

MANUKAU CITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT



2018



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**WE WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR
COMMUNITY OF MANUKAU AND THE WORLD**

IN COMMUNITY:

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 AN EFFECTIVE CHURCH, WE NEED:

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

Isaiah 58:9-12 (MSG)

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.

STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2018

24,040

TOTAL NUMBER OF
PEOPLE WHO CAME
TO MANUKAU CITY
BAPTIST SUNDAY
CHURCH SERVICES
FOR THE YEAR

22,569

TOTAL ATTENDEES AT
MORNING CHURCH

3,969

TOTAL ATTENDEES
AT NIGHT CHURCH

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCES

	MORNING CHURCH	NIGHT CHURCH
2012/13	362	66
2013/14	384	73
2014/15	390	68
2015/16	392	76
2016/17	398	79
2017/18	434	96



WE REJOICE IN THE
BAPTISM OF:

Libby Snook Grace Edwards
Vinesh Kumaran Reuben Reid
Elisabeth Kumaran Abby Bennett
Tamapia Cecil Kieran Ray
Ben Ross Tash Bennett
Melissa Moe Levi Czepanski
Tristan Bolton Kirsty Te Kauru
Bryce Collins



WE REJOICE IN THE
MARRIAGE OF:

Caleb and Deborah Haurua
Nathan and Alana Palmer
Josh and Miriama Snook
Jesse and Laura Williams
Nahum and Lydia Wallace



TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:

347 PEOPLE

PASTOR ALASTAIR

Welcome to the MCBC Annual Report 2018! In the following pages you will get to see some of the breadth and depth of what we do as a church. But it's between the lines that you will get to hear what God does through his people when we choose to follow Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

This year has seen Morning Church tackle a huge 30 week "Believe" series covering the core things that are part of being a follower of Jesus. Not only that, we have been doing it alongside seven other Baptist churches across Auckland, which has been a real blessing in many ways. We will continue to work with those churches next year in a "sharing of ideas" partnership. The Believe Series also incorporated all our children's programs and the topic we discussed in church on a Sunday morning was also talked about in our children and youth Sunday programs...complete with "Collector Series" cards to take home and stick on the fridge.

I loved an email from a Mum – their family set of Bible Verse cards were taken to school, left in a pocket, went through the wash and were (you guessed it) near destroyed! There were enough tears to send off an SOS email...and we were able to find replacement cards! It has been a great series – and the topics have been gutsy and we have had to think about and work out what God is saying to us.

I love Sunday mornings when faith gathers! Prayer is growing, but still needs you to get on board! I still believe a goal of every attender at church attending one prayer meeting per month is achievable and would be transformational for us and our community. Morning church also has coffee being barista-ed and new people are coming – exciting! Morning Church continues to grow and we should always be making room for more when it comes to following Jesus. Sunday morning only happens because so many people make it happen – thank you for all the ways you are involved from Bread Runners to pray-ers, worship leaders to cup o tea givers, kids ministry to lock the doors after people and everyone else in between. Most of all though, thank you for when you talk to someone you may not have met yet, or you ask someone if you can pray for them after talking with them - He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata. What is the most important thing? It is people, it is people, it is people. God cares for people – we get to join with Him in that!

We now have a full compliment of staff with Bonnie and Pastor Alick on board. God has given Bonnie some massive challenges in her first six months and she has set some awesome challenges for herself in adapting our High School ministry to what God is calling it to be. Pastor Alick has brought his real warmth and calling to his role and it is great seeing some changes and growth in our Seniors ministry with him on board. Pastor Marty has adapted well to his new role and this has been a smooth transition. We as a church are blessed with an awesome staff that it is a privilege to lead. Please pray that I can grow in my leadership and to continue to serve the church and the staff in a changing world and in a church that is always needing to change and grow to meet what God has for us.

Faith has always had an ancient rhythm. It is a rhythm of “faith gathered” and of “faith scattered”. Faith gathered is when we get together on a Sunday together as a community at Morning or Night Church, and they need to be great places to inspire our faith and encourage each other. Faith scattered is when we go out and live our Monday to Saturday lives, and faith needs to be lived out and affect all areas of our lives – what you do personally and what you do publically. As we live out our “faith scattered”, we may also spend some of that time in smaller groups of believers eg youth, young adults, seniors, areas we serve in etc

Generally, I think we do faith gathered well. It is good to be part of a larger crowd and something bigger. God has always incorporated this as part of the ancient rhythm of faith.

I think an area for growth is how we do our faith scattered. I believe there is a natural spiritual longing for every follower of Jesus to want for a group of a few others who we regularly connect with, be able to talk about faith about and be able to support each other especially through prayer. Even Jesus had this “closer group of mates” within his group of twelve disciples. In a busy world where loneliness is epidemic, we need this all the more.

Over the next few months, we will be talking about who you “hang out” with – who are those few close other followers of Jesus that you have, and how do you meet up with them? This will look so different for different people...but the common thing we have is a longing to follow Jesus, and knowing this is never something we do alone.

Finally, I want to encourage you as a community. I appreciate a big shift that has happened for us as a church in that we are genuinely excited to look out for, welcome and care for people who don't know about Jesus yet...and then helping them and cheering them on in their faith. That should be how we function as healthy followers of Jesus, and we have seen significant growth in this. An example was the Light Party After Party – there was a genuine excitement about the opportunity of having guests at church and wanting to do invitation to our community well and wanting to give people every opportunity to come to faith. We get to do that corporately (together as a church) and we get to do that individually (a genuine desire to give people an invitation to faith).

God bless you – go for it in your faith!

The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. The Lord gives his people strength. He is a safe fortress... Psalm 28:7-8 (NLT)



PASTOR MARTY

2018 - Being Intentional!

Kia Ora tēnā koutou katoa. Who would have thought we would be here? As I write this and think about the last annual report I wrote, quite a lot has changed. I can't say I could have seen myself currently where I am now, but thankfully God is in control and he is directing the ship.

The start of this year meant the start of my new role here at church and also a leap of faith. Stepping into an Associate Pastor role and leaving Youth Pastoring was not something I had thought of at this time last year, but as I have settled into the role I am finding more and more that this is where God wants me to be. I want to give a special thanks to Garey for allowing the role change to be smooth and for all the hard work that he has put into the things that I get to continue on. He has been incredibly encouraging and supportive as I have been finding my feet.

So what does my role look like now? I have multiple areas of involvement throughout the life of the church. My role includes co-ordinating the training that happens at MCBC, overseeing the music & production teams, integration of newcomers, church care, men's ministry and also our Sunday "hosting" teams. I also get to preach and service lead at both our Sunday services.

One of our core values at church is having functional structures. A good chunk of this year has been about sorting some of the things that we do to allow us to do them better and more efficiently. This has meant overhauling how we use our church database system to use it to its full potential. We have also started creating some values documents for some ministries to re-affirm core beliefs and purposes for the teams. This has helped bring direction and a united purpose to those who are part of those ministries and teams.

Host Teams

This year I have focused on the great work that our teams do morning and night and for me personally I am incredibly appreciative of those who volunteer on a Sunday... from baristas to car parking to the facilities team and everyone in between. We simply couldn't function without you, and you are part of making the Sunday experience warm and welcoming for guests and regulars alike. We are always looking for more people to be involved so if you are interested, please get in contact with me.

Men's Ministry

This has been an area that I have been praying into to really seek God's direction. We held a World Cup Breakfast during the football world cup and it was at this that I was struck with the realisation that as men we can find it hard to connect with each other well. We need our Men to connect with each other and be intentional in each other's lives, and that doesn't always look the same. We are all wired differently so we are looking at how we tailor this ministry to the broad range of men that we have in our church. We have put together a team of guys who are passionate to see this happen, and I'm really looking forward to some of the things that will eventuate over the next 12 months. One of the exciting initiatives will be the Men's Shed – a place for men to come along and work on

projects together, but also a place where friendships, mentoring and life can occur. We will be getting this off the ground as soon as possible, and I am really excited for it.

One highlight from this year personally has been learning Te Reo with a number of people from church. It has been a journey that I have wanted to pursue for a number of years and to finally start has been incredibly eye opening and invigorating.

As I get more established in this role I am grateful for the people that I am getting to meet and know in more detail. I am trusting God to guide and inspire where we are heading as a church. Seeing our church members care well for one another has been a huge encouragement for me in this role and I want to thank you for your encouragement, prayers and grace as I learn what this new role looks like for me.



PASTOR SUZ

Romans 8:28 (AMP) And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.

The beginning of this year marked an incredibly big occasion in my life. I was overwhelmed with a sense of awe at what God has done in my life when I was commissioned as a Pastor at this church.

Having served here for two years already a passion for this house has risen inside me. David says the same in the Psalm 69:9 (TPT)

My love for you has my heart on fire! My passion consumes me for your house! So it is with joy that I get to serve this incredible house of God, here are MCBC!

I have the privilege of overseeing quite a few ministries and God has been at work:

Alpha

In my opinion Alpha is one of the best evangelistic and discipleship tools out there. Each time I watch Alpha I am so blown away by the work that went into making this course so vibrant and yet so full of good solid teaching.

This year we ran two courses with approximately 15-20 participants at each. Both times we had weekends away at Waihi Beach – this is absolutely, without doubt the highlight of Alpha. At each camp we had people give their lives to Jesus!

Again we were blessed with wonderful leaders. Keith Thompson heads up the team and he is awesome at running Alpha! We are blessed to have him lead the charge. Again I get to take this opportunity to honour the team that we have – Sheryl Williams,

Dan Nickoley, Ross Robertson, James & Nicola Corbett, Rodney Seccombe, Vinesh Kumaran, and Murray & Pam Storey. These guys are brilliant and it is a privilege to work with them. THANK YOU!

Also thank you again to all the people who made desserts for us. We were spoilt and we couldn't do Alpha without you. Thank you for taking the time to bless us!

Next year we will again run two courses – so keep an eye out, we would love you to join us and to invite those around you to come. Believe me - you won't regret it!

Ignite Prayer Ministry

This year saw our Sunday morning prayer times increase.

Each Sunday of the month there is now a specialised prayer group praying in the upper room as well as in the chapel there is prayer for the service and our church. Our prayer meetings look like this:

First Sunday of the month: For the lost – those who don't know Jesus yet & for Alpha. And we have seen answers. This year we have had many new believers!

Second Sunday of the month: For our prodigals – again God has been answering these desperate prayers. Prodigals are returning to Jesus!

Third Sunday of the month: For our youth and young adults – we have seen incredible things happen in both Kotahi and Embassy that are a direct answer to these prayers.

Fourth Sunday of the month: Missions – I love that how church is not only committed to sending missionaries but then covering them in prayer. I know first-hand that our missionaries love knowing that we are praying for them.

Sunday night we have an hour prayer time from 5-6pm praying for our night service and for revival in our nation... and why not?!! These are some of my favourite times as we truly intercede for our country.

Another HUGE thank you to the leaders of these prayer groups: Brian Page, Keith Thompson, Clark & Kay Hyland, Kelli Bennett and Faye Borlase & Tania Vail. I am so grateful for the effort you put into these prayers groups. Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring our church is a house of prayer.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to commit to one prayer meeting a month. Prayer is like the engine room to a ship, this is where we really make a change. I love praying, it is one of my favourites, and I love seeing God move in response to our prayers. So please join us and have your faith enlarged as you see God change lives and situations, because you took time to seek him.

HER Ministries

We have amazing women in our church; Women of courage, strength and who

display love in all sorts of ways. It is a privilege to bless and encourage them.

A few of those amazing women are part of my HER team and make everything happen. I couldn't do any of this without them. Sara Barrett, Colleen Zimri, Erin Berry, Gail Vause and Tanya Sundnes – you are awesome! Thank you for all the hard work you put into blessing our women!

One of our desires as the HER team is to build relationships and community with the women of our church. With that in mind we hosted a HER café where we had Tanya Sundnes teach more illustrating our faith craft while we hung out and ate food.

HER Church was particularly special as we had four extraordinary women share their stories. Thank you so much Gail Vause, Toni Driller, Ruth Pahina and Bonnie Holmes for being so vulnerable to us all and allowing us to see God through your tough journeys. We were so encouraged and challenged by you all!

HER ministry is the women's ministry of our church and so was instrumental in bringing Brave Love to our church and our nation.





Brave Love

Brave Love New Zealand was launched on June 16th and then on August 17th-18th we held our first ever Brave Love Conference. We had 17 YWAMers join us for this conference from many different countries. It was an incredible week of training the New Zealand team involved and then hosting the conference where a total of 330 women attended.

Brave Love is a movement started with Youth with a Mission and is for every woman! The vision for Brave Love New Zealand is to see every woman in the nation of New Zealand and beyond, understand the unfathomable love that Jesus has for them, to know their incredible worth and uniqueness. And for every woman to become a catalyst for change as she embraces the special message she carries for this world at this time.

The testimonies that have come out of that conference have been incredible of women rising up in confidence of who they are and what God has called them to do.

It is still overwhelming that God picked our church to be the home of Brave Love New Zealand fulfilling a prophecy given years ago that Brave Love would come to NZ and be a catalyst for how the rest of the world would do it.

It's with great anticipation that we plan and prepare for what God is going to do as we continue to bring Brave Love to our nation.

Embassy (Young Adults)

I absolutely love that I get to serve, disciple, walk alongside and challenge our Young Adults.

This year I have seen some incredible spiritual growth in each of them and had

the privilege of watching them step out in confidence in their gifting's and callings.

Embassy meets every Tuesday night and we always start with small groups. These are designed to build a closer community of similar aged friends. Then we meet together as a whole group and each week can be a bit of surprise. We have had tons of guest speakers, quite a few of the Young Adults have preached and our leaders have shared too. We have done bible studies, worship nights, Masterchef, movie nights, an Israel nights and a 12 hour prayer burn. It has been a smorgasbord of God stuff.

We are seen more Young Adults come regularly and quite a few of them from different churches as their churches don't have a young adult's ministry. We have also been blessed with some new Christians - what a privilege to disciple and love them.

Once again I want to take this opportunity to thank and brag about my AMAZING, WONDERFUL leaders: Kevin & Joy Ward, Stephen & Kelli Bennett, Hannah & Jono

Au-Young – honestly I love these guys so much! I love working alongside them, the wisdom they bring and their steadfast commitment to our young adults. They are up for anything (which is good when you are working with this age group) and they are keen to share their lives with us all. Our Young Adults are beyond blessed to have them! I am so blessed to serve with them.

Once again it is with great excitement that I look to 2019 and all that God has for us – it's already shaping up to be more exceptional with a January beach mission, going as a community to Festival One and a short term missions trip to the Philippines! Bring it on Jesus!!

So there it is – a small glimpse into what has happened in 2018.

Thank you church for allowing me the privilege to serve you and be part of this incredible family of God!



PASTOR ALICK

I started in my position as Senior's Pastor in May and have really enjoyed getting to know and build relationship with our seniors in the church and the community.

Chapel Service

On the 2nd Friday of each month we have a Chapel Service which caters to the spiritual needs of our seniors. As well as the lovely hymns led by Jill, we have had a variety of speakers from the church and community. They have shared about their ministries, preached and encouraged people to pursue personal relationship with Christ and acknowledged others in their faithfulness.

Our attendance is between 40 and 50 with two or three new people adding to our group each month. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time together and fellowship over morning tea following the service.

I am working to develop more involvement in the leading of the service as I come to know people and their gifting.

Super Friday

The 4th Friday of the month is "Super Friday". This is a time of fun and laughter and friendship building. We have crafts, activities and games... and have a great

time together! 50 -60 people attend and we have an awesome team of people that run the kitchen and the different options.

Morning tea is followed by games and then a speaker from the community e.g. Ross Robertson from the local Community Board, Ian Foster from the Christian Food Bank and Community Dinner etc.

We are happy to welcome new people each time and see new friendships built and hope that the group continues to grow. We are always looking for new ways to promote the day and to cater to the needs of those that come. We also hope that through this safe place of connection to our church family others will join us at the Sunday service.

Outings

We had a train ride to Swanson and the Henderson Mall in August. This was attended and enjoyed by 22 of us. We have a trip to Waiheke Island on the 5th Friday of November and looking to plan more trips in the new year.

Thank you for making me so welcome in this role and for all the support. I look forward to the year to come.





FAITH DEVELOPMENT

NIGHT CHURCH

Night church could easily be described as home. Home is a place that is relaxed, safe, fun and caring. Night church is a more contemporary chill service that a lot of our youth and young adults attend and are heavily involved in.

Our night church service is a place that creates space and opportunity for people to step out in their gifts. After the service is our cafe time, where we eat together as a community and catch up with what is happening our week. Night church really adds to the life of the church and creating a strong sense of community.

Another element that carries the family atmosphere is “Share Time” were we open the mic up for people to come and share what God has been doing in their week.

Bonnie Holmes

LADIES FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Another year and I am I still my ladies' leader! We have had a great year and our speakers have been great too. Pastor Suz and her daughters have been telling us about their lives with the Lord and we have had Pastor Marty speak to us as well. All my ladies join in each meeting and I love listening to them chat away.

I haven't been well this year so I do want to thank Marj McLaren particularly for her help. Thank you also to Ken Musgrove and the office staff for setting up the tables for us.

All my ladies have been marvellous helping each other too, but one stands out: Margaret Mackwood-Smith! She is always setting up the cups for morning tea and of course Marj McLaren with her great treats.

We've had up to 15 women attend and it's been so enjoyable meeting up every month to see them

Heather Hughes



LIBRARY

Once again we have completed a happy year in the library with a full complement of librarians on our roster. We all enjoy our task and the contact it brings with churchgoers of all ages.

Among our librarians, I would particularly like to mention Jack Edwards, a young man who has been completing a task for his Duke of Edinburgh Award and has worked faithfully on a weekly basis. Also to Keith Forster, who has taken on the onerous duty of the overdues, and Miriam Sharp, who has boxed up many of the resources that our library can't use and sent them to those who need them in the Philippines. It is wonderful our church library can be used by God in our own community and overseas!

While the section for young children is as popular as ever, library use has dwindled somewhat over the last few months. We would urge everyone to use its resources. We have some amazing Christian books, DVDs and CDs, all of which can be borrowed for free. On Sunday morning, the librarians are more than happy to give assistance with the selection and taking out of resources. And the library is open at other times too – in fact whenever the church is open, browse at your leisure and feel free to follow the simple instructions to self-issue a book.

People from church donate materials, for which we are very grateful! We also keep the library up to date by buying from Britain, Australia and especially from our local Christian bookshop. We are always open to suggestion for new acquisitions.

Despite the library's small size, there is a fantastic range – some truly inspiring, plenty of biographies, encouragement in the Christian life, help for parents, light fiction and DVDs galore for adults as well as children. So please come along!

Joy Austin

PRAYER CHAIN

Facts and Figures

Prayer Chain is an amazing ministry of our church that allows an army of MCBC prayers to be put into action to pray for situations happening for our own MCBC people, people in our community and even people around the world!

2018 saw a small change in terms of numbers of people being part of this ministry. There were three volunteers added to the team during Special Ops Sunday in March 2018. The goal of participation in Special Ops Sunday was to create an awareness of the prayer chain and to provide a reminder that the prayer chain is not simply about telephone calls, but that people can be part of this ministry by text or email too.

The Prayer Chain currently consists of 41 active and involved people. When a prayer request is made, 21 people are contacted by email, 18 people are contacted by text (a few people choose both options) and a small number of people are contacted by telephone. Those active members that provided updates recently are clearly passionate about being part of this ministry and we received comments such as “thanks for giving me the opportunity to be part of this team” and “the prayer chain is an awesome ministry and I’m very happy to continue to take part at this time” which is really great to hear.

Whilst the prayer chain was gathering momentum in the early part of 2018, with 5-10 prayer requests per week and regular updates from people requesting prayer, this has seen a reduction in the latter part of 2018 possibly due to there being no/limited cover for prayer co-ordination during Sarah’s UK trip (for urgent family

reasons), between May 2018 and August 2018. We would love to see this increase again. We are ready to pray for the situations that you come across!

Prayer Requests

It continues to be a real privilege to receive requests when people take the ‘leap’ to ask for prayer. There is such power in the ‘step’ of asking and ‘power in the ask’. Whilst we know how difficult it can sometimes be to make take this step, making ourselves vulnerable to ask for prayer, the prayer chain can really assist here. Prayers can be as anonymous or as public as people are comfortable with. Our incredible Father sees our ‘ask’ and we firmly believe He honours this. The majority of prayer requests in the last 2 months have come through the pastoral staff, rather than direct to the prayer chain and prayer requests. Please feel free to ask directly. Prayer request have been primarily related to people’s physical health needs, but we are willing to pray through any situation. Most prayer requests are made through text, and some by email.

Prayer Chain Newsletter

This initiative was started in July 2017, but has been on hold between May 2018-October. It’s intended to go out to the whole team on 1st of each month. When it is started again, we would love for people to send in their stories of answers to prayer, and also why people feel called to pray and be part of the prayer chain ministry and continue to request that these stories are sent in for inclusion within the prayer chain newsletter. These can be sent to prayer@citybaptist.org.nz as encouragement to others’ on the team.

Praise Reports

We continue to love to capture the outcomes of our prayers and seek feedback from those asking for prayer. It's such an important part of the pastoral aspect of this ministry, so when a prayer request is made, there will always be a follow up with "how's <name> this week" or "how are you doing after we prayed for you last week?" If you're aware of praise reports or updates following requesting prayer, please do let us know by contacting us on prayer@citybaptist.org.nz.

And what do we want to see for the Prayer Chain in 2019?

- A passionate and committed team of 2-3 Prayer Chain Coordinators, who manage the prayer chain to ensure that those requesting prayer get a consistent response, follow up and good cover.
- For the prayer-chain to be used more widely within our church family and for it to be seen as a real power source that can be accessed for a whole range of needs (finances, relationships, health, life stages etc) and in variety of ways (text, email, note, call etc)
- For the church family to see accessing the prayer chain to be part of their toolbox when needing prayer, and to really see the value of taking a step to ask for prayer through this avenue.
- For there to be an increase in praise reports as people feedback the outcome of their requests for prayer. To encourage those praying in their walk with God, but so that there can really focus on praying, with thanksgiving (Phil 4v6)
- For there to be an increased awareness of the prayer chain ministry, and for people committing to be part of this team to really grow in their personal walks with God. Our Prayer Ministry Team are always available after church to pray for people and anytime during the week.

We currently have 14 members on our team. Two long serving members have retired from the team, one due to ill health and one because they have shifted from the area. We honour these two: Valerie Brown and Bill Higgins who have been foundation members of the team since 1999.

As a team, we meet bi-monthly for lunch, fellowship, training and sharing. At our last meeting we shared the general types of requests we have prayed for which included:

- Accepting Jesus
- To have a closer walk with God
- Relationship issues – marriage, friends, work
- Job hunting
- Direction
- Mental health issues, depression, grief after friend's suicide, freedom from fear, and for courage.
- Sleeping issues
- Health issues, cancer pain, knee pain, sore backs, stomach pain, issues with walking correctly. We have seen arms and legs lengthen, shoulders re-align
- God has broken family generational curses
- Praying through houses

We are unable to give specifics due to the confidential nature of this ministry.

Some of the above may resonate with you. The team would love to pray with more of our church family, as we are sure there are more issues God would love to touch.

Sometimes we have been privileged to also hear what God has done after something has been prayed for and the joy the answers He has given has brought.

If more prayer time is needed than the few minutes at the end of a service, it can be arranged to meet during the week for more in-depth prayer.

If you feel God has put a calling on your life to join the Prayer Ministry Team, please contact Ross or Iris, or Suz to discuss this.

Sarah Axford



MISSIONS

Global Missions is a team of people who are passionate about supporting and encouraging our missionaries overseas and ensuring MCBC has a strong heart for what God is doing overseas. This year, the team has had a few additions and these are people who are adding to who we are and what we do. We meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday at the church and new members are welcome.

Neil and Barb Perry spent some time with us at the beginning of the year while Neil had surgery. This was very successful and they returned to Macau. In their last letter to us they let us know that they will be completing their time in Macau and the end of this term of service and return to NZ.

Ruth Page visited us at MCBC briefly as she came home to celebrate her Mum's birthday. It was good to see her, but sad to hear on her return that her colleague we had been praying for had succumbed to cancer.

Daniel Cornelius visited us and shared their story and happenings. Their family have increased as they now care for some more children. They do an amazing job and have a huge task. They also continue to develop

the property that they now own to make sure it meets the needs of the family and the standards that are required of them for the work that they do.

Prayer and Self Denial this year was our annual time to sacrifice and give to others overseas. We raised over \$9,000 to go towards the work in Kalisan, Thailand that we as a church support with Tranzsend (NZ Baptist Missionary Society). Andy and Rowena and their sons based in Kalisan came and shared on our final Sunday. They shared their vision of starting a project where the women are able to earn money and support themselves by weaving and selling it. We celebrated with and fabulous Thai shared meal. Everyone was fed and happy – what an awesome \$2 meal!

Phil, Ruth, Jemima and Zeke Robinson are coming to NZ for home assignment from October-January. Please take the time to welcome them home and ton NZ, get to know them, listen to their story and find out how you can support them.

We also have a monthly prayer meeting on a Sunday morning for overseas missions. Feel free to join us anytime!

Faye Borlase

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

What a privilege it is to work with our children and their families. It is wonderful to see families that are growing in their faith and in their walk with God as well as those who are yet to come into relationship with Him.

We continue to distribute the parenting magazine 'Homefront' to encourage and inspire parents/grandparents and care-givers. Please let us know at the office if you would like to be on the list.

Each year the Spiritual parenting course is a highlight for those who attend as they are encouraged to parent from an eternal perspective.

Sunday Programmes

Mega children's programmes are run in different areas on a Sunday morning from about 20 mins into Morning Church.

1. Under ones are in the chapel with parent supervision
2. Mega Tots 1-3-year olds [downstairs through the doors in the café]
3. Mini Mega 4-6 year olds [Upstairs turn left]
4. Mega 7yrs-year 6 at school [Upstairs turn right]

This year all our children's programmes have been looking at the Believe series along with the rest of the church. Our kids are great to work with and we have heaps of fun. Thanks for bringing them along! Ever thought about filling your car with your kids friends, neighbours or extended family? Let them hear about God's love too!

Sarah and her team of helpers have continued to lead an exciting and fun programme for our 1-4-year olds over the past year. Sarah has recently had to give up this role and we will hugely miss her creative planning and love for the kids. But...Lisa McEwing has taken over the running of this ministry starting in term 4 and has some exciting plans! Thanks so much Lisa for your willingness to serve in this way.

The roster of dedicated helpers is great and we are again very grateful for those who help out on a Sunday morning. Parents are also a huge help at Mega Tots on a Sunday Morning.

Annie Snook has continued to do an amazing job leading our 4-6 year olds. Her team of leaders (Miriam, Sarah, Miracle and Mary) are awesome and they really appreciate the enthusiasm this age group has. Numbers on Sundays can be between 15 and 28 and they are a fun group to work with.

The Believe series has been a good basis with the kids looking at the same passages and stories from the bible that the adults are. There has been lots of 'action' memory verse learning going on and that's been fun but also exciting to see God planting His word into the kid's hearts.

Our 7 year olds to Year 6 kids are such fun to work with. We continue to have a wonderful team of leaders who are a real blessing. Danyon, Chantelle and myself lead our large group time and Josh, Kate, Arul, Anusha, Dylan, and Jesse are all small group leaders. Our leaders have heaps of fun with the kids as they follow up on the stories and discussion we have as a large group. The large group time has games, worship, prayer, bible teaching and discussions and this year this has been based around the Believe series. The take-home cards have been a great hit... even though sometimes the memory verses on them can be a real challenge!

Denise Snook



GIRLS' BRIGADE

This year has been a fruitful year for us with new girls in the Junior and Senior groups. We are praying for new girls to build up the Pioneer section as well.

We have had a change in leadership areas this year, with myself, Sarah J and Lorraine working with the Juniors; Michaela and Kim working with the Seniors; Holly with the Pioneers and Rebekka working with all the different groups.

Some of the leaders have undertaken training in First Aid this year and also attended the National GB Conference.

The Juniors (5-8 years) currently have 11 girls attending and have had another busy year. Some of our fun topics include: "Drama Games", "The Circus", "Sewing" and "Beanbag Games." For our Journey topic we have just had a trip to Cornwall Park/One Tree Hill Domain and for our two Responsibility topics the girls have learned to be responsible by learning about the "Postal Service" and how to "Care for Pets" with Sarah J bringing in her dog for us to train and to walk.

The Seniors (9-12 years) enjoyed learning some "Line Dancing". They also learned how to be a good host in their topic - "Entertaining". For this subject they learned about different styles of communication and how to make party food. The Seniors have studied being "Fruitful and Overflowing" for their spiritual subject. Up next they will be getting their hands dirty learning how to recycle and re-use items - making their own paper, doing tie dying and making more yummy jam!

To start off the year the Pioneers (13-18 years) continued their knowledge of using power tools by making a peg board. The power tools used for this project were a step

up from last year's tools, as they were more complex to use. The following subject was "Gift Giving" where the Pioneers made an array of gifts and baking to give to others. For our Spiritual subject the girls finished the Alpha Course. The final topic for the Pioneers was "Dance" where they learned about the history of different eras of dance, along with aspects of cultural dance.

Our annual company sleepover began with the Junior trip to Cornwall Park/One Tree Hill Domain. The Juniors really enjoyed seeing the lambs and walking around the gardens. The sleepover was full of laughs! As part of our World of Friends Pacific badge we made crafts that included dot painting and rain sticks. Rebekka was our amazing chef who cooked potato salad, chop suey, BBQ chicken and for dessert... pineapple pie!

Thank you to Marty who has been our Company Chaplain and provided us with spiritual guidance and encouragement. We are sad to see you finish your time with us, but excited to welcome Bonnie as our new Company Chaplain.

Thank you to our church family who encourage us and we ask for you to pray for God's continued guidance in our Girls' Brigade programme.

**Blessings, Sarah Woods
(1st Papatoetoe GB Captain)**



MAX (YR 7-9)

This year at Max has been another action-packed adventure and all of us involved are so blessed to be part of this ministry. I'm thankful to all our leaders that make Max such a fun and meaningful part of our year 7-9's weeks and lives.

Highlights of this year include: eCamp, Oscars, Mystery Lunches, video notices, trip nights, seeing some of our former Maxers getting baptised, more intentional hangouts with the Kotahi youth and leaders, kids encountering God and the Holy Spirit for the first time, seeing visions, learning to worship and pray and seeing our young people serve in roles all throughout church.

This year we've looked at: Identity, How to survive our faith, Studying the bible, and Influence. It's been amazing to see our young people get excited about their faith and grow throughout the year.

We were sad to farewell Nathan Palmer this year, one of our long-serving leaders and friends, but wish him well in his new role as Youth Pastor at Greenlane Christian Centre. We have been fortunate to also welcome a couple of new leaders who will be great additions to our team.

On Sundays, Jaimee has been doing a great job running our Max Deluxe programme. MaxD is intentionally a bit different to Friday nights and there are usually between twenty and twenty five of them upstairs on a Sunday morning. There is a fabulous brand new team of leaders, who are developing their skills, using a lot of initiative, showing great potential and doing a really great job.

It's been great to see how many new faces have shown up throughout the year, both new families to church and some of the Friday night guys coming along on Sundays.

We've enjoyed following along with the Believe series and collecting cards with a few even memorising the verse each week.

At both Max and Max Deluxe we've had fun learning more about Jesus, expanding our knowledge of the bible, competing in crazy games and challenges, getting to know each other and growing together.

Casey Clark and Jaimee Spurdle

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY (YR 10-13)

Easter Camp

50 Teenagers, 8 Brave Leaders, 3 fearless parents, 1 Bus and approx. 72 bags of lollies.

Easter Camp lived up to its legend and was an amazing time of encounter, fellowship and fresh input. Our whole group had an awesome weekend.

My first day in this role was heading off to Easter camp so for me it was the most amazing time of getting to know our youth and leaders. Being part of the South Auckland Hub (collective group of other church youth groups in our area) was such a blessing and we had so much fun with all the other youth groups.

Leaders

We are so blessed with an amazing team of leaders who continue to go above and beyond to serve and befriend our young people. I personally feel so blessed to be working and growing alongside them all. These leaders have modelled what it looks like to step into what God has for them and run after Jesus in their own personal lives.

New Name

"Ga.. I mean Kotahi" - changing the name of our youth was a scary door to walk through! The name change came about because when we were doing our normal programme, we all felt the Lord was doing something different.

We cancelled everything for the last few weeks of Term 2 and spent time in prayer and worship to see where God wanted to lead us as a youth group.

During those two weeks God spoke to both our leaders and our young people. A similar theme started to appear in each bible verse highlighted, each vision and each word from the Lord. They all pointed

to Jesus being the centre, the focus.

We chose the word "Kotahi" as our new name - not just to represent us being united together. Rather that we would be united around Christ and know that it is only through Him that we can be united with our Lord and each other.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one who brings God and human beings together, the man Christ Jesus,

1Timoti 2:5 Kotahi tonu te Atua, kotahi te takawaenga o te Atua, o nga tangata, ko ia ano he tangata, ara ko Karaiti Ihu;

Prayer, Worship & the Bible

Another strong theme that appeared during our time in prayer was the word and the idea of our core:

- That we need to be strengthened in our faith from the core of ourselves.
- That at the foundation of ourselves we would be found standing on Jesus and His word.
- That a strong foundation of our faith is crucial for us as young believers in today's world.

We knew that we needed to take it all back to the basics of our faith. We have spent our time focusing on learning how to read and study the Bible, the importance of praying and how to pray and what worship to the Lord is.

The best thing has been watching the youth step into these three things and take risks while doing so. Our times of prayer and worship are filled with passion and awe, while our bible times are filled with wonder and intrigue.

With this we made sure that there was emphasis on us doing real life together as well. Making time before and after

youth for everyone to hang out and build friendship. We are also making sure our "real groups" are safe places for our young people to share and talk about life.

Sunday Strolls

The first Sunday of each month is one we look forward to. A group of us go out into different areas of the community to tell people Jesus loves them and invite them to night church.

This has been such a highlight for us as a youth community, especially getting to see our youth step out in such boldness for the gospel.

We are trying to emphasize the importance of the simple gospel and how powerful it is for everyone. The sentence "Jesus Loves You" is one that is now so easily spoken by our young people who have been joining us on Sunday Strolls. We are going to continue to Stroll on Sundays and tell our community that Jesus loves them.

Going forward

Looking into next year is exciting. I am excited to continue to do life with our amazing young people. I am so expectant to see God move in greater ways in their lives.

One goal for 2019 is to continue to see growth in our hunger for Jesus in their own personal lives. Another goal is that our youth would continue to be involved in the life of the church and our community.

My desire as key leader is that our youth would know Jesus for themselves... for them to know and understand the power of the cross and how strongly God loves them. I want them to know they have a future and a hope in our Lord and Saviour. And that this would motivate them to tell others.

Bonnie Holmes



MAINLY MUSIC

We decided to start up a Mainly Music group in term 3 last year as a few of us had been to other Mainly Music Groups with our older children and really loved the ministry and felt there was a need for it in the community. It has been so exciting working in a supportive team and meeting all the families who are coming along from both within the church and the greater community. I'm still receiving phone calls from people enquiring about the sessions and we are meeting new families every week.

We run a thirty minute music session at 9:30am every Tuesday morning of the school term. Families are invited to bring their preschoolers (from babies to 5 years) and we have loads of fun, singing, dancing, using instruments, parachutes, puppets and heaps of other props. We held our first themed session for Fathers Day, where the children were invited to bring a father figure along. The next theme day will be for Christmas. It has been great working alongside Flavor and Space and seeing lots of the families coming along and enjoying a full morning of activities with their children. It means you can go straight from Mainly Music onto Flavor café for cake, coffee and a fluffy!

Our goal for 2018 is to support the families coming along, we hope they make new friends, have fun and see God's love reflected through us as we enjoy Mainly Music.

April Head

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

'Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.' Mark 10:15

The following are some quotes from prayers written by some 8/9year olds from my class. Enjoy their sincerity below – just as they wrote:

Dear God... you are the nicest and karing person in the world and I hope I can be like you... thank you for making me have the best birthday ever, you are the best...I've been thinking of having a baby sister lately, my aunte is having issues, may you please help her Lord... thank you for putting me in the right family... thank you for making our lives and saving us... Jesus thank you for sacrificing yourself for us, love you God & Jesus... thank you for letting me have a wonderful mum and dad...when we all die please let me and my family and friends go to heaven... Oh God thank you so much, I am so thankful God not only I got a baby brother, Thank you so much & Jesus mighty name, Amen.

They accept the fact the Lord doesn't care about their spelling. If they pray they have no doubt that the Lord has heard them and something will happen.

Teachers are from Salvation Army, Anglican, Brethren, Calvary and Baptist (plus Trixie, Pam & Murray). There's a huge need for more teachers for 2019 as a number are a retiring. Can you come help us?

Murray Storey



COURSES

MARRIAGE COURSE

It is incredible to think that we have had the privilege of hosting the Marriage course for six years now and as couples we find something new and valuable that we can apply to our own marriages every year. (Kathy & David, Joy & Kev). We have a strong belief that a healthy marriage gives the strongest foundation for family life and the best marriages are based on God's principals because he designed marriage. Our best relationships have God at the centre of them.

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.

We had another fantastic response from couples who wished to enhance and grow their relationships. This year our mix of couples ranged from 2 very newly married couple through to couples who had been married for more than 30 years. It was so encouraging to see couples celebrate their relationships, discover valuable tools to help them with tougher times, learn about how to enhance their relationship and communicate well, and value things that will help them in the future.

Our team was bigger this year with amazing help especially in the catering and serving area of Allan & Nicole French and Gail Vause on a weekly basis and many volunteers on different nights. We were all so blessed by gifts of time, fantastic meals and deserts, provided and served by many of our Church family and from a local community agency. We are so grateful for all your help, which enables us to maximise the number of couples that can attend.

Kathy Symons

FAMILY LIFECARE

Lisa has been coming to our English class for 3 years. She runs a business with her husband in Manurewa and appreciates the help she receives with her English so she can communicate better with customers. She is also pleased her English is improving so she can talk with her NZ son-in-law and daughter-in-law. Although not a Christian, Lisa has recently attended Super Friday. She enjoyed the lunch, playing table tennis and singing hymns.

Lisa is one example of someone in our community we are getting to know and to share God's love with through a Family Lifecare Centre programme.

As well as continuing to provide our weekly English class, the Family Lifecare Centre has continued to run the very popular Space for You and Your Baby programme, the CAP Money Course, The Parenting Children Course and Awhi Mai (a support group for people caring for others). We started CAP Job Club again in September – this is a fantastic place for anyone who is unemployed to receive support and guidance. We also had the opportunity to run the CAP Money Course in conjunction with NZ Blue Light for young people in our community.

The Family Lifecare Centre is very grateful for grants from the Baptist Children's Trust and the Ōtara-Papatoetoe local board of the Auckland Council. We are also thankful for individual donations that have been made, for all those involved in supporting our It's in the Bag fundraiser, and for those who lead, support and pray for our programmes.

Karlene Boa & Denise Snook





CREATIVE

MUSIC WORSHIP

Our year has seen a shift towards greater freedom in our worship. It has been exciting to see us come together as one team - a team that has many parts, made up of young and old, different worship expressions and musical preferences, but all coming together with the same heart in drawing people towards God.

We took the opportunity earlier in the year to make sure we had a clear understanding of what worship means to us and our expectations of each other as a team. That culminated in us publishing a Worship Team 'Way of Life' booklet which is also given to any new members who join our team.

Part of our 'Way of Life' is that we want to care for each other well, so we have restructured our Thursday night practices so there is crossover between the Sunday morning and Sunday night worship teams. This has created an important link between the teams, allowing us to encourage each other and also helped in creating that "one team" feel.

We have appreciated the pastoral support and guidance from Marty as he has

stepped into his new role this year. Having lost three drummers who all shifted away, Marty has also been a real trooper and filled in a number of roster slots, modelling servant hearted leadership.

It has been a real pleasure to continue serving alongside such talented people, with a heart to live their lives following Christ and who we are privileged to call our friends.

If music worship is your passion, please see us after any of the services. We have some great pathways to join the teams and it is a great place to experience God and grow in your faith with others!

Marcus & Toni Driller



PRODUCTION TEAM

The production team is responsible for helping to create an atmosphere of worship at our church services. This involves everything from making the band sound awesome and look good on stage to making sure the temperature on the air con is set right.

This year our sound, lighting and computer graphics teams have been working hard on maintaining consistent levels of production as well developing team members and incremental improvements to the various systems.

It's been another busy year for the production team at church. This year saw us providing production services for many events held in our church buildings as well as the weekly Sunday Services. We are involved in a variety of events such as graduations, weddings, funerals, concerts and events like the Brave Love, Oscars and Engage conference... to name a few. What a variety of things we get to do!

We also do a real variety of services – the requirements for Morning & Night Church are different. We have some "special event" services such as Blokes Church, Her Church and Light Party After Party. We also often have "openers" at Morning church with different talents on stage. All these things are challenges that our production teams need to meet and make the most of.

We're excited to see the growth that has occurred in all disciplines this year but 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 to help lead people into worship.

Gregory McKinnel



GRAPHIC DESIGN

The aim of the graphic design department is to bring a unity and cohesion in what we produce/look like as a church. We also want to be able to communicate creatively and effectively – not just logos, but in a whole range of areas.

And there was a lot of work to be had this year – church has been very busy! We have had a tonne of events, which have required graphics, social media, printed material, videos etc. There are also a bunch of brands around church that have required updating with more still needing a look at. All have provided many varied, and fun challenges!

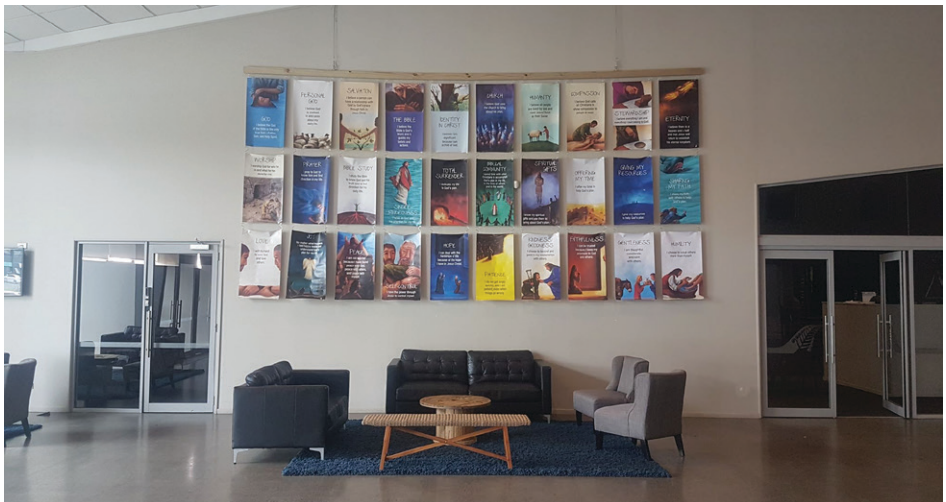
A highlight was being part of the branding for the Brave Love Movement launched this year – the website was viewed internationally! I look forward to more challenges as we keep growing and expanding as a church, getting stuck into the wider community, adding new ministries, new technologies, new buildings, and hosting new events.

The design department consists of only one person so far, but I am incredibly thankful that this has been supplemented by those at church who offer their creative skills for different tasks such as photography, design, printing, or set design/building etc.

I look forward to seeing how God uses design and visual media to bring more people to our community and ultimately to Him! People “check out” our church community even before they arrive through our website, road signage, social media, or any number of flyers we produce.

I hope our graphic design and media reflects a creative and welcoming God, and community of believers!

Casey Clark





PRACTICAL HELP

KIDS CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Another year has passed and we have continued to serve our church community with childrens clothes. We are constantly refilling the selves with new clothing and some good quality secondhand ones.

We have also been able to fill the pink and blue bins generously with recycled clothing from donations of clothing from the green bin in the church foyer. Mums and some dads enjoy the opportunity to look through these bins! These clothes get distributed on a Sunday morning or at Flavor cafe or other ministries here at church with parents helping themselves to as many items of clothing as they can use.

To all families who have donated through the green bin: THANK YOU! This ministry is much appreciated by all. The bins would not function as they do without your continuing contributions and support. Just a reminder we are after clothing washed and in good condition please.

Now that the season is changing, so is the clothing we have in stock so come and check it out the first Sunday of each month after Morning Church.

Both Karen and I have enjoyed being part of this ministry and to be able to serve in this way. We feel it is a privilege to help our church families, extended families and those who attend Flavor café. This enables the family budget to stretch a bit further.

God bless all that use this ministry and happy shopping for the coming year.

Sue Blackett

COUNSELLING

We love being part of a team that can bring hope to people from many different walks of life. Having a team of 3 professionally trained counsellors enables us to offer a wealth of professional knowledge, years of experience and a wide variety of skills and expertise to serve our church and the people of our local community.

Our clients are often struggling with pressures and incredibly difficult and sad circumstances and God has given us the privilege of walking alongside them. As they share their struggles we hope and pray that they gain tools and confidence to handle life in a very different and empowered way.

Many of our clients don't go to church and it is our aim to create an atmosphere that is safe, beautiful and where Gods spirit can be present in how we do our work with them.

It is such a cool experience to have other clients who come to us because they want a Christian counsellor. We have the privilege in sharing their spiritual journey also. It is amazing when we see the way God works in lives! We also value the help we can receive by working together with our prayer team and pastoral staff when it is appropriate.

Between us as a team we work with children, families, women, men and couples. Our clients need help with a wide variety of issues, relating to family and relationship struggles, grief and loss, separation issues for children, parenting and attachment, depression and anxiety, spiritual struggles, low self-esteem, bullying, abuse, domestic violence, victim support, and many other things.

Counselling fees are negotiated on an individual basis between each client and their counsellor.

We are very grateful for the help and support we receive from the Church to enable this service to run. We have beautiful, calm, purpose built rooms to work from with an amazing peaceful outlook into the lovely palms in the front garden of our church.

We are supported and backed strongly by our pastoral team and elders. We also really appreciate people praying for us counsellors as the job often takes an emotional toll on our team members. We do this as a ministry and face the battles of the spiritual realm as we strive to free people from the life struggles that weigh them down.

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

Counselling Team: Joy Ward, Judy Dransfield and Kathy Symons

Kathy Symons

BREAD RUN

Our Bread run has now been running for almost 4 years. And I personally can't believe that it's been a year since I volunteered to take over leadership of the Bread Run.

It's always a joy to bring in fresh bread to our church folk. There are so many families who have tight budgets and the bread run is an initiative to help people in such a practical way every Sunday morning.

We are so grateful to the Manukau Bakers Delight and their staff for helping us help others. It definitely feels like a community as we stand round the bread run table on a Sunday morning. It gets the church community talking together, sharing stories for which we are very thankful for this blessing.

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

I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to lead the Bread Run this year and I love calling the team "BREAD RUN CHAMPIONS".

Thank you to everyone who's helped make this ministry such a joy! We still need more people to help with this ministry. Do you have an hour and a half once a month to help bless our church on a Friday evening? Thanks!

Warren Christie

FOOD WITH THOUGHT

Well another year is passing us by and our amazing team of volunteers have welcomed many new babies into our church family. It is so beautiful to see these families supported at this exciting but challenging time of their lives.

Through a team of awesome volunteers, we try to provide a series of meals for people as they welcome a new baby into their home. It is a blessed, busy and full on time with a new baby! This is a great opportunity to show practical care at a significant time in a family's life.

As this report is written we still have a few babies due soon and towards the end of the year. Gods blessings on you all for the safe arrival of your new little bundles. We will be ready and waiting to pray for you and feed some hungry tummies.

Thanks again to the wonderful team of cooks without who this ministry wouldn't function!

Megan Carter

CULTURAL GROUPS

TE ROOPU AWHINA O TE HAAHI TE IRIIRI O MANUKAU

Nga mihi nui e te whanau – love to all our whanau and a reminder that everyone is welcome to our church roopu!

Highlights this year: Keith Newman (author) spoke about the Bible and the Treaty... and it's relevance and relationship with us a church community today.

We welcomed new whanau, we shared our stories, we listened to what God is doing in our lives and we (karakia) prayed for each other. Our monthly hui (gatherings) also included Johannah Prasad (Miss Five Crowns) speaking about God's beauty inside and out.

Te Reo (language), pronunciation, waiata (songs), kemu (games), are threads being woven during our hui. We have also put together a pukapuka (book) depicting our history and journey as a roopu.

Celebrations have included: Te Wiki o Te Reo (Maori Language Week) with our very own Kathryn sharing her story of learning Te Reo. We were also involved with Carey Baptist Graduation with our church roopu supporting as tangata whenua (local people) and powhiri (welcome) to our 2018 church youth.

Thank you Lord for fun and fellowship and we continue to look to Jesus for his leading.

Nga Mihi Steve Mihaere



INDIAN OUTREACH

This ministry is all about reaching out to the Indian community with the gospel. We have the outreach once a month. Our programme includes hymns, testimonies and a gospel message. We have been doing this for years, but have struggled to see many non Christians come to the meeting, even after doing letter box drops and personal invitation.

So for a few months this year we have tried a different approach and been meeting after morning church to seek God's leading what else we could do. Through this, we decided to instead meet in people's homes and invite our friends and families. On 7th October we had our first home meeting at David and Ruth's home. It was encouraging to see that there were five non Christians present!

We have also had a dinner twice this year in June and in December. Please continue to pray for this ministry that our loving God will touch the lives of Indian community around us. Our final outreach was on 2/12/2018 at 4pm followed by dinner.

Jack Chandra

PASIFIKA GROUP

Pasifika in Christ Fellowship - 'Riding the Waves of Discipleship'

We are an extension of our thriving church that welcomes and embraces 'All' who feel welcomed and belong.

Pastor Arnie and the team have supported our group over the years and more recently had our logo printed on our own billboard to promote our group to the community.

We are grateful being involved with MCBC church activities such as communion, shared lunches at the end of each month, our PI Faith workshops, night church dinners and Oscar's.

Our choir at Oscar's gave us the opportunity to integrate, invite and fellowship with church and non church members.

The importance of supporting members with a spectrum of mental health needs has been important, ongoing and beneficial. Our 'Samepage' support group has been made available.

We look forward to our church Light Party & Beach Break up for the year.

Yours Godtentionally

Akaata Haurua



FILIPINO GROUP

Family and Friends for Christ

A multi-denominational Filipino Christian group in New Zealand

This year, we celebrated our 20th year of fellowship. Over those years, we have seen people come and go, but the spirit of togetherness remains to be a bastion that we so patiently uphold.

The following are some of the testimonies shared during our fellowship: "The busyness of our lifestyle, the demands of our livelihood and our parental responsibilities all drag us away from the true meaning of "life in abundance"; unless we can find solace in the fellowship of the "author and perfecter of our faith". Attendance to our fortnightly fellowship has been a great reminder that life is so precious that we needed to be connected to the "giver of our lives". We must always be guided by the teachings of the Bible and the lessons we learn through this group".

"Serving the Lord comes in many ways... We have been a part of a big group, but the responsibility has been very enormous and tiring. Though we now belong to this small group, the blessings are beyond compare and the bonds of friendship are stronger."

"We are all blessed in many ways, we have a fulfilling career that we so delicately pursued, we have children that we so dearly love, and a spouse whom we respect, admire and get inspiration from. But coming to this foreign country and leaving your career behind, gives me a different scenario of what the future holds-let alone lose my dearly beloved spouse. I found comfort and hope in being a part of this circle of friends".

"Through the years, in springtime and harvest, summer and fall; our friendship remains as it is. He said that the ultimate message of Christianity is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour."

Our group continues to support an orphanage (The Reception and Study Centre for Children) in Benguet, Philippines. Monthly donations from our group help purchase the needs of the children including food and clothing.

Rey Gumtang

SPORTS

UNICYCLING

We always have a core group that come to Unicycling. We would have had about 5 or 6 new learners this year and a few visits from overseas unicyclist. It is always a great social gathering with time to talk and get to know each other.

One of our girls did unicycling for her Duke of Edinburgh award and achieved the required standards – congratulations!

We always participate in the Light Party too and this is a great opportunity for people to try unicycling and some of the other fun bikes we have available, many for the first time.

Tuesday nights means Unicycling in the Arena – we will always have learner bikes available, so feel free to drop by and give it a go! Please pray for conversations in the club to help our members to think of their maker who cares for them so much!

Bryan Page

GYM

Thank you to those of you who have supported the MCBC 24 Hour Gym through your membership. Petrol prices have gone up... but not your gym membership! Yes, we're still the number one most affordable gym in all of South Auckland: \$100 per year for MCBC church members or \$10 per month by direct deposit. Guests pay \$2 per visit and must be accompanied by the gym member. Feel free to join us at the gym.

Read All About It

- 14 new members have joined the gym since our last report. We now have 61!
- There are now 2 stationary bikes. One of the bikes has a wide, soft, padded seat - a welcome relief for those of us who like comfort.
- There are now 2 treadmills. The tread on one of the treadmills was replaced.

What Our Members Say:

"I like that I can go to the gym at any time day or night. My work hours aren't always the same so it is good that I don't miss out on a work-out because the gym is closed."

"I've been a member here for over 6 years and what I like is that I am usually the only one at the gym."

Health and fitness is a great asset, and God encourages us to look after these things.

Finally, "I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 3 John 1:2

Grace Adams



INDOOR BOWLS

This year has been an enjoyable year at MCBC Bowls. We have seen God's faithfulness and his hand on the group. Numbers dwindled earlier in the year but has picked up with several new players coming on board. In fact we can see God's sense of humour bringing another two new John's...we now have four 'Johns!' "Go John!"

Pastor Alick joining the group has been very inspiring. It turns out that he is not a bad hand at bowls either. We know he has many other commitments but we enjoy the time when he is with us and his support with setting up the mats.

This year one of the members suggested we have a singles challenge which is something new and stimulating. We have been having one or two sets of players playing off every week in the preliminary. Soon we will start with the quarter finals. This challenge will finish with a big 'show down' match to see who our overall singles champion at our annual Christmas luncheon. This challenge doesn't always reflect the skill level of the players as Bowls can be a fluke game and there have been some really good players that have been put out in the preliminaries. Listen out for our coming champion!

Often in the holidays, we have welcomed grandchildren to join us in playing. What better way to spend their holidays than to spend time with their grandparents in playing a sport. The children pick up the game very quickly. The game has an appeal that cuts across all age groups.

As some of our members get older, they are facing many challenges. The longest serving member of our club was admitted to hospital and he faces giving up the game he has enjoyed for many years. Most of all though, it is the relationships with the people he has shared some of his life stores with that he misses the most. He is also not able to go back to live in the house that he shared with his wife. A few of the group have visited him hospital. Another gentleman in his nineties, recently widowed, has had to move into a retirement village and is no longer able to come.

In our prayer time during afternoon tea we are able to pray and ask for the Lord's mercy, guidance, peace, healing and love to people the Lord puts on our heart.

Bowls is really about a community of people caring for each other. Feel free to join us!

Louisa Hustwick

MONDAY NIGHT SPORTS

I have been blessed with the opportunity of running Monday Night Sport for the past year. This is basketball or a bit of Touch Rugby with many ankles taken, shots blocked, and posters given.

Monday Night Sport takes place in the Arena every Monday from 7 to 9pm. We usually play Basketball, but if the numbers are higher and the weather is nice, we set up Touch on the field. Over the year, we have seen many people from different backgrounds and ages attend. Backgrounds vary including people that go to MCBC, people from other churches and people that are still yet to find Jesus.

Our aim is to make Monday Night Sport a fun place where everyone feels comfortable. Seeing the friendships built and solidified over the many nights has been very encouraging for me, as these friendships between people from different ways of life would probably not have happened without this night. This is connecting people and strengthening the community around us.

Another thing that has been really encouraging for me is seeing how fast newer people get comfortable when they come, reflecting how accepting and friendly the people attending are.

A major goal I have for Monday Night Sport in 2019 is to increase the number of people coming, keeping them consistent, diversifying the sports, and getting us to go to the Sports Camp in Totara Springs next year. I think it would be great for our church to go back and make it an annual event we look forward to.

Overall I thank God for the opportunity he has blessed me with, and I look forward to see how this ministry continues to grow.

Dylan Agnew





SOCIAL

EVENTS

Events are a great part of what we do as a church...but why do we do them?

Events provide a great place of community, an awesome opportunity to invite others in to see what our community is like and a way to reflect God – he loves getting people together for all sorts of reasons and celebrations.

This years Light Party had 2,900 people on site. And how good was God with the weather? We woke up to an amazing fine day and it felt like God gave his stamp of approval on what was ahead for the day. In the background we had our truck stage break down on Lambie Dr and we had our food suppliers truck break down (interesting two things from a spiritual perspective?) but our volunteers took this in their stride, scrambled and made things happen. It was an awesome event that has a massive impact. For the first time, we invited our community to the After Party on Sunday morning and had about 12 families turn up. Welcome guys!

Light Party was sandwiched between two awful weather days. I had someone text me who lives in Papatoetoe. She said it started raining at their place at one minute past midnight! Thank you God for an awesome Light Party 24 hours!

Our Outdoor Movie was a different event – weather meant we had to rip all the chairs out of the auditorium and had an outdoor movie indoors! About 400 people turned up.

We do all sorts of events – Her Church and Blokes Church are a great excuse to do church differently. Our Bonfire Night out at Wards is such a fun night – being out on the farm is great and burning things is always a thrill!

Easter weekend is a significant weekend with young people on camps and Good Friday 8am service with about 300 people attending. Weekend Getaways are a real asset to developing relationships within our church...Festival One is being added to our Finlay Park option for our next weekend getaways over summer.

Events are a great entry point to our church community, a great place to serve and a great way to meet others! Please make the most of these opportunities!

FLAVOR CAFE

Another great year at Flavor Café! If you love numbers, check this out:

- Since the last annual report was written 1,400 coffees have been made
- 480 kids doughnuts have been consumed
- 1,480 sweet treats and cakes have been lovingly devoured

The parents have also really appreciated the upgrade to the cafe area this year. The café has been made warmer and more inviting and the large table allows for more parents to sit together.

More importantly, this café ministry is all about people. Each Tuesday morning Flavor Cafe has a queue of mums, dads, bubs and toddlers ordering coffee and chatting. Flavor is not only a place for parents and children to meet and play, it is a great connector forum whereby we are able to help in areas of need. Through conversations over coffee the team is able to learn where assistance may be needed i.e. Food parcels and tapping into other Life Care Centre programmes etc. A mum who attends regularly had this to say about her Tuesday mornings

"Flavor is a wonderful blessing and an awesome ministry. When my little one was around 6 months old another mum told me about a place where there is awesome cake and coffee. My girl is now 4 and we still go!" Flavor is more than just a play group, this community ministry was actually one of the things that led me to God. I figured if I can go to a church group I can go to a Sunday service and see if it was right for me. So thank you Flavor team, keep up the amazing work"

A huge shout out to the volunteers who help out on a roster basis.

A special mention to Ken Musgrove who helps with set up every week without fail. So very much appreciated!

In addition to my faithful band of vollies, I'm extremely grateful to members of our church who unexpectedly pop in to help with dishes. God always provides!

Annie Lamb



FORTY PLUS

40+ is a great way to meet and get together in small groups for some 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 one: and that is you must have a good time! The groups meet together for a meal and this can be anywhere you care to meet: at home, for a picnic, at a café for breakfast, lunch or dinner, at a beach or even right here at church. It is always as formal or informal as each group wants it to be. So 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.

Our Annual Banquet this year was held in the church foyer and attended by over 65 people. Ross Robertson was our very able MC. The food was delicious as always. Joy Austin introduced a game called "Getting to know you." Then the entertainment was provided by Nane Barnett and Ruby Page who sang a variety of songs and they were accompanied by Dr Mark Baynes on the piano. It was superb entertainment. They performed a bracket of songs after the main meal and another bracket after desert. Pastor Alastair 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 40plus group is a great way to get to know people you would probably only smile at on Sunday morning. You will increase your circle of friends and in some cases make some life long ones. Feel free to join us!

Rob & Diane Stone

COME WALKING

Two questions - The first: "Where are we going today?"

This question is asked at 9.30am on the first Friday of each month before we walk to our 'mystery' destination. The 'mystery' destination is varied: we have visited a garden, tried our hand at pottery, Papatoetoe library, Age Concern, VTNZ, Trampoline Park, PBTech, Papatoetoe High School and Krispy Kreme. In five years it has never been too wet to cancel a walk!

Our "point of interest" that we visit is unknown until we arrive, so walkers arrive with sparkly anticipation. An ice-breaker question starts people chatting, which continues over a barista coffee and cake on returning to the church.

You'll be amazed at the many interesting places within walking distance of MCBC we have discovered in our community. A morning well spent.

The second question: "Are there any more places left to visit?" Yes there are! Come join us – come walking!

Jill Hall

MANUKAU CITY BOARD GAME GROUP

When you hear board games, you may think of Scrabble and Monopoly. But there is a whole new range of adult board games that our group is involved in.

The board game group has continued to expand this year with an average of 10 to 15 people attending each month. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month and attract a range of different people, mostly from unchurched backgrounds.

We even hosted a kids board game afternoon earlier in the year during school holidays. We hope to run more special one-off events like this next year.

The board game group is mainly a social group, but we also advertise some of the church events throughout the year such as Her Church, Blokes Church, Light Party, and Alpha. Please pray that God will continue to use this ministry as a bridge to connect MCBC with the wider community.

Dan Nickoley

MORNING TEA TEAM

We wish to thank everyone in our team who helped us during the year with preparing the morning tea after Morning Church. There were no hassles and amazingly very little need to change the schedule; such available and willing people! Wow, God has blessed us all this year.

So, it's a warm and hearty thank you to Karen Page, Gail Vause, Sue Blackett, Dang Thi Xuan Nai, Lyn Haskett, Hester Strickland, Becky Renata-Auvaa and her family, Karlene Boa, Jenny Prakash, Seema Thakur, Noeline Davey, Lyn Newport, David and Heather Wheatley. I'm not too sure whether the Waltons helped us at any stage.

It's always a pleasure to see the friendly faces of our church family as they enjoy the post-service fellowship and for us to contribute as cheerful hosts. This is a ministry that impacts so many people in a positive and practical way and allows for good conversation in the foyer and café.

It has been important for us all to learn to serve with the Lord Jesus Christ as our leader and teacher in hospitality with welcoming, friendly hearts, especially when we have newcomers visiting.

Hebrews 13:1-2 Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Our team hope and pray that the Lord Jesus blesses you all as your bear witness to the truth of His Gospel through the Christmas and New Year Season.

Lots of love and blessings in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Scott & Nemie Smith

COFFEE FIX

Earlier this year, the staff were thinking about how to encourage people to get to the Sunday morning services on time and to encourage fellowship before Sunday morning services start. We also had a Barista coffee machine that was being underutilised and given Pastor Arnie loves his coffee, a great idea came to mind.

Every Sunday morning from 8:45am to 9:55am a team of dedicated baristas man that barista coffee machine producing that flat white, that latte, that Soy hot chocolate... or for the true coffee drinkers: that very Short Black.

This was Arnie's idea and I am proud to be part of the team of baristas who serve those flat whites before service and from time to time barista-made coffees at special events.

Meet the team: Ben Ross – Coffee Fix Team Leader, Steven Cope – Lead Trainer, Jean-Paul Goedhart, Ben Hall, Tane Hippolite, Bonnie Holmes, Meg Lloyd, Olivia Peterson, Kate Snook and Sheryl Williams

Highlight

The main idea behind Coffee Fix was to encourage fellowship as well as “networking” when special events are held at MCBC. The Brave Love conference was a major highlight for the Coffee Fix team in serving the Church and encouraging both fellowship and networking. Over two days, 330 attendees would come to listen to Shannon and her crew speak about Brave Love. But a thought was raised with Pastor Suz: why not serve coffees to our guests and attendees (Flat Whites are not served often in the USA) and so came the biggest operation the MCBC Coffee Fix Team has done to date.

The call was put out, a roster created and our Baristas put to the ultimate test: serving

some 200+ coffees over Saturday morning alone! And we did – with a smile! Our Brave Love guests were most impressed and there was plenty of fellowship and networking to be had over those coffees.

On behalf of the Coffee Fix team it was a privilege to serve those every Sunday morning (as well as those at Brave Love) and we look forward to continuing to serve in 2019 on Sunday mornings and those special events here at MCBC!

Our goals for 2019:

- Build the Barista team up to 16 volunteers (WE NEED YOU! If you like to know more see Ben Ross, Steve, Pastor Arnie for more; full training provided)
- Increase Sunday morning coffee sales to about 100 every Sunday
- Continue to be available and serve events at MCBC (see me or the church staff if you would like the Coffee Fix team serving at your event at MCBC... (subject to availability)

God Bless you all and looking forward to serving you in 2019

Ben Ross



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

TOASTMASTERS

Our Toastmasters Club hosted by MCBC continues its mission which is to empower members of the community with education in communication, confidence and leadership skills.

Currently the club consists of 22 members, 32% of which are from MCBC and the rest from our community. In the past year, our club has had approximately 150 speeches (and same number of evaluations!) plus 250 impromptu speeches in the form of table topics and various other roles.

As at the end of the Toastmaster year (30 June 2018), MCBC Toastmasters Club obtained a Presidents' Distinguished Award! This is the second year in a row, under the Distinguished Club Programme (DCP). This means, we attained 10 out of 10 of the DCP goals, including:

- 6 x Education goals = members completing their manuals and attaining individual awards
- 2 x Administration goals = club officers trained, and officer lists completed on time.
- 2 x Membership goals = 8 new members picked up.

New Executive

Role	Name	Qualification
President	Amit Sharma	CC
VP Education	James Hippolite	ACS, ALB, SR1
VP PR	Ben Ross	IP2
VP Memberships	Sonia Ng	
Treasurer	Linda Yu	
Secretary	Fiona Hippolite	CC, ALB, VC1
Sargent-At-Arms	Ashlyn Hart	CC
Immediate Past President	Ruth Malo	ACB, ALB

Key:

- CC = Competent Communicator
- ACB = Advanced Communication Bronze
- ACS = Advanced Communicator Silver
- CL = Competent Leader
- ALB = Advanced Leader Bronze
- ALS = Advanced Leader Silver
- SR = Strategic Relationships Pathways Track
- VC = Visionary Communicator Pathways Track
- IP = Innovative Planning Pathways Track

James Hippolite

GAVEL CLUB

Our MCBC Gavel Club is the only club in New Zealand for Kids ages 11-17 years. We started this club on the 17th May 2017. It is a fun and friendly place to develop confidence, leadership and communication skills. We meet weekly in the Church Chapel. My special and sincere thanks to Cleo and Regan for helping out in starting this club.

Our members are both young people from our community and from our church. And we would encourage more kids from our church to join us! This is a really good club that is so helpful to developing young people's skills and confidence. The kids are keen and love attending.

This year our Gavel club kids also got the opportunity to run a meeting at the Papatoetoe Recreation Centre for NZ SPORTS ACADEMY-Junior Rugby League Kids for a week. It was a pleasure to partner with a group who want to not only develop young people's sporting abilities, but also their speaking, confidence and character. Our kids were so good and professional and did an awesome job.

One of the Gavelier's got an opportunity to speak at a Toastmasters Area event. Every toastmaster present was so impressed with his speech and for what our club is doing for the community.

Also special thanks to Toastmasters Ashlyn, Ruth, Amit, Kingsley, Neil, Barry, Fiona, James, Manju and Christine for their help with the club and mentoring. Well done to all Mentors and young people! I would like to thank the parents who come and help run the meetings and our church also for allowing us to use their facilities as we develop New Zealand's future leaders!

Because of the success of this club, I have now been asked to start a club in West Auckland and also on the North Shore. We hope to begin these next year.

Warren Christie





FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Our church is used every day by a variety of people in a wide range of activities. We want our buildings to be a great tool to be used by our church people and a great asset to our community.

To achieve a comfortable environment we are gradually upgrading our air conditioning and have introduced air con in the foyer. This is a big room to heat in winter and the upgrade has made a huge difference. We have also addressed all the hot air generated from the kitchen with new ducting meaning this is a significantly more pleasant room to work in, especially during summer!

Because we want to create a welcoming, relaxing environment we have given the café a facelift. New table leaners, a large table and benches, and we have installed some amazing donated recycled timber panelling for the walls. New lighting and painting completes the look with almost all of this done by volunteers! Thanks guys – your work makes such a difference!

Outside the café, the clutter has been removed and we now have an area for our active youth, to skate, hang out, football and basketball. With the doors opens it increases the floor area of the café. We even have a firepit/table!

For our men that may have dreamed of a Man Cave at home, we are now working on a space where there will be tools and materials available for tutu-ing, banter and fellowship.

We are still researching the Container Village out the front of church which will incorporate a café and recycled clothing as a first point of contact for people to our church.

Many hands make light work and its always a thrill seeing the volunteers turn out in force to lend a hand, encourage and help keep our spaces new and fresh!

Mark Dawson

BUILDING HIREAGE

It's fantastic seeing God bring new people into His building through various groups that use our buildings for training courses and events.

I still love the comments like: "Is this a church?", "Wow, wish I could have fairy lights like that at my place" and my favourite comment: "Oh I've always wondered what it looked like in here when I drive past" because that's an easy ticket for me to offer them the 'Welcome to our place – it could also be your place' tour – which includes a walking tour of the building, live commentary of what we do here, and our one fun fact that the building used to be a roller skate rink (that always gets the 'oooh really?' reaction). The tour then ends with (of course) an invitation to Sunday service.

The eye catching Believe Series banners in the foyer have turned many heads. One lady who comes in Monday evenings for Te Reo classes had forgotten her umbrella here. She arrived one morning to collect it with her 10yr old son and he was captivated by the banners. He was over the moon when he got to take the series of collectable cards home with him "Oooh choice!... thank you!"

God has brought in new groups this year for us to look after: Crest Cleaning to run

their training and assessments; Worksafe NZ; a midwifery training class; the Infoodle Church Database roadshow; Wilson Home Trust; South Auckland HUB Homeless Count night; South Auckland Artists photo shoot and a charities fundraising seminar with Exult. We also have our regulars such as First Aid Training, Te Reo courses, child care days, District Health Board, community cooking classes and others. We are happy to hire our facilities to organisations and groups that sit comfortably alongside our mission of the church. This also provides some income for us as a church.

It's also been a privilege helping other churches who have asked us how we manage our hireage, from operations to pricing and future proofing it so collectively our great facilities are maintained well and attractive for future hirers.

My goal is foremost making people feel welcome, one conversation at a time. Whether they used to go to church and don't anymore or if they're believers of other religions – God has crossed our paths for a reason and I pray that our conversations spark curiosity, interest and a desire to belong to His family.

Norah Greyling

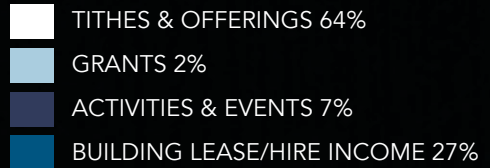
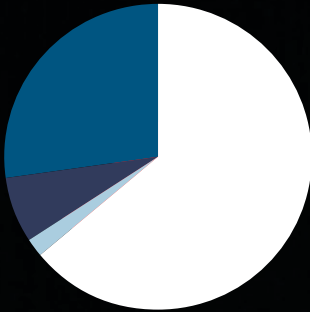


OUR FINANCIALS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

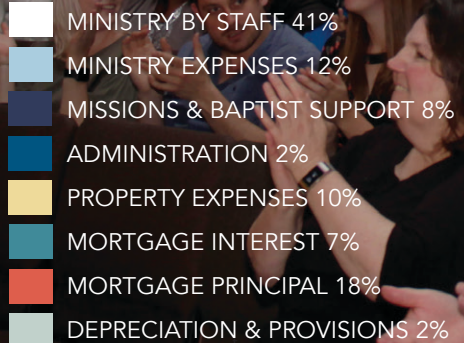
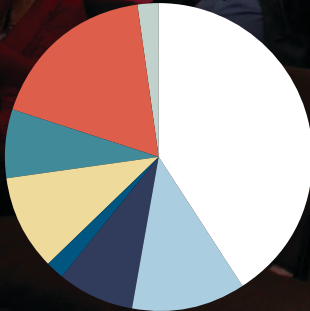
AT A GLANCE— WHERE OUR MONEY COMES FROM:

2017/2018



WHAT OUR MONEY GETS USED FOR:

2017/2018



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

▲ **\$31.7K**

INCREASE IN INCOME DUE TO INCREASED ATTENDANCE AND INCREASED BUILDING HIRE & LEASE INCOME

\$182,387

PAID OFF OUR BUILDINGS MORTGAGE THIS YEAR.

BALANCE: \$1,289,221

\$9,850

AFTER PAYMENTS ON OUR MORTGAGE, THE CHURCH MADE AN EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES ("PROFIT")

A full set of audited accounts are included. This is more than what is required for us to do as a charity for the size of our organisation, but we believe that it good financial responsibility to achieve this standard of audit.

We acknowledge the huge efforts to manage our finances of our Treasurer Diana Lynskey, Office Administrator Norah Greyling, the Management Team, our offering collectors & counters and tithing receipt preparers. Thank you for looking after the financial structures of our church.

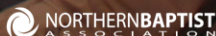
We acknowledge and thank the following organisations for grants received: Auckland Council, Baptist Children's Trust, Baptist Foundation, Tindall Foundation. These were used for Family Lifecare Centre courses and the Light Party.



Projects this year included refitting the café and Youth areas, a change of use for the outdoor courtyard area and installing Heat Pumps in the Foyer



All money contributed through the offering (unless otherwise specified) gets used for ministry purposes. It is building income that is used to pay off the mortgage on our buildings.



Manukau City Baptist Church

Performance Report

For the year ended 30 June 2018



Manukau City Baptist Church

Entity Information

For the year ended 30 June 2018



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Legal Name of Entity	Manukau City Baptist Church
Other Name of Entity (if any)	
Type of Entity and Legal Basis (if any)	Constituted member church of the Baptist Union
Registration Number	ICC11312
Registration Date	10 October 2007
Entity's Purpose or Mission	"We're a church who wants to make a difference to the lives of people in Manukau and around the world."
Entity Structure	Governed by an elder board.
Main Sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources	Bank funds and property assets and donations
Main Methods Used by the Entity to Raise Funds	Donations & property rentals
Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services	Significant
Additional Information if helpful	
Contact details	
Physical Address	91 Lambie Drive Manukau
Postal Address	PO Box 97101 Manukau City 2241
Email	admin@citybaptist.org.nz http://www.citybaptist.org.nz
Web Site	http://www.citybaptist.org.nz
Phone Number	(09)2768989
Accountants	
Auditor	Integrity Audit
Solicitor	Gazze Burt
Governance	Ross Abernethy Stephen Mhaere Alastair Graeme Hill Bryan Harold Page Tiana Judge John Sandnes Kevin Ward



Manukau City Baptist Church
Statement of Service Performance
For the year ended 30 June 2018



Manukau City Baptist Church
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2018

Description of the Entity's Outcomes	Actual*		Budget		Actual*	
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
<p>We are a multi-cultural, multi-generational church in the heart of Manukau City. We're a church who wants to make a difference to the lives of people in Manukau and around the world. To be effective in this outcome we need to have passionate spirituality, intentional evangelism, loving relationships, empowering leadership, nurturing small groups, gift orientated ministry, inspiring large groups and functional structures.</p>						
Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs						
Annual weekly morning attendance	22,669	20,707				
Annual night church attendance	3,904	3,328				
Number of baptisms	15	10				
Additional Output Measures:	<p>We have ministered with over 1,600 people per week, including our church members and other programs. The church runs programs for children, youth, young adults, adults and seniors with 6 full time staff and 6 part-time staff. There are personal care programs for our members. It reports and assesses the needs of our members. Through our church we have provided support and assistance to our members through a counselling service, overseas missions and community work, create a safe place for our members to share their stories and experiences. Our group work, based in dance and group design used the group therapy approach to help our members. We have sports activities with a 25 hour gym opening our free outdoor movie. We have sports activities with a 25 hour gym, and a 25 hour gym. We offer practical help to the community in the form of weekly fresh bread, frozen meals and a hot clothing exchange – all run for free to the community. Courses include: ESL, pre-marriage courses, Open Book Homes, Open Book Homes, Coast, ESL, pre-marriage courses and a Job Club.</p>					

The notes and accounting policies form an integral part of these financial statements.

	Actual This Year [1Y]	Actual Last Year [1Y]
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash was received from:		
Donations, fundraising and other similar cash income	680,071	639,778
Grants & Contracts plus this year income in Advance less last year income in Advance	11,955	16,801
Receipts from providing goods or services, building leases and hireage plus last year debtors less this year debtors	348,251	339,472
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	56	69
Net GST (refund) / paid	8,637	5,723
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to suppliers and employees plus TY prepaid + LY CL Less LY prepaid - TY CL	845,262	799,325
Donations or grants paid		
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	183,906	191,073
Cash flows in & out of Non-Current Items		
Cash was received from:		
Receipts from the sale of fixed assets		
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to acquire fixed assets	13,688	13,688
Payments from revenue reserves	7,693	7,693
Repayments of loans borrowed from other parties	182,387	157,747
Movement of Funds to pass on	11,769	648
Net Cash Flows from Non-current Activities	164,369	179,777
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	19,537	11,296
Opening Cash	43,785	32,489
Closing Cash	63,322	43,785
As stated in the Financial Position:		
Bank Accounts and Cash	63,322	43,785

The notes and accounting policies form an integral part of these financial statements.



Manukau City Baptist Church

Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 30 June 2018



NOTES	This Year	Last Year
INCOME		
Donations	660,071	639,778
Grant Income	16,435	24,125
Donations, Grants and other similar income	676,506	663,903
Activities, Events & Group Income	74,503	74,776
Building Lease & Hire	277,491	258,524
Income from providing events & facilities	351,994	333,301
Interest Income	55	88
Other Income	2,639	2,140
Total Income	1,051,193	999,411
EXPENDITURE		
Grant Expenditure	16,435	24,125
Supporting Others	79,233	79,619
Grants or Donations made	95,668	103,744
Activities & Events	15,285	32,869
Community Support	7,745	10,561
Group Ministry	61,595	58,053
Interest Expense	76,498	77,111
Office & Communications	25,468	26,379
Property Costs	100,206	92,278
Resources	4,644	5,396
Sunday Ministry	14,823	14,648
Staff Training & costs	3,641	5,607
Cost of providing events and facilities	309,903	322,903
Stipends & Allowances	413,627	414,177
Employment	819,199	840,823
<i>Total Expenditure</i>		
Operating Net Surplus (Deficit) before depreciation	211,994	168,588
Depreciation	19,758	23,052
Operating Net Surplus (Deficit) after depreciation	192,236	145,536
Payment for debt reduction	-182,387	-157,747
Payment for fixed asset purchased	0	-13,888
Net funds after payment for mortgage principal and fixed asset additions	9,850	-25,899

The notes and accounting policies form an integral part of these financial statements.



Manukau City Baptist Church

Statement of Movements in Equity Funds

For the year ended 30 June 2018



Accumulated Funds	This Year	Last Year
General Funds		
Opening Balance	\$ 3,853,139	\$ 3,717,602
Operating Net Surplus (Deficit) after depreciation	\$ 192,236	\$ 135,536
Closing Balance	\$ 4,045,375	\$ 3,853,139
Development Funds		
Opening Balance	\$ 38,533	\$ 46,226
Movements	\$ 6,249	(\$7,693)
Closing Balance	\$ 44,781	\$ 38,533
Period Period Adjustment (Note 4)	\$ 3,000	
Total Accumulated Member Funds	\$ 4,093,156	\$ 3,891,671

The notes and accounting policies form an integral part of these financial statements.



Manukau City Baptist Church

Statement of Financial Position
As at the 30 June 2018



Last Year

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	This Year	Last Year
Total Accumulated Member Funds	\$ 4,083,156	\$ 3,891,671

THIS IS REPRESENTED BY:-

MISC Cheque Account 00	58,458	30,112
Baptist Dev Trust 02	4,864	157
Camp Account	-	45
IF Call Account C685/16521	23,506	13,470
Accounts receivable	17,124	17,124
Prepayments and other	8,974	1,040
GST Refundable	136	8,973
Total Current Assets	95,938	70,922

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors & Accruals	21,566	39,032
Visa	2,845	3,507
Unspent Grants	5,000	9,480
Funds Held to Pass on	25,026	13,256
Total Current Liabilities	54,437	65,276

Working Capital

41,502

NON CURRENT ASSETS

5,340,875

NON CURRENT LIABILITIES

1,269,221

Total Net Assets

\$ 4,083,156

Chairperson *Oliver Sutherland* Dated 16/11/18
Treasurer *[Signature]* Dated 14.11.18

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Manukau City Baptist Church

Notes to the Accounts & Accounting Policies
For the year ended 30 June 2018

This year

Note 1	Depn Rate	Depreciation Schedule Categories	Opening Book Value	Additions / (Disposals)	Deprec.	Closing Book Value
	0%	Land and Buildings	\$ 5,198,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,198,538
	10%	Building Improvements	\$ 147,676	\$ 15,515	\$ 135,161	\$ 138,131
	30-50%	Church Equipment and Vehicles	\$ 11,421	\$ 4,243	\$ 7,178	\$ 8,486
			\$ 5,357,633	\$ -	\$ 19,748	\$ 5,340,875

Land and buildings are listed at cost of \$5,198,538.

Last year

	0.0%	Land and Buildings	\$ 5,199,538	\$ 13,688	\$ -	\$ 5,198,538
	10.0%	Building Improvements	\$ 149,812	\$ 15,824	\$ 15,824	\$ 149,812
	30-50%	Church Equipment and Vehicles	\$ 19,649	\$ 7,228	\$ 11,421	\$ 8,456
			\$ 5,369,000	\$ 23,952	\$ 23,952	\$ 5,322,000

Note 2

Term Yrs	Loans & Mortgages	Opening Balance	Interest	Interest Rate	Closing Balance
	Baptist Mabori Advance	\$ 1,000	\$ -	-	\$ -
	BSDS - EC117 Floating Mortgage	\$ 291,320	\$ 20,581	5.99%	\$ 312,733
	BSDS - FR118 Fixed Mortgage	\$ 1,079,287	\$ 65,917	5.99%	\$ 976,468
	BSDS - FR9 Interest Prep Loan	\$ 100,000	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 100,000
		\$ 1,471,607	\$ 76,498		\$ 1,289,221

Mortgages are secured over the church properties at 6 Lumley Drive, Manukau

Note 3

Grants in Advance	This Year Unspent	Received 2018	Spent 2018	Last Year
Auckland Council	\$ -	\$ 1,955	\$ 1,955	\$ -
Baptist Children's Trust	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
Tindall Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,480	\$ 4,480
	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,955	\$ 16,435	\$ 9,480

Note 4

Prior Period Adjustment
Prior year adjustment of \$3,000 has been done to correct the value of building improvement as a result of an incorrect journal entry back in 2016.

Statement of Accounting Policies

The Manukau City Baptist Church is an incorporated member church of the Baptist Union of churches. The Baptist Union was incorporated under the Baptist Incorporated Act 1923.

The notes and accounting policies form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Accounts & Accounting Policies CONTINUED

For the year ended 30 June 2018

General Accounting Policies

Manukau City Baptist Church has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-Fo-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Particular Accounting Policies

The following particular accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of earnings and the financial position have been applied:

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Fixed Assets

Land and buildings are at cost and not depreciated. All other fixed assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been calculated on a diminishing value basis over the estimated useful life of the assets. The rates of depreciation are shown in the depreciation schedule.

Debtors

Debtors have been recorded at their net realisable value.

Going Concern

The nature of the organisation is that it is reliant on the continued support of its members and funding bodies. The management is confident of receiving this ongoing support, and accordingly has adopted the going concern assumption, in the preparation of these financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

Income is recognised when invoiced, or receipted except where income is received in advance. Income in Advance is stated as a current liability where the funds have not yet been expended according to the authorised purpose, and those funds would be required to be repaid to the funder.

Income Tax Exemption

Section CW41 & 42 of the Income Tax Act 2007 exempt income tax on an organisation registered with the Charities Commission, and applying income to its charitable purposes. The Trust has Income Tax Exemption and Charitable status through its registration with the Charities Commission on the 10/10/2007 [CC11312].

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in the previous years.

Notes to the Accounts & Accounting Policies CONTINUED

For the year ended 30 June 2018

GST Exclusion

The entity is registered in terms of the Goods & Services Tax Act 1985. These statements have been prepared on a GST Excluded basis of accounting, and the Statement of Financial Position reflects any GST owing or due at balance date.

Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The entity has no material Capital commitments or Contingent liabilities as at balance date. [Last year \$nil]

Related Party Disclosures

The management committee are not aware of any related party transactions requiring disclosure.

Subsequent Events Disclosures

The management committee are not aware of any events subsequent to the balance date and prior to adopting these statements that requires disclosure.

Significant Grants and Donations with Conditions which have not been recorded as a Liability

Original Amt	Description*	None noted	Not fulfilled Amt	Purpose and Nature of the Condition(s)	Amount
	Goods or Services Provided to the Entity in Kind				
	Food for events				\$ 3,000
	Construction and building expertise				\$ 5,000
	Equipment & furniture				\$ 3,000
	Cashings				\$ 4,000

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To members of the MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Report on the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements contained in the performance report of the MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH on pages 4 to 10 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended, the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the matters outlined in the basis for a qualified opinion, the financial statements on page 4 to 10 present fairly the financial position of the MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH as at 30 June 2018 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with the requirements of Public Benefit Entity Simple Form Reporting – Accrual (PBE-SFR-A) (Not-For-Profit) [NFP] issued in New Zealand (NZ) by the NZ Accounting Standards Board relevant to reporting financial position, financial performance and cash flows.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

We obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence on which to base our opinion, except that our audit work has been limited in the -

- other than the donor received cash envelope income, we were not able to obtain sufficient evidence that all other non-receipted cash sources of income (for example but not limited to anonymous cash donations, event cash income, café cash, gym fees, and member ministries) were complete, due to the limited control until these cash sources are banked, and identifying the effect of not depreciating the building assets over an economic life.

Other than in our capacity as auditor and assisting

Governance Board Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The governance board is responsible for determining that the PBE-SFR-A NFP framework is applicable in the entity's circumstances, for the preparation of financial statements, and for such internal control as the governance board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the governance board is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We are also required to apply the explanatory guides EG Au 1 & Au9.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a

basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the board. Based on the audit evidence obtained, no material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report, and no assurances are provided for any future events or conditions that may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by governance.

We communicate with the board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Integrity Audit
 Chartered Accountants
 East Tamaki, Auckland
 15th November 2018

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

We have reviewed the Entry Information and Statement of Service Performance included in the performance report of the MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH for the year ended 30 June 2018, on pages 2 - 3.

Review Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing material has come to our attention that requires reporting to you. In our opinion we believe that for the year ended 30 June 2018, the reviewed non-financial information of the MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH on pages 2 to 3 do present fairly, in all material respects:

- a) the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, are suitable in the statement of service performance;
- b) and the entry information,

in accordance with the PBE SFR T 3 NZASB standards, and the EG A1 Explanatory Guide.

Restriction on responsibility

This report is made solely to the governance, in accordance with section 42F of the Charities Act 2005, and the constitution of the entity. Our limited assurance work has been undertaken so that we might state to the governance those matters we are required to state to them in an accountant's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the governance as a body, for our assurance work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Responsibilities of the Governance

The Governance of the MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH are responsible on behalf of the entity –

- a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable; to report in the statement of service performance;
- b) The preparation & fair presentation of the entry information and statement of service performance

in accordance with the PBE SFR T 3 NZASB standards, and along with such internal control as the governance determine is necessary, to enable the preparation and fair presentation for the year ended 30

June 2018, that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Reviewer's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying non-financial information that are required to be prepared by the governance in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Simple Formal Reporting tier 3 [PBE SFR T3] accrual accounting standards issued in NZ by the NZ Accounting Standards Board [NZASB], under the Financial Reporting Act 2013.

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements ISAE (NZ) 3000, Assurance Engagements other than the Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, ISAE (NZ) 3000 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the non-financial information, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. These standards also requires us to comply with the relevant ethical requirements of FRS 1 *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners*.

We are also required to apply the explanatory guides EG A1 & A9)

A review of the non-financial Entry Information and Statement of Service Performance in accordance with ISAE (NZ) 3000 is a limited assurance engagement. The assurance practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with ISAE (NZ) 3000. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the entry information and service performance statement.

Other than in our capacity as assurance practitioner we have no other relationship with, or interests in, the MANUKAU CITY BAPTIST CHURCH.



Integrity Audit EAST TAMAKI

Date : 1st November 2018



**WHAT WE
DO AT MCBC
SUNDAY CHURCH
10AM & 6.30PM**

SOCIAL

Parents Café,
Dinner Groups,
Women's Events,
Men's Events,
Board Games
Group

SPORTS

24 Hour Gym,
Fitness Classes,
Unicycling,
Indoor Bowls,
Walking Group,
Line Dancing,
Monday Night
Sports

**PRACTICAL
HELP**

Fresh Bread,
Frozen Meals, Kids
Clothing Xchange,
Food Parcel
Contacts

COURSES

Alpha, Marriage,
Men's, Faith,
Pre-Marriage,
Parenting,
Budgeting,
Job Club

CHILDREN

Mega Tots,
Mini Mega, Mega,
Girls' Brigade,
Families Nights,
School Holiday
Programme,
Mainly Music

YOUTH

Youth Group:
Max, Max D, Gap,
Events, Camps,
Social Activities,
Sports,
Gavel Club

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Light Party,
Outdoor Movies,
Concerts,
Christmas & Easter
Events

SENIORS

Super Friday,
Chapel Service,
Connect Groups,
Soul Talk,
Come Walking

CREATIVE

Musicians,
Singers, Sound,
Lighting, Drama,
Graphic Design,
Dance

OVERSEAS

Missions Group,
Short Term Missions
Trips, Funding
Projects, Long Term
Overseas
Placements

**PERSONAL
HELP**

Prayer & Advice,
Subsidised Counselling,
Baby Dedications,
Weddings,
Funerals

**FAITH
DEVELOPMENT**

Bible Studies,
Connect Groups,
Men's Groups,
Her Ministry,
Library & DVDs,
Prayer, Baptism
Communion

**PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Toastmasters,
Caregivers Support,
Te Reo Classes
English Language
Classes

**YOUNG
ADULTS**

Embassy, Discipleship,
Connect Groups,
Events



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