for weddings and the like. This means we can multi purpose the auditorium – it can be a 600 seat or a 300 seat area all within 30 seconds of curtain pulling!

BUILDING AND PROPERTY

Last year Building Compliance was achieved.

This year with the new Health and Safety rules we have been making lots of small changes to keep everyone safe and sound.

If you have any concerns about anything around the building that may be a risk please fill in the form on the web page and I'll have a look.

The speed bumps in the car park are doing a great job reducing the speed of cars dropping off and picking up children from the Pre-School at the back.

Brand new gutters on the auditorium as well! No more drips and rusty stains!

Mark Dawson

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUPS

Before both services, you are invited to pray with us! Again and again we find we are praying into situations and for those God touches during services. If you are able to be early on Sundays join us at 9am or 6pm to prepare ourselves and bring the service before God, that His Spirit will lead and God's expectations for us as a people will be met.

Bryan Page

TECH TEAM

It's been another great year for the sound team at church. As well as creating an amazing atmosphere of worship at every church service, this year saw us providing sound and lighting services for many events held in our church buildings, including some major events and conferences like the Samoan Promise Keepers and Emmanuale Christian Conference. And hosted renowned artists such as Julia Grace.

This year we've added speakers to the foyer to allow for better overflow from the main auditorium and the chapel and are currently in the process of fine tuning and expanding this system. This should help with building more atmosphere in the foyer and having a better flow from the foyer to the auditorium by having the same sound running in both areas, and for events held in the foyer.



We've taken on Chris Greyling as a new sound tech this year. He is coming along well and should be running services very soon. We're excited to see the team growing and we're always on the lookout for any new people to join our team.

We hope this next year to improve on our solid base of existing systems and processes and work on training for our team to handle the growing demands of production at our church and lead more people into a spirit of worship.

Greg McKinnell

Te Roopu Awhina o te Haahi te Iriiri o Manukau



Tena Koutou ka Toa e Te Whanau hahi (warm greetings church family)

Te Roopu Awhina has been called to be more intentional with regards to the bi cultural / multi cultural journey direct by the word of God (Exodus 3:16-18) and the grace of Jesus (Galatians 3:14)

At Home

Waitangi day celebrations

at church, where we related the treaty of Waitangi as a partnership and the importance of relationship.

We were invited (as Tangata Whenua people of the land) to welcome a team of YWAMers to partner with us (our church) for a short period of time. They brought with them a spirit of enthusiasm, passion and a breath of freshness.

Self Denial Provided the waka for us as Maori to express our God given talents of Maanaki Tanga

Manurewa Baptist Roopu have asked us to help them on their journey of discovering how they (as Maori) can improve their profile that will benefit the church and the community. We have

come to our Monthly hui where we had kai, karakia, korero and waiata. I see this as a beautiful partnership and pathway of building blocks to bringing more Maori to know about Jesus in a Maori context.

What's on the agenda over the coming months?

We have been invited to welcome the Kachin people who now live in New Zealand that originate from the Northern part of Myanmar population of 2.5 Million and more than 99% of Kachin people identify themselves as Christian.

As we do Powhiri (welcoming) of all ethnic groups of people to this God blessed land of Aotearoa we as Tangatawhenua, kaitiake are truly honoured to be able to bless people in this way which is Glorifying to God and honoring to ethnic immigrant people groups that come.



Although every person that becomes a citizen of New Zealand and are ceremonially welcomed to this country and given a piece a paper that legally gives them the right to be here, it is more meaningful when the welcome is done through a spirit of Biblical values and in a cultural way.

Early in 2017 we will start a 10 week basic Te Reo class that will be open to the church and community. Mid 2017 we will be starting a kappa haka roopu which will focus on waiata, haka, poi and Mau rakau in a Christian way.

Summary

Overall we have been blessed to be given the mantle of Kaiti Ake (Guardians) Tangata Whanua (People of the Land) and being able to journey together with our church whanau as to what that looks and feels like through God's eyes.

For us as Maori applying Biblical principles it is a simple formula, let's make people feel like they belong, through the belonging will come the believing, through believing will come behavior changes.

Nga Mihi Steve

TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Does speaking in public frighten you? Would you love to be able to share your testimony, but don't know how to begin? The MCBC Toastmasters Club might just be the answer to your prayers.

In October, MCBC Toastmasters celebrated 1 year since chartering as an official club under Toastmasters International. In that time, we've come to distinguish ourselves in the following ways:

- Consistently maintained a membership of around 20 people.
- Meeting every Saturday afternoon in the upstairs rooms (with the generous support of the church; we couldn't do this without you).
- We are a community club, open to the entire community. We consistently get 1-2 visitors to each meeting.
- You don't have to be a Christian to join our club.
- However, unlike other clubs, speeches of a Christian nature are not discouraged. This means, you can practice your testimony here, and get immediate, positive feedback!

The Toastmasters programme is 2-fold: make better speakers and make better leaders. Speakers are made better by getting constructive feedback on speeches from experienced mentors. Leaders are made better by being taught how to chair meetings, provide feedback and fulfil valuable roles within the club.

This year, your TM Club competed in all available Area Competitions:

1. International Speech
2. Table Topics
3. Humorous Speech
4. Evaluation

In each of these competitions, your club had multiple entries, making for an exciting, varied and often hilarious contest. A consequence of having such a vibrant club is that we are well on our way to earning the Distinguished Club



Programme (DCP) award this year.

Also this year, your club executive team consists of the following personnel:

1. James Hippolite (MCBC), President
2. Tina Brockway, Vice-President Education
3. Barry Shaw (MCBC), Vice-President Memberships & Treasurer
4. Melanie Alican, Vice-President Public Relations
5. Christine MacDonald, Secretary
6. Molino Garcia (MCBC), Sergeant-At-Arms
7. Warren Christie (MCBC), Immediate Past President

It was my privilege to be able to represent our club at the National Convention in Rotorua in May. At this meeting, I was able to see the best of the best from the nine districts compete for the right to represent NZ at the International Speech competition in Washington DC. It was an enlightening weekend, as I got to learn many new techniques for engaging the audience and getting your message across.

The club continues to outreach to the community, and improves the lives of members. Long may our mutually beneficial relationship continue!

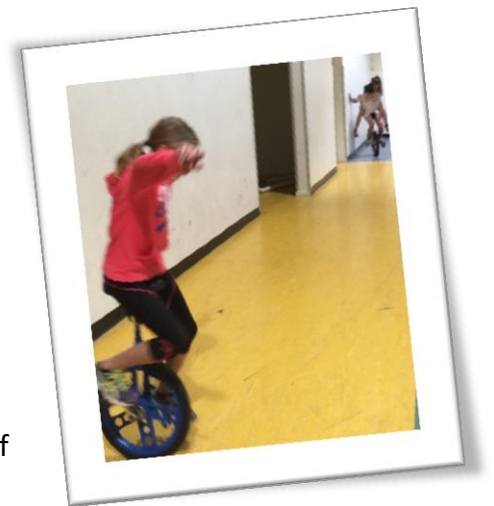
James Hippolite

UNICYCLE CLUB

This year we have similar numbers to last year although different people. Parents come for social aspect while kids ride although we do have two older men learning/riding. Continue to pray for those conversations that allow faith to be expressed and story told

The two events where we participate in are the Light Party and the annual Papatoetoe Santa Parade.

Unicycling is great fun – but we also strive to make it a ministry of the church.



Bryan Page

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Some changes have happened this year in terms of how the worship ministry is cared for - bringing on a team of people with specific roles in overseeing the music here at MCBC. This team consists of Daniel Palmer, Mitchell Clark, Marcus and Toni Driller, Caleb Strickland and Ray Pearce.

Mid way through this year we thanked Caleb Strickland with a surprise lunch after church - it was awesome! He has given SO much over the 10 years while leading this ministry. Many lives have drawn closer to God through Caleb's willingness to get alongside and build into others and, together as a team, lead the church in worship through music.



In October we had a worship team getaway down in Kaiaua. For many of us, it was the first time visiting this township. We spent time together in worship through singing, prayer and enjoying God's creation (and also relished a visit to the world-famous Kaiaua fish & chip shop). The getaway was an opportunity for us to reflect and discuss the purpose of what we do as a team, and the values and norms we want to create. The major thing that we took away from the day is that as a team we see our role being to consistently lead accessible worship for all generations and cultures in our church. We are all excited about what the year ahead has in store!



Marcus & Toni Driller

YOUNG ADULTS

It has been my absolute delight to be working with the amazing young adults of our church. I am constantly amazed at how much they give to our church community and how often I ask them to help with something and they don't hesitate to say yes.



This is how I feel about the young people of our church – there is pure gold in them and I am loving seeing it be exposed!

So to the updates about these precious people:

Fuse – continued through Term 1 to Term 3 doing a series by Judah Smith called Life is...

Fresh – studied the book of Revelations and then started on the gospels. At the end of Term 2 Malcolm announced he was moving to help with the Youth at Papakura Wesleyan Church. We were very sad to see him go but so excited about all that God has for him there. So for Term 3 Fresh joined in and did Alpha which I know they all loved! Alpha is such great discipleship and so was perfect for them.

Allegiance – we started up a Girls Only Saturday night group, mostly aimed at getting together and doing fun social things. Annie Snook heads this up and it has been great to have something like this to invite new people along to.

Embassy – At the end of last year Nathan Palmer and Malcolm Fanning started up the combined once a month get together for the Young Adults and so this year we ran with it. First Tuesday of every month we had worship, we had guest speakers, we had games, we had food and we had coffee. And what amazing speakers we had:

Pastor Arnie, Lance & Carol Kearney from Papakura, YWAM Team all the way from Kona Hawaii, Matt Buchan who is the Young Adults Pastor at C3



Ellerslie, our own Neda Espie who works with PACT, Brian Noble who heads up Achievement Discoveries Ltd & CareerSure and last but definitely not least Grace Adams with her sister Poia Alpha.

We were also very blessed to have one international speaker, Sy Rogers. It was so exciting hosting him here and we opened that one up to the church and had 170 people come. A brilliant evening – Sy shares on something so relevant and because we only got a small taste of his great teaching we have invited him back and he will be sharing again early next year!

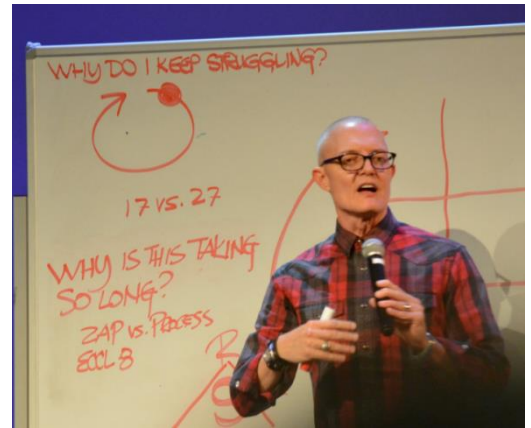
Term 4 has seen something entirely new – a totally God driven and God inspired idea.

Unleashed: A Discipleship Bootcamp. This has been designed to give our young adults tools to really grow in their relationship with God so they fulfil the purpose God has for them. Our team – Kevin & Joy Ward and Jono & Hannah Au-Young are passionate about seeing each of our young adults be all they can be! God has an amazing adventure for each of them and we are determined to give them the tools to grow close to God so they can fulfil it! We are loving seeing their enthusiasm for God at this boot camp!

To finish I want to firstly say a big thank you to Malcolm for all his work with the young adults. Also a big thank you to Jono and Hannah – new to this church this year they have not let that stop them and now it feels like they have always been part of our church family. They are always willing to serve and help and Jono is the best cook ever!! Lastly I want to say the most massive thank you to Kevin and Joy who walked into the office the first week I started and said “we want to be part of the young adults’ lives!” And they have been ever since. Kev and Joy you are truly such a blessing! I absolutely love working with the team God has given me!

I am so excited about next year. I am so blessed to be part of the lives of our precious and amazing young adults. I feel like they are all my children and I am so passionate to see them be all they can be for Jesus!!! To my young adults I say “YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME!”

Suz Holmes



STATISTICS

For the year ended 30 June 2016



TOTAL ATTENDANCES

Total number of people who came to Manukau City Baptist Sunday church services for the year:

23,640 20,360 for Morning Church & 3,280 for Night Church

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCES

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Morning Church	320	362	384	390	392
Night Church	86	66	73	68	76

WE REGRETFULLY RECORD THE DEATH OF:

Nettie Green

WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF:

Caleb French Sarah Jamieson
Steph Barnard Aimee Forbes-Brown
Dylan French Jarryd Zimri
Sam Bennett Richard Jesuthasan
Misha Holmes Jack Edwards
Caitlin Ellison

WE REJOICE IN THE MARRIAGE OF:

Malcom and Danielle Fanning (nee Jamieson)
Jono and Hannah Au-Young
Chris and Anne Hood
Christian & Stephanie Nyagam (nee Haskett)
Leighton and Vera Spurdle

MEMBERSHIP

Resident	305
Non Resident	<u> 5</u>
Total	310



LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

As a church membership, we make decisions together about the leadership of our church.
Our church operates with these Leadership Teams:

Elders	Spiritual oversight of the church
Pastors	Ensuring the vision of the church is carried out
Management Team	Oversight of the practical and “business” aspects of our church

Appointments to all these teams require agreement of the church membership. Elders and Pastors require a 75% agreement of members, Management Team require a 50% agreement of members.

PROPOSED ELDERS TEAM FOR 2016/17:

For us to decide on a further 3 year term:

Bryan Page

Current Elders (not requiring election currently)

Pastor Alastair Hall

Ross Abernethy

Steve Mihaere

Daniel Palmer

PROPOSED MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR 2016/17:

For us to decide on a 3 year term:

Mark Dawson

Michelle Peilua

Cathryn Thompson

Current Management Team (not requiring election currently):

Pastor Alastair Hall

Gregory McKinnell

Vacancy - Treasurer



LEADERSHIP NOMINATION PROFILES

ELDER - Bryan Page

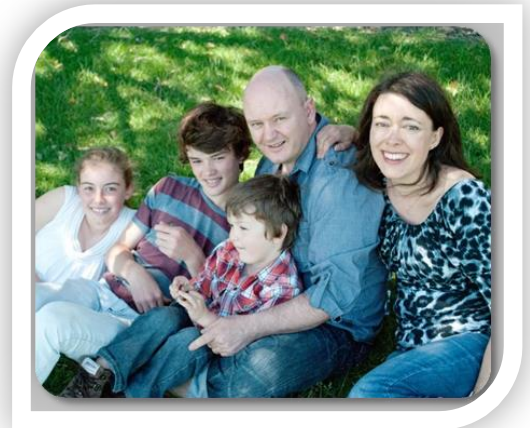
Married to Karen
Father to Jonathon, Kristen, Kelsey, Katelyn
Works at Distinctive Badges
Current weekend morning Prayer Convenor
Former Boys Brigade Captain
Runs Unicycle group
Has served in leading home groups
Desires to see people becoming what God wants them to be.



MANAGEMENT TEAM (Human Resources)

Cathryn Thompson

Age: 45
Immediate family: Married to Keith, mum to Micah (19), Georgia (17), Jak (9)
Current employment: Full time mum and part time administration of our own business. Previously: Human Resources and Administration Manager for 200+ employees
Attending church since: Raised in Christian home, made my own commitment at around 14.
Attending MCBC since: 1990
Interests: Family and Friends, Gardening, Design, Reading.



MANAGEMENT TEAM (Legal)

Michelle Peilua

Age: 32
Immediate family: Married to Junior and mum to Kezia, Ada and Luka
Current employment: Part time lawyer part time mum
Attending church since: She was 18yrs old and baptized in 2003
Interests: Include family and kids activities, eating and coffee & studying the bible



MANAGEMENT TEAM (Property)

Mark Dawson

Age: 45
Immediate family: Married to Andrea, father to Caleb, Taylor, Kelle & Grace
Current employment: Self employed & owner of MTD Build
Attending MCBC since: 2013 and baptized in 1990
Interests: Fishing, mountain biking, cars, feijoas... and a very in-depth creative thinker about his next buildings projects!



MCBC INCOME & EXPENDITURE for year ended 30th June 2016			
DRAFT ACCOUNTS ONLY			
	Actual 14/15	Budget 15/16	Actual 15/16
INCOME			
Offerings & Tithes	508,341	549,200	567,762
Interest received	49	50	84
Café	3,073	3,000	1,037
Miscellaneous income	10,752	2,000	9,634
Transfer from Care Fund	0		583
Lease income	163,856	187,200	187,200
Building giving	10,322	8,000	0
Building Hire	65,166	52,000	63,740
TOTAL INCOME	761,559	801,450	830,041
EXPENSES			
Pastors & Staff salaries & Wages	322,498	359,291	410,451
Staff Training	3,231	6,000	6,006
Evangelism & Alpha	619	800	-73
Careforce/Marriage Courses	188	300	
Counselling	2,011	3,500	1,897
Food parcels & care	-1,486	500	443
Training - non staff	160	750	371
Mens ministries	-104	400	158
Womens ministries	492	600	982
Indian Fellowship	0	1,200	0
Te Roopu Awhina	116	500	376
Toastmasters		0	108
Events	3,572	4,200	2,702
24 hr Gym and Healthy Lifestyles	-3,211	-2,000	-1,980
Library	1,283	1,200	854
Guest Speakers/Artists	1,371	1,800	1,046
Morning church	1,347	1,400	2,307
Creative/Drama/Art ministries	0		
Manukau Global Missions	42		
Music	2,298	2,650	4,822
Sound & Lighting	6,373	7,635	6,994
Baptist National Conference	1,027	500	878
Ministerial supplies	4,649	1,400	2,894
Publications and Publicity	0	1,500	685
Super Friday & Chapel Services	-286	430	-930
Family LifeCare		1,300	
Children's Ministries	3,949	3,350	2,719
Girls Brigade	664	1,800	1,328
MUMs - Flavor Café	-2,516	-1,614	-1,036
Youth	14,819	11,940	9,306
Young Adults	23	250	582
Total MCBC Ministry Expenses	37,400	46,291	37,433
Missionaries Support	50,034	61,350	56,665
NZ Baptist Union	11,917	12,000	12,000
Auckland Baptist Association	2,667	2,700	2,700
Total External to MCBC Support	64,618	76,050	71,365
Administration & Property Expenses			
Office expenses	6,330	6,200	8,736
Communications/phone/internet	5,709	6,000	5,111
Office equipment and computers	1,432	3,940	3,525
Accounts/Audit	2,776		
Groceries and Misc	1,921	2,200	2,351
Finance costs	3,224	5,800	4,109
Office equipment provision	0		
Property expenses			
Maintenance	17,207	25,000	29,440
Kitchen	571	800	4,496
Rates	1,101		1,317
Insurance/Security	14,109	15,500	18,556
Cleaning	4,277	4,200	3,218
Gas & electricity	19,267	19,000	19,875
Total Administration expenses	77,924	88,640	100,735
Interest charges	104,395	225,178	92,973
Repayments on mortgage	117,173		122,117
	221,568	225,178	215,090
Provisions made			
Church Families Support	3,000		
Oven Replacement	8,000		
Upstairs kitchen fit out & roof repairs	20,000		
TOTAL EXPENSES	758,239	801,450	841,079
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	3,320	0	-11,039



A full set of accounts will be made available to the church once the Audit process has completed.

