

MANUKAU CITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

2019



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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 Ministry
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 2019

27,063

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

23,569

TOTAL ATTENDEES AT MORNING CHURCH

3,704

TOTAL ATTENDEES AT NIGHT CHURCH

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCES

	MORNING CHURCH	NIGHT CHURCH
2013/14	384	73
2014/15	390	68
2015/16	392	76
2016/17	398	79
2017/18	434	96
2018/19	438	84



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF:

Ian Worrall Jennifer Aitken Hunt
Jeff Uy Nahum Wallace
Jonny Haylock Lydia Wallace
Damian Philpott Nathaneal Venema
Miracle Burdock Dylan Agnew
Izaak Tele Mollie Lloyd
Hugh Wilson Alice Al Hachache
Maureen Kishore Joanne Nepia
Kelle Dawson



WE REJOICE IN THE MARRIAGE OF:

Mandy & Warren Christie
Esther & JJ Zimri



TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:

332 PEOPLE

PASTOR ALASTAIR

As we look to 2020, we get a chance to reflect on what God has done, and what we believe it is that He wants us to pursue together as a church.

For me personally, I love the role I get to do here at MCBC. I get to work with an amazingly talented and gifted team with a variety of personalities and skills. Thank you guys – you are an awesome team! I then get to work within in church that is caring, loving and with a determined growing passion in pursuing Jesus together. Thank you for all you are and all you do.

You pursuing Jesus on a daily basis has a huge effect on our church, community, families, workplaces, places of study and neighbourhoods – go for it!

Lofty goal time: I simply want to be in a church where everyone knows how to lead someone to faith, and where everyone knows how to disciple someone. It isn't actually my goal, it came from another guy called Jesus! Those two things are actually simple enough. It's exciting that even an eight year old can explain the gospel to someone. And then there are amazing resources available to help us disciple others. We have six super discipleship options on our website that anyone can use – just click on 'Faith Development' on our web site to see the 'Super 6'.

In 2020, we want to celebrate and mark people's decision to follow Jesus better. We want to ensure that everyone has access to tools that can help you disciple someone. There are some changes to our Youth nights we are trialling. We are also continuing to look at the potential for a café and second-hand store to increase our welcome to MCBC and as an invitation to faith. Changes to the Arena and looking at our leadership development will keep us busy next year too!

May we follow Jesus closely and well together 2020.

Alastair (Arnie)



PASTOR SUZ

Genesis 24:40 He (Abraham) responded, "The LORD, in whose presence I have lived..." I discovered this verse when I was preparing to speak at Elevate National camp. I had been chatting with Jesus about 'How do I love you more?' and he led me to study Abraham. It was during this time that this verse jumped out at me... "The LORD, in whose presence I have lived..."

2019 has been an extremely busy year for me and for our church. I am constantly overwhelmed by the blessings and opportunities God gives me, and this year has seen many! In amongst this busyness Jesus has constantly been drawing me to spend more time with him and to be aware of his presence at all times. It is so easy to let go of our time with Jesus when there is so much to do and I know that I am just as guilty of being focussed on the task, but Jesus is constantly calling me back to being focussed on him. So as this very busy and amazing year ends, it is with absolute joy that I reflect back on it and know that the thing I have learnt most is to 'practise being in the presence of God'.

As a family we are preparing for our first wedding with my youngest Emerald being engaged to Izaak Tele. We are so excited about this and enjoying the preparation. We are navigating all the moments that go with these sorts of occasions and there have also been many tears as we journey this without Mark. Again though, Jesus has been inviting me into his presence through this all.

I would love to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have supported, loved and cared for me and my girls over 2019. This church knows how to do family well and I am so incredibly grateful for you all!

Suz



PASTOR MARTY

Kia ora tēnā koutou katoa. Who would have thought we would be here? This year has brought an addition to our family with the arrival of our little girl Beau in February. It has taken a fair bit of adjustment but it has also reminded me of how greatly appreciative we are for 'our village'. As a church family we get to care for each other and walk alongside each other through highs and lows. This year has certainly had plenty of both but I am so thankful for all that God has guided us through.

This year I spent a fair bit of time establishing and launching Hang Out Groups here at church. This is an arena for us to get the connection we all need. We need to have the small scale interactions with others and this is where we can then go Deeper in our faith. I am thankful for my own group and the support that it has provided and I'm really excited for how God is going to use these groups next year. If you aren't in one, then maybe it's something that you need to be thinking about. I have loved seeing groups form (including the crochet group!) and hearing about the impact they are having in people's lives.

As we have looked at our series this year talking about being Exile, one of the key sections for me has been the topic of mental health. This is an area where many of us struggle and feel shame. I'm so glad that we can talk about this healthily as a community and that we get to look out for each other in this area. As we head into 2020 I believe that we need to continue to equip ourselves for the challenges this area brings whilst caring for each other well. Personally that means continuing to have a good work / rest balance and spending time away from devices! I am looking forward to this next season that God is guiding us into and looking back over this year reminds me of how good God is through everything we face.

Marty

PASTOR TROY

Kia ora whanau,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you all so much for the warm welcome. Jess, Zion and I have enjoyed meeting everyone and are looking forward to meeting those we haven't yet met. We feel at home at MCBC and feel like whanau.

Jess and I believe unity is a key part of leadership and that this comes from relationship. So this term we have been focussing on being intentional about building relationship with our youth and youth leaders. John 17:22-23 "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

I'd also like to make a shout out to the amazing Kotahi leadership team! We have been blessed with an awesome group of guys and gals. Not only have they made this transition smooth, but they sacrifice their Wednesday evenings to bless the youth and go above and beyond to serve and lead them.

So, what is God doing? Looking to the future we asked the leaders what they would like to see at Kotahi, we prayed together and felt the words inclusiveness, worship, family culture, confidence in Jesus, connection and evangelism. We have already begun to see these things happen, and it's largely due to the awesome work that Bonnie and the team did before we arrived. At the end of the term we will be taking some youth to beach mission which will be great for their discipleship, and we have already started fundraising for Easter camp in 2020.

Thank you all so much for all your support and prayers.

Troy



PASTOR ALICK

Firstly I would like to thank and acknowledge the team of volunteers that have made our seniors activities possible this year.

Chapel Service: Over this year we have had a steady number between 40-50 people attend our services. We have had variety of speakers from our church, other churches and Christian organisations like Bible Society and Otara Baptist. They have come, shared and encouraged us in how we can impact our church and the community. The fellowship has been rich; singing and morning tea enjoyed by all that have attended.

Super Friday: Speakers from the community, craft activities and games have been along with morning tea and home baked lunch with food and music have been a great experience on the fourth Friday of each month. We have been happy to welcome new people who have come from the community to connect with us and have come back again and again this year.

Cruise Mission: Sixteen of us set off from Auckland for the Fiji Islands in May this year on our first Cruise Mission Trip. The aim was to see the 2,300 people on board as our village for the eight days and to be intentional in sharing our faith as the opportunity arises. We had a wonderful time connecting with each other, God, and those on board. We look forward to the next trip in May 2020.

Other Ministries that I have been involved this year is Indoor Bowls, Men's Study Group on Tuesdays, Hang Out Group, Go Walking, Find Out Fridays and Senior Outings on fifth Friday of the Month.

I am looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2020.

Alick



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FAITH DEVELOPMENT

MORNING CHURCH

This year at Morning Church we have looked at the topic of 'Church in Exile'. At first look – what a depressing theme! But when you look at the Bible, God's people were often living in circumstances where their faith had to be different to the world that surrounded them. In NZ, our Christian beliefs and morals are no longer shared with the country we live in and the church has been pushed to the margins of our society. We need to realise this, we can lament this, but then we have looked at how our faith can thrive when we are in exile. History tells us: faith thrives in adversity and difficulty.

The series raised some great questions including: How do we respond to our history and a changing cultural environment? What is the Bible's response to Mental Health? And what is God saying to the church through Revelation?

Our church is linked in the 'Pressing On' combined churches, so our preaching topics are similar to seven other Baptist churches around Auckland. This group of churches working together expands to eleven churches in 2020 stretching from Marsden Point to Tokoroa. Churches working together is an amazing miracle!

We have a great team of quality preachers here at MCBC and there is a variety in what happens in Morning Church. We have amazing teams that make a service work – our new barista team, car parking, worship, production, morning tea, children's & youth leaders, welcomers, prayers, cleaners, food providers, lock the doorers, count the offerings... and many more! Feel free to join any of those teams... but the biggest team we need all of us to be part of is the 'willing to talk to anyone and potentially pray for them' team! Are you keen for this every Sunday?

I always think that Morning Church is a great example of who God calls his own... it is a God given mixture of all sorts of people from many cultures, walks of life, background and experiences. And then God challenges us to join together in worship, teaching and pursuit of Him!

Pastor Alastair



NIGHT CHURCH

Night Church is one of my favourite places to be! Every week we see God working in people's lives and transforming them. A month ago a lady came to a service and encountered God in a way that she hadn't for years, she then brought her partner a few weeks later and God did exactly the same thing for him. God is doing stuff and it's so exciting to be a part of.

This year we have looked at a couple of different series topics. We started off with 'Jesus & the One' where we looked at how Jesus interacted with different people in the gospels. We had an interactive walk through for Easter, which was a chance for us to be creative and share the story through interaction with different parts of the journey Jesus went through. We did a series on the 10 Commandments and looking at how they are still current for us today, and are finishing this year looking at 'the Power of...' series where we are looking at the key things we need to be doing and applying in our lives.

Every week at Night church we eat together before the service and so special thanks goes out to all who have prepared meals for us! Night church is a place where our young people can grow in their giftings and there is space each week for people to pro-actively respond to the messages that are being spoken. If you have never been then I would encourage you to come and check it out. It is a great to have a different yet complimentary styled service to Morning Church. We are excited for next year and again the opportunity to do things in the way God will lead us.

Pastor Marty

CHAPEL SERVICE

We have had a variety of amazing speakers this year come and share at our chapel services. They have brought words of encouragement to our seniors in church and those from the community that attend. People have found it very refreshing.

Something that God has been speaking to me about this year is that He is still in need of the wisdom and life experiences of our Seniors who have walked through life faithfully. They still have a lot to give back to their families, church and community. So the speakers that have come to speak have been speaking along that whole Life and Faith in God experiences.

We have tried to offer in our chapel service this year a spiritual experience and connection with Christ, and others in the body of Christ, prayer and support if needed. Different ones that have come have experienced it in one way or another.

One of our Seniors said to me "Thank you for offering a service that makes us as Seniors feel we are Loved and Special in God's sight". They also have been challenged to live out their lives faithfully.

The encouraging thing I have found this year is that God is still committed to those that come, and seeing the work God's Holy Spirit is doing in the lives of those that come.

I look forward to 2020 to working with those that have been a great help in providing a service and seeing peoples lives changed more to follow Christ totally.

Pastor Alick

HER MINISTRY

'Honour, Encourage, Reach' are the words that our HER name stands for and this is the aim of our women's ministry. To make any HER event happen I have women who truly live out those words and make it possible for us to do our events. Thank you so, so much Sara Barrett, Donna Moorman, Tanya Sundnes and Colleen Zimri. You are all gifted, amazing and have the biggest servant hearts!

HER church this year was incredible as Irene Corbett and Tane Hippolite acted out parts of the story of Esther and we commissioned our women to Be Strong, Be Steadfast, Be willing as they walk as daughters of God in this very hard world. We love honouring and encouraging woman of all ages at this special service - and have a lot of fun doing it too!

HER Christmas was a time of thanksgiving and encouragement. As we looked back on 2019 and all the amazing things that the women of our church have done or have happen, we chose to focus on thanking God for it all. What a wonderful way to finish the year!

Pastor Suz



YOUNG ADULTS

We have had another amazing year at Embassy. Firstly, I just want to say the biggest thank you to my incredible team of leaders – Kevin & Joy Ward, Stephen & Kelli Bennett, Jono & Hannah, and Rufus & Evelyn Luther. This team is so invested and gifted. We have shared the load with teaching and facilitating our evenings which has made overseeing Embassy such a joy.

Embassy is for ages 18-30 and meets every Tuesday night at MCBC. We start our evenings with small groups – where we encourage everyone to get to know each other better and then gather together for the main teaching of the evening. This year we started with each of the leaders sharing their own personal faith journeys with the group. In the second term we did the course, 'When Helping Hurts'. This was excellent preparation for those of us who went on the Short Term Missions trip. We have also spent a lot of time teaching on how to study the bible for themselves. We felt this was very important with so much false teaching out there. This last term has been teaching them how to prepare and present their own testimonies. Our young adults are a thriving community and an absolute pleasure to walk alongside as they journey this part of their lives.

Pastor Suz



MEN'S MINISTRY

This Year we held a Men's Breakfast at which we talked about mental health with Grant Pritchard. We had a great time and it has been encouraging to see guys at church beginning to connect and grow. We had a golf event, again as a way for guys to connect together and it has been great to see people establish friendships from these events. Another group of guys attended Promise Keepers and we also hosted some Rugby World Cup games here at church.

We are now very close to having our Men's Shed open and operational. We are looking forward to the opportunities this will provide for us both internally and within our community and are so thankful for all those who have contributed to it, especially Rodney Seccombe who donated many of his tools. Sadly he passed away before seeing the vision come to life, he was truly behind the project and we are excited to see the fulfilment of that vision.

Next year our focus is to continue to create points of connection for our Men, places where we can start to know each other better and then look out how we take the next step – especially through the formation of Hangout Groups to encourage each other and grow in our faith. Thanks to the team – Ric, Brendan, Grant, John, Josh & James

Pastor Marty

BRAVE LOVE

Brave Love continues to grow not only in our church but throughout our nation. We now have three Brave Love Squads meeting every fortnight in South Auckland – one in Papakura, Papatoetoe and Goodwood Heights. If you haven't been to one and would like to, you are all so welcome. Brave Love is about women being activated in their God given purpose and then surrounding themselves with others who will champion and encourage each other in those callings.

We have also had two small seasonal gatherings – Autumn & Spring and then in August we had our Annual National Gathering. We had twenty-four YWAMers come from Kona and South Africa to be part of this event. One of our own precious ladies got up there and shared about how Brave Love had changed her life so much and she is now over 200 days free from alcohol. How incredible is that!

Pastor Suz

IGNITE PRAYER MINISTRY

There is an incredible group of people who have a heart for prayer and for encouraging others to pray here at MCBC. Without them we could not be as effective as we are as a church. Thank you so, so much Brian Page, Keith Thompson, Clark & Kay Hyland, Kelli Bennett and Faye Borlase & Tania Vail. You are a big blessing to me and our church.

Each Sunday of the month as a specialised prayer group praying in the upper room and in the chapel there is prayer for the service. 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 Max, Kotahi and Embassy that I know 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 a 45 minute prayer time from 5:15-6pm 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.

If you have never come along to one of these prayer meetings why don't you commit to one for 2020. We always love more people joining us to pray.

Pastor Suz

IGNITE PRAYER TEAM

What a privilege it is for our team of sixteen to continually pray for those who come forward at the end of a service and on other occasions too. As these prayer times are confidential there is little we can share of the details but feedback from those prayed for is always great to hear. Our God is a great God and always answers prayer.

Prayer for topics such as the following have been covered: Life threatening, surgical, general health, and mental health issues; moral, spiritual, and emotional issues; parenting, family and marriage issues; change of direction in life.

Some of the team have prayed through houses where people living in them have experienced unusual and disconcerting things. Some houses are prayed through before a family shifts into them. In these days of many beliefs and values, the previous occupants may have different spiritual values to that of the person shifting in, or currently living there. On occasion, the previous occupant has died in the house. Blessing and cleansing the house in God's name has brought relief.

Prayer outside of Sunday services is available on request, at a time that suits. If you feel God may be calling you to join our team, please contact the church staff. The Church office or Pastors are also willing to pass on requests for personal prayer.

Ross & Iris Abernathy

ALPHA

Our Alpha course is such an awesome part of our church life and I am so privileged to be part of this amazing ministry. This year we did two courses again, with people making first time commitments to the Lord and some recommitting their lives. One lady had grown up in her family church and served for years but had fallen away when life got busy. Through an invitation from one of our church members she ended up coming along to our second Alpha course and had an amazing revelation of God's love for her while we were at our weekend away in Waihi. She came back freed from guilt, shame and unforgiveness. When we finished our course a few weeks ago, the last thing she said was how much happier and freer she is since coming to Alpha. This sort of testimony makes it all worthwhile.

I work with such a wonderful team for Alpha – Keith Thompson leads the way and is so passionate about people coming to know Jesus. It is a delight to work with him. Our other leaders are James & Nicola Corbett, Dan Nickoley, Sheryl Williams, Ross Robertson, and Sandra Nelson. These guys are so patient and loving and do such an awesome job. I just want to take this opportunity to say to these leaders - thank you so, so much for your commitment! We couldn't do it without you!

Pastor Suz

MISSIONS

This year has been unusual in that we have had a visit from all our people serving overseas. What a privilege to hear their stories, share in their ministries and have them in our homes for meals to care and support them.

- Neil and Barb Perry completed their term with Tranzsend in Macau and have now settled in Whakatane.
- Phil, Ruth, Jemima and Zeke Robinson in the Philippines visited last summer.
- Ruth Page visited for home assignment and shared about her work and journey.
- Angela Cornelius visited with two of their adopted children from Thailand: Bunny and Nadee. It was great to meet the girls and get their perspective. There were many firsts for them: travelling overseas, visiting a beach, visiting the snow and more! Dan has come and shared more of their life and how they are being used with the young people they care for.
- Prayer and Self Denial videos featured Tranzsend taking our own Pastor Alastair around the NZ Baptist mission field. We raised \$8,000 for Kalasin in Thailand for projects taking the gospel to locals in their heart language. As a result of this time, the Czepanski family has gone to Bangladesh for a year to work and help set up the IT systems and learning for the students – exciting!
- A short term mission team of young adults went to Philippines for two weeks. They were challenged and inspired by their time helping the Robinson family.
- A group of older people went on our first ever Cruise Ship Ministry to Fiji. They engaged in conversations with travellers and were able to participate in the local Baptist church.
- A group also went to the Rugby World Cup in Japan where they shared their faith in conjunction with local churches.

Faye Borlase



FIJI CRUISE MISSION

Sixteen of us mostly from MCBC went to Fiji on the cruise ship Pacific Aria from the 23rd to the 31st May. The aim was to view the community of approx 2300 on board as our village for the week. We spent some time prior to going meeting and training as to how to have intentional conversation around sharing our faith when the opportunity arose. As well as connecting meaningfully with those on-board it was about connecting with God and each other.

On the four sailing mornings we met up for an hour, checked in with each other, had a devotion, prayer and worship time and welcomed others to join us that we had met along the way.

On arrival in Suva we attended Unity Baptist Church. Alick preached, some ladies took Sunday School and we joined them in their service. We also took lots of donations for them to distribute in support of their community ministry.

Denarau/Nadi was a chance to look around and shop then at Dravunui Island we loved swimming, relaxing in the sun and getting to know the locals in their beautiful village.

We were excited at seeing how the Lord used us and blessed us and are looking forward to the next trip around the same time in 2020.

Sheryl & Alick Williams

PHILIPPINES SHORT TERM MISSION

In July I got to be part of an amazing team to the Philippines to work alongside Phil & Ruth Robinson in Malolos and Mindoro. The team was: Danyon Haskett, Dylan Agnew, Riccardo Chandra, Ben Hall, Casey Clark, Izaak Tele, Emerald Holmes, Rufus & Evelyn Luther, John, Tanya, Soren & Caleb Sundnes and myself.

We had the most remarkable two weeks there serving, teaching, praying, cooking over wood fires, washing clothes in the stream, preaching, leading worship, doing a children's programme, shopping for the village and just spending time with people. There are way too many highlights to even begin to mention but if I had to write about one it would be having so much fun with our team. We laughed so much, even in the hardest times – like the three nights that eighteen of us slept in one room! But this team never complained, but rather made this trip an absolute blessing!

To those of you thinking of doing a short missions trip I say go for it – you won't regret it!

Pastor Suz

LADIES FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

What a joy it is getting together with other ladies to encourage them, share God's word and to pray together. We also manage to fit in some great morning tea, some good chat and there is always plenty of laughter!

My thanks to Marj McLaren who took over while I was in hospital for three months. Our thanks to Ruth Page and Manukau Police, also Diane with her dog for speaking for us. Thank you Ken Musgrove for setting up the hall also Marj for her great morning tea also Margaret Mackwood-Smith for helping with set up.

Most of all, thank you ladies for your encouragement this year - it is a pleasure getting together with you all! The Lord Bless you all, see you next year.

Heather Hughes

LIBRARY

I love that our library is a constantly changing place and a great resource for so many people.

Once again we have added to our library collection with new books, DVDs and CDs. There is a good variety of material to suit all tastes. The children's section continues to be very popular! There is a group of dedicated adult borrowers, but there is room to see more use made of the adult sections. A new section this year, identifiable by a red spot on the spine, has been dedicated to books and DVDs on healthy relationships and sexuality. It is great to have some a growing number of books on building healthy relationships.

If you have difficulty identifying the subject you want, just ask our very willing librarians. They do a great job and are always willing to help. The library is free to all church post box users and is open on Sunday morning staffed by volunteers to assist you, but there is self-service available 7 days a week whenever the church is open.

Joy Austin



CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The children and their families at MCBC are such an exciting bunch of people to work with. With our main programmes on Sunday morning we often forget the other things that go on. Our Spiritual parenting course was a great time of learning and growing together with a catch phrase being.... 'what needs doing here?' This past year a Dad and daughters group has started up by a Dad who saw the need.

BIG MEGA

Big Mega includes children from seven year olds to year six at school. On any given Sunday there will be between 40-60 kids upstairs learning about God's awesome love, His plan for them and having fun together. Easter was a high point as we spent several weeks looking at the significance of what Jesus did for us. One of the best stories from the year was one of a young girl from Mega who told her grown-up she wanted to give her heart to the Lord. God is good!

MINI MEGA

Mini mega has experienced a lot of growth this year so has moved to occupy two rooms. They have had lots of fun with songs, games, crafts, play and bible stories about People of the bible and Walking with Jesus. Our kids have lots of questions for our leaders: Annie, Miracle, Harmony and Mary. A favourite question being: "Can God even love you when you're in Australia?"

LIL' MEGA

Our programme for 1-4 year olds is fun, noisy, messy and busy. The kids (and often a lot of their grown-ups) have a Bible story, songs, crafts and free play and generally hang-out together. Lisa, Naomi and Normita lead our wonderful team of volunteers that make Lil' Mega possible.

Denise Snook

MAINLY MUSIC

Our Mainly Music programme runs in the chapel and has grown so much that it is now spilling into the foyer! We run on a Tuesday morning in term time from 9.30 – 10 am. It is followed by Flavor Café and playgroup which then runs till 12.

On any given Tuesday you can find between 29-50 preschoolers (wow!) with their grown-up having fun enjoying Music and actions, props and God songs. Many of the attendees are community families and a growing number are coming from the Space programme run here at MCBC through the Family Lifecare Centre.

This year we have had themes of Under the sea, Occupations, Animals, Seasons, Fathers Day, Mothers Day, Easter and of course Christmas.

We have a great team of eleven women who lead this ministry and use their many talents from craft, admin, singing and welcoming smiles. Thanks team for all your amazing time and energy!

April Head

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

It's always a pleasure to go to Manurewa Central for Bible in School. The children are always keen to hear the stories from the Bible and do the puzzles and games prepared for them. We try to sow the seed and pray that the seed will grow.

Trixie Gurney

GIRLS' BRIGADE

This year has been a wonderful, but exhausting year for the leaders in Girls' Brigade. We have had a couple of changes in leadership this year, with myself, Mary (who is our new helper) and Lorraine working with the Juniors; Rebekka (and Dominic), Michaela and Kim working with the Seniors; and Holly with the Pioneers.

As a Company we have had highlights with our 'Minute to Win It' fun night, the annual pool trip, World of Friends African event and a fun Christmas craft event with our South Auckland Area. It was exciting to see our Company being the largest group at the most recent event and we hope that our company continues to grow.

For our subjects this year the Juniors (5-8 years) did well at creating nail art and learned how to use a hammer and nails (which was a painful experience in more ways than one for the leaders!) The younger girls tried bucket drumming which was very loud and we put together our own performance to the song 'Happy' by Pharrell. The highlight for the Juniors would probably be when we took turns at waiting tables for our friends and serving them.

Food was certainly a highlight for the Seniors (9-12 years) who loved both subjects - camp cooking and baking. Thanks to Donna who had some brilliant ideas and helped out with our bigger group of Seniors. Many of the girls would have another highlight this year, which is playing basketball! Huge thanks to Dylan who came along to teach basketball skills for all six weeks of the subject. Very brave!

The Pioneers (13-18 years) did an interesting study of short films and how to create them. For their Spiritual subject, Holly took them through an in-depth study of some of the Psalms. It is so encouraging to hear their discussions and ideas about God's word and their own personal walk.

Next year we are considering making some changes in our programme and looking to the future for our girls, our diverse church and our local community. Thank you to our church family who support us and we ask for you to pray for God's guidance in making choices with our programme for 2020.

Blessings, Sarah Woods
1st Papatoetoe GB Captain





MAX (YR 7-9) | FRIDAYS

What a crazy year it has been! I feel like we have been in the lab this year; experimenting, trying new things and really seeking what the Lord is wanting for Max and the cool bunch of young people we get to hang out with.

We have attempted a different approach to discipleship this year, after we figured that the power of Jesus is the most compelling thing in this world (especially compared to an X-Box on a Friday night), and we have seen so much fruit which has been astounding. Our Maxers have encountered Jesus, worshipping, praying for each other, making first-time decisions and re-commitments to follow Jesus, sharing the Gospel with their friends, growing deeper in their biblical knowledge, and we've seen real transformation in their character and faith.

Other fun highlights include: beach trips, small group nights, ice skating, building community, dressing up, eating crazy foods, sticky night, eCamp, Max MasterChef, sports nights, volunteering at the Light Party, competing in challenges for glory and lollies etc.

Topics we've looked at: Identity, Army Basic Training in faith, being Salt & Light, and the Invitations of Jesus - what Jesus invites us into, with Action Steps to live out.

We have a bunch of incredible leaders at Max and I am so thankful for them and their commitment to discipling our young people. Sadly, we farewelled a big group of our ol' faithful leaders who finished up after a very long tenure – you guys have impacted the lives of so many and we pray huge blessings over you all!

I'm really looking forward to everything God has in store for us next year! If you would like to be part of this super fun ministry, please get in touch.

Casey Clark

MAX DELUXE (YR 7-9) | SUNDAYS

Max D has been a crazy fun adventure with some zany and crazy games and some deep messages and topics all mixed together into one big Max D slushy. From three-legged extreme musical chairs (whatever that is???) to finding links between different verses and passages throughout the whole bible – we've done it all.

The main idea of the year was to link the Friday nights and the Sunday mornings together. We would introduce a topic on Friday and then follow on and go deeper into that same topic on the Sunday.

Throughout the whole year though, among all the 'controlled chaos' we've had one goal in mind: to help these awesome young ones love Jesus more and therefore love people more. It's been an absolute thrill being able to lead and share life with all the guys this last year and we're all super excited for the amazing future God has in store for them all.

**God bless you,
Micah and the Max Deluxe Team**

KOTAHI YOUTH (YR 10-13)

This year for Kotahi has been one of change and growth. The year started with a number of the leaders leaving due to different circumstances, and a couple of new leaders joining the team. These leaders have been amazing over this year as we have navigated all the changes in leadership and continued to support the youth and consistently turn up.

As always Easter camp is a massive highlight for Kotahi, this year definitely lived up to the hype. With around forty youth, seventeen crazy adult helpers/leaders, and one exciting bus ride down to Mystery Creek. We had an amazing time of encounter, community, and a couple of youth gave their lives to the Lord.

Throughout the rest of the year, Kotahi had a strong theme of identity in Christ and our story in God's story. We had each of the youth declaring what God says about who they are in Christ, and throughout term three each of the leaders shared their testimony. Bonnie Holmes also stepped down as the key youth leader and we went through a process of transition as she left, and Troy Renata-Paul came on board as the new Youth Pastor. We will miss Bonnie but are equally excited about what Troy has already done and will bring to the youth going ahead. Term four, with Troy coming on board, we have been looking at what it means and looks like to choose Jesus daily. The youth have been very responsive, and open to what God is doing. Here is to another awesome year spent with an amazing bunch of young people and seeing them continually seek Jesus individually and in community.

**Blessings,
David Preston & Pastor Troy**



COURSES

FAMILY LIFECARE

The Family Lifecare Centre (FLC) has continued to provide a place for a number of people in Manukau to be part of our community and to receive support.

Here are just two stories of people who have attended our CAP Job Club this year: One of the participants of our CAP Job Club this year was a twenty year-old woman who is not a Christian. She came along to Job Club after her mum saw our advertising at Hunters Plaza. After completing the course she then got two part-time jobs in hospitality. It continued to be a struggle to find purpose and direction for her life. She got in touch with Debs (our Job Club Manager) who was able to meet with her and pray for her. She continues to keep in touch with Debs, even though she has since moved to Australia.

Another of our Job Club members had recently moved to New Zealand from India so she, her husband and two children could all live together. After receiving support from our Job Club coaches, she gained employment firstly in a factory and then in an insurance company, which is the field she worked in, in India. We were also able to connect her with Dress for Success (now across the road from us in Lambie Drive) who provided her with outfits for her first week of insurance work.

As well as providing Job Club, the Family Lifecare Centre has continued to run Awhi Mai (Caring for Carers support group), CAP Money Course (budgeting), English class, The Parenting Children Course and Space For You and Your Baby. The majority of people attending our courses are from outside our church community. The programmes all continue to be facilitated by our fantastic group of volunteers.

In 2020, we will continue to provide these programmes free of charge to our community. We are also looking at ways we can support families in our church who foster children, and are considering providing a support programme for people with addictions.

We are thankful for funding grants given by the Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board and Baptist Community Ministries for Tindall Foundation.

For financial sustainability of the FLC in the future we are looking forward to opening a second-hand shop, which has been approved in concept by the Council.

Karlene Boa & Denise Snook



MARRIAGE COURSE

The Marriage Course was run on Sunday evenings, for eight weeks, in a candlelit atmosphere where couples have their own table, are served a light meal, and watch a DVD presentation interspersed with private discussion times. Most have relished this opportunity as a 'date night' to repair or simply enrich their marriage and we have seen great evidence of this. One couple, so enthusiastic about the course's benefits, want all their friends and family to sign up for next year!

This is an amazing opportunity to take time out and discuss things that we just don't usually talk about during the course of the week. It is so important to share our hopes and dreams and learn new ways to approach difficult or sensitive topics. Each night focuses on a different topic ranging from communication, love languages, melding two people from different family backgrounds, resolving conflict, and rekindling romance.

One couple who had been married quite a few years and had struck a 'pothole' on the way, came for counselling and then decided to do the Marriage Course. They were incredibly helped and made some new friends as well.

Importantly, a huge thanks to all those who helped by cooking and serving. We couldn't run this Course without you. Special thanks to Alan and Nicole French who are now part of our team. Also to Garey and Bev Clark for their amazing help when we were away.

Next year we are excited and looking forward to presenting the new updated version of Marriage Course which has just been re-filmed.

Kathy Symons

DEEPER BIBLE

Deeper Bible began in MCBC in October 2015. Since that time 200 people have enrolled in DB 101, with 146 people completing the first level (101). This year Deeper Bible 701 was held for the first time anywhere in the world at MCBC. Thirty-four participants have now completed the final level of Deeper Bible. There are a number from this 701 class who told me they wanted to quit because they thought it was too much for them. But to their credit they hung in there. They have now gone deeper than thousands who have entered Deeper Bible have gone before. They can be proud of what they have accomplished.

One participant said: "Deeper Bible is a revolution in how to 'study' the bible and not just read it. It takes you into a whole new understanding of where the Bible can take you. There is no limit to its depth so you can apply it through a life time of study. Whether a beginner or advanced student, you will find that using the Deeper Bible approach will enhance your studies in a totally new way. I cannot recommend it enough."

Ian Vail

TOASTMASTERS

MCBC TM Club is open to all members of the local community. For us, it is an excellent way to live out and share our faith, and advertising our church community and of the One at its head: our Lord Jesus.

We have three distinctives compared with the vast majority of Toastmasters clubs:

1. We start with a karakia/prayer of thanks to God and a request for blessing on all who come, members and visitors alike.
2. We actually welcome speeches dealing with religion or belief systems. We declare: "We do not discourage speeches of a religious nature."
3. YOU! Our third distinctive is you, our church with its blessing and support. We announce this often. We are grateful for it. The church's support with venue and facilities has meant that we have a low membership cost!

Our club is among the best in the whole of New Zealand! We started in 2015 and out of the three chances we have had to achieve the award, we have been a "10 out of 10" President's Distinguished Club THREE TIMES.

Our atmosphere is a welcoming, 'safe' environment, where helpful criticism of our speeches is wrapped up in real praise, so that we learn well and are encouraged.

This is what I personally find very fulfilling. I love to see people grow – and love to tell them the positives I see. New visitors have a great chance to learn to speak with confidence in front of a group of people – even with only ten seconds to prepare for a one-minute speech. (With no "errrrm" or "you know...") They understand that this is going to help them in their work and in the rest of their life!

We feel well-blessed with the diversity of our members. In each and every meeting, Saturday afternoons from 4-6pm, we often laugh and have fun times together, as well as learning the serious work of speech-making. As a result, we have 35 'paid-up', active members.

The highest award in the Toastmasters Education System is the Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). One of our founding members, James Hippolite, was awarded that this year. Our 200th meeting was on 30th November 2019 - what an achievement!

Thank you for praying with us. We greatly appreciate it.

Barry Shaw, ACB, ALB
President 2019-2020,
MCBC Toastmasters Club

GAVEL CLUB

Manukau City Youth Gavel Club is a place where 11-17 year olds are given the opportunity to develop their public speaking and leadership skills and develop great friendships. This is achieved through meeting every Wednesday right here at Manukau Baptist's Chapel from 5.45-7pm. The one catch is attendees are expected to speak in front of the group, but we assure you it does get easier over time and we have a lot of fun!

It has been encouraging to see several new members join over the past year. We have seen quiet and shy voices become louder and stronger. We have seen a young man stumble on his words and sit down only to get back up again and deliver his speech. We have seen a new immigrant come along week after week to deliver a one minute speech, about how our countries differ; not only teaching us about his culture but strengthening his English in the meantime. We have seen friendships grow and young people take up and thrive in leadership roles. Our future indeed looks bright in the hands of these amazing young people that God has entrusted to us.

We believe that Gavel Club is a great way to not only develop the skills as mentioned above but also to shine our light in a real way to our community. In addition, it opens the doors of our church in a unique way to those who might not normally enter it. We are looking at further growing our numbers whilst developing those who are currently attending in their roles within Gavel Club. It would be great to see more young members from our church attend as it is great fun and a fantastic evangelising tool. Please see Warren Christie if you'd like to check it out!

Warren Christie

SPIRITUAL PARENTING

We run a course called Spiritual parenting annually. This year we started with approx. twenty people attending. The course is DVD-based and is aimed at equipping parents. God wants hearts and souls that are shaped in vibrant faith and love toward Himself and others. In Spiritual Parenting we are called to depend upon God for our children's spiritual and moral development, urging us toward a heart posture of surrender and faithfulness.

The course is suitable for Parents of children from primary age through to late teens (although those with younger children are more than welcome). Look forward to seeing you there next year.

Denise Snook



CREATIVE

MUSIC WORSHIP

The worship ministry helps to facilitate corporate worship at our gatherings each Sunday, and requires a committed team of people who serve in production.

This year, it has been great to see us all work more collectively together across all areas, and with more synergy between morning and night services. We have integrated a shared approach for leading worship each service, providing richer experiences and supporting the development of new worship leaders.

It has been particularly encouraging to see many of our younger team members (Georgia, Harmony, Hugh, Jasmine, Sam, Reuben) who have an incredible heart for worship and a willingness to serve, grow in their abilities throughout this year – watch this space!

While prayer has always been a big part of our preparation in leading worship each service, this year we have been more intentional with a set prayer time for ALL of those involved in the service for that day. It has brought incredible unity and a greater sense of where God might be wanting to lead us.

This is a good place to acknowledge and thank the contributions of Mitch, Ray, Rufus and Evelyn, who have been a vital part of our team. Next year, we really look forward to welcoming new people to our team as others move on. Thursday night practices will be the key platform for us to help new members find their place in the team and become familiar with how everything works, before getting involved on Sundays.

Marcus & Toni Driller

PRODUCTION TEAM

The production team is responsible for creating an atmosphere of worship at church. 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, computer graphics teams have been working hard on maintaining consistent levels of production as well as 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 weekly services, we are involved in conferences, graduations, weddings, funerals, concerts and events like the Brave Love Gatherings.

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 lead more people into worship.

Gregory McKinnell

MEDIA/GRAPHIC DESIGN

The role of media and design is to bring unity to how we look as an organisation and community, but also in how we communicate effectively and share the Gospel creatively.

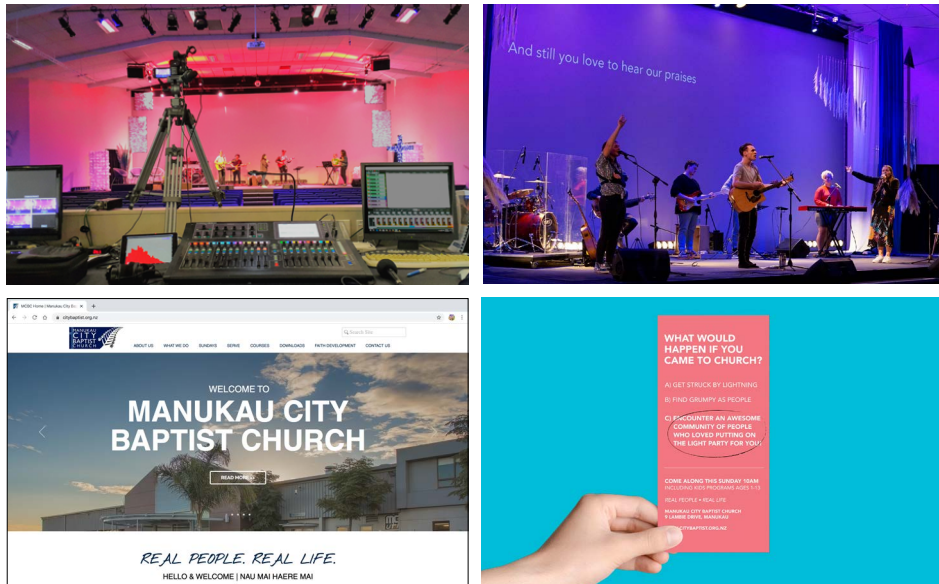
This year was super busy with graphics needed to be made to promote the short term missions, youth materials, events, the Brave Love re-brand, new road signage and signage for the Light Party which has been very successful. We also updated the 'Mega Kids', Max and Kotahi, and Meet n Eat branding – so that was fun! I'm very thankful for a new MacBook which meant I could produce work so much more quickly.

I had the incredible opportunity to go to Hillsong Worship and Creative Conference in Sydney this year – an inspiring time surrounded by all different sorts of people who love Jesus and love using their creativity for the glory of God and the expansion of His Church. A key learning from this weekend was how to allow the Holy Spirit to influence our creativity and how to use our skills to actually evangelise in the community. This has led to some bolder ideas coming out of this department which is exciting!

I continue to enjoy hearing that people have come to MCBC because they Googled churches and our name and website popped up or they saw our social media (we actually have reasonably a strong SEO strategy in place) – in this digital world it is important that we go where the people are, and more often than not, that's online.

A big shout out to all who helped out this year with filming, taking photos, cutting and folding etc. It's very much appreciated!

Casey Clark



PRACTICAL HELP

FOOD WITH THOUGHT

What a blessing it is to be able to bless others. Our team of home cooks have fed six families as they have welcomed their newborns into their homes this year.

Thank you so much to our team for being available to bless these families at a challenging season. Praise God for the miracle of new life!

Megan Carter

BREAD RUN & FOOD TO FILL A NEED

Bread Run has had a change this year. We have moved from Baker's Delight to now receiving food from South Auckland Christian Foodbank – they receive it from New World Papatoetoe. This has made it easier for our volunteers who no longer need give up their Friday evening and instead come in earlier on a Sunday morning. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out, you know who you are.

Food to Fill a Need has started as well. Food Harvest donate the food and on Sunday it gets distributed to those who need assistance. Regular food parcels are made as well as people helping themselves to the food after the service. Michelle has helped to set this up with me.

We had some teething issues trying to come up with a fair system that was Health and Safety friendly. After some trial and error the current buffet style has come about.

Feedback has been positive on all grounds. Families in the community and church alike are blessed and having both veges and bread available has been amazing.

"This food parcel is the difference between giving my kids veges or not". "Thank you for the food. We look forward to seeing what there is every week".

We are always looking for volunteers to help out so do come to see me if you would like to assist.

Rebekka Ross



COUNSELLING

This year has been another significant year for the Counselling team and we praise God for the opportunity to work with Him to bring healing in people's lives. Our aim at LifeCare Counselling Centre is to provide professional counselling at reasonable rates, to our church and community. Being able to offer this means some people get the help they would otherwise never consider. We also offer Supervision and ACC accredited counselling.

We have three counsellors working on a part-time basis with strengths in different areas, so we can work with a wide variety of issues. With God's infinite help and wisdom we work with children, teens, adults & couples struggling with many things including family and relationship issues, work related stress, grief & loss, abuse, depression, and anxiety.

It is an honour to hear very personal stories and journey with our clients, strengthening and encouraging them and such a thrill to see people walk out of our rooms refreshed and resourced to face what is ahead. The highlight of our sessions are when there are opportunities to see God transforming lives and healing deep hurts that have been hindering their freedom and crippling emotions..

Our goal is to reach into our community and bring the love of Jesus into the lives of those we meet with, through the grace and talents that he has trained and gifted us with. Over the last twelve month period we have had the privilege of working with about 93 people who were predominately from outside of our church and providing more than 500 counselling sessions.

We are very grateful for our well set up counselling rooms, and especially for the new heat pumps that bring so much more comfort for our clients.

Kathy Symons

KIDS CLOTHING EXCHANGE

What an awesome opportunity to help families in such a practical way as we recycle clothes (but really we are sharing the love!)

We have had another busy year and many families have been blessed with clothing for their children. The recycled clothes are also helpful for our families. These bins of clothes are also shared with the Mums who attend the Flavour Café. If you have second-hand children's clothes you would like to donate which are in a good clean condition, they can be placed in our green wheelie bin near the post boxes in the foyer

Sue Blackett



SPORTS

INDOOR BOWLS

This year has been a great year with very consistent numbers attending.

There have been always a great atmosphere each week. Experiencing enjoyment in our souls is vitally important to our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. *A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22*

Afternoon tea has always been an important part of our bowling club with an opportunity for members to consider prayer needs. We celebrate birthdays and give each members a birthday card containing a scripture so the gospel is preached.

Last year at our Christmas breakup function we enjoyed Pastor Alick and his wife Sheryl sing a couple of songs to entertain us. We had some fun bowls then we had our singles challenge playoff. We were very grateful for Bruce Rackam who had run the club originally for a number of years, come and award the Singles Champion with the trophy.

Members this year have had obstacles in life that they have had to cope with. A lady was in a car accident fracturing a vertebrae. People rallied around giving her support. Playing indoor bowls has really helped with her rehabilitation. A gentleman in his nineties had his car vanish. He now has decided to surrender his licence and is facing loosing his independence. Members are supporting him through this transition. A lady with already a busy household has taken on caring for her mum and dad and indoor bowls has been an outlet for her. Several members are battling mental illness, they have felt accepted and cared for at the bowls. Whatever people are going through that week they can for once in afternoon, come and forget about the cares of the world and enjoy them selves and go away feeling uplifted. Please pray for this amazing group, and feel free to join us!

Louisa Hustwick

24 HOUR GYM

Health and fitness is a great asset, and God encourages us to look after these things. Feel free to join us at the gym!

- \$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.

We've had visitors think about joining MCBC in order to have access to the most affordable gym in town and we pray this continues to open conversations to invite newcomers to church. We look forward to the Arena fit-out and the gym shifting to a bigger, airer space upstairs, plus the addition of a shower. This will be a great improvement, as members can then come work out and shower before heading off to work or church activities.

MONDAY NIGHT SPORTS

Monday night sports for the past year has seen ankles taken, shots blocked, and posters given. It takes place in the arena every Monday from 7-9pm. We usually play basketball, but if the numbers are higher and the weather is nice we set up a game of touch on the field.

Over the year we have seen many people from different backgrounds and ages attend; a mixture of people from MCBC, other churches and unchurched community, making Monday night sport a fun place where everyone feels comfortable. The friendships built and solidified over the year have been very encouraging to see, as these friendships between people from different ways of life would probably not have happened without this night. 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.

We are looking forward to hanging out in the newly refurbished arena also! Our goal for Monday night sport in 2020 is to increase the number of people coming along, being consistent, diversifying the sports, and getting us to go to the sports camp in Totara Springs. It would be great for our church to go back and make it an annual event to look forward to. We believe God has amazing things for the Monday night sports.

**Blessings,
Dylan and Pastor Troy**

UNICYCLING

Unicycling has been continuing this year, and we still have steady stream of those learning this amazing sport and skill.

We always go in at least one Christmas parade and I have done some teaching and demonstrations during year. One at MOTAT had over 120 people trying to learn. We are always at Light Party and love seeing all ages try our one wheel wonders (and a few other trick bikes we have!)

It is always more than just about the Unicycling - we always get to chat with parents and those attending, so have built some good relationships. Practising up at Totara Park is always a great time to chat with cyclists and those that walk up there too.

If ever you want to have a try, come along on Tuesday nights!

Bryan Page



SOCIAL

EVENTS

Doing something different can be challenging, but is usually refreshing and invigorating! We do various events as a church to fulfil the mission God has for us.

Light Party is a great example – it is a night we get to live out our values as a church: that we care for our community, that we are invitational, that we can do amazing things collectively and that we believe in serving, hard work and joy. But most of all, it represents that Jesus can be found at the centre of what we do. This year we had a record 3,400 people on site, the sun shone and joy filled our buildings and site. I love how Light Party has the opportunity to involve anyone here at MCBC whether you bring your own family, serve or even if you are able to pray from home and supply some Minties, we appreciate it! 2020 is 'At the Beach' theme so prepare your hawaiian shirt now!

This year our Weekend Getaways included Festival One as an option as well as Finlay Park. Connecting with others is what these two weekends are about. Awesome!

Good Friday service is where we see more people who don't regularly come to church... at a church service. We now do breakfast for over 300 people and follow this up with Easter Sunday service. Christmas Concert was memorable too – the beauty of Mary bringing God's son into the world was a stand-out moment (pass me the tissues!)

This year, we introduced our first couple of Volunteers Evenings. We appreciate how people serve, so the staff put on these evenings to honour, thank and have fun with our team of volunteers! A semi surprise barn dance had people in fits. Thanking people is so important – watch out for Veggies Night in 2020!

There have been Bonfire Nights, movie nights and all sorts of smaller events too. We love that our church is involved in such a variety of activities!

Pastor Alastair



FLAVOR CAFÉ

Firstly, a big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who each Tuesday bring their best smiles and willing hands to Flavor café. Flavor is a 'people first' ministry and I'm grateful for the kindness, hard work and great attitudes the volleys bring each week to build such a welcoming environment.

Running for the best part of ten years now, Flavor is a weekly café format outreach to parents with preschoolers. A place where mums and dads are able to kick back and relax over a coffee knowing their children are safe and well stimulated (as are the parents with our fantastic coffee).

With Mainly Music starting at 9.30am our volunteers are busy setting out the food and prepping the coffee machine to ensure we are good to go for the 10am rush.

Its been exciting to see a couple of ladies from job club joining the team to gain valuable 'café' experience and encouragement from the Flavor team as they pick up new skills. In addition this year, a craft table has been set up where the young ones are kept busy and supervised by our kind volunteers.

A development this year has been the services of Plunket Society offering a free drop in service for infants.

If you are aware of young mums or dads with preschool children please invite them along – Tuesdays at 10am.

COFFEE IS ALWAYS BEST WITH A FRIEND

Annie Lamb

FIND OUT FRIDAY

Seniors and others meet every Friday for an event. On the third Friday we meet to find out...anything. Show and tell creates questions

"How to do you knit?" "I'll show you."
"Have you seen this Twiddlemuff?" "I could use up my wool scraps for that!"
"How did you make that knee rug?" "It's called entrelac knitting. I'll get you the pattern."
"What do you do with all the courgettes my garden is producing?" "I've got a good recipe for a cake."
"When is the Men's Shed to be operational?" "Soon!" Some ladies want to do some making too.

Others bring their handcrafts of the moment and enjoy listening and chatting.

Third Friday of the month 9.30 am in the Lifecare room. Talking, laughing, fellowship and some work done.

Jill Hall

COME WALKING

"Where are we going today?" This question is often asked on the first Friday of every month as up to 22 wait to see where the destination will be. Sometimes the long way round gets more questions asked! It's just a matter of follow the leader.

This year we have walked/ambled around the Manukau City Centre and seen some distinctive artwork, the Sebel Hotel, a funeral home, Photo Life, a Papatoetoe Historical Society Exhibition of Shoes, and the Puhinui Station upgrade with an explanation of work being done. Our own Ben Ross showed an excellent visual and explanation of the history and future of Manukau. Malcolm Hinton has led the group to AA, Manukau Hospice Shop, and adventured with our Hop Card (free bus/train for seniors) to see both terminals at the airport. (The advice for future walks is to always bring your Hop Card - you never know where we will end up).

Pastor Alick usually joins us and sends us on our way with a prayer. A question is asked to get the conversation going. First Friday of the month 9.30am in the foyer. Join us. You'll like us.

Jill Hall

MEET N EAT

This year saw a change of name from 40plus to the new 'Meet n Eat!'

Meet n Eat is a great way to meet others, getting together in small groups, eating, talking and having fun. We have between 55-60 people in small groups of approximately 8 each.

Meet n Eat has no rules, but in saying that there is one, and that is you must have a good time. Groups can meet anywhere e.g. at homes, a picnic, at a local café, a beach or at church. It is always as formal or informal as each group wants it to be.

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

The banquet this year was held in the church foyer and attended by 63 people. Ross Robertson was our very able MC, the food was delicious as always and Pastor Alastair brought a well-received devotion. The entertainment was provided by our own Casey Clark who sang a variety of songs. It was superb entertainment and we thank her very much. At the end of the evening we moved into the new groupings for the second half of the year.

Being in a group that meets once a month is a great way to get to know people you may only otherwise smile at on Sunday morning. It is a great way to increase your circle of friends and maybe make some life long ones!

Rob & Diane Stone

BOARD GAME GROUP

The board game group has about ten people attending each month. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month and attract a range of different people, mostly from unchurched backgrounds.

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

SUPER FRIDAY

Super Friday is always a great day! This year we have tried to provide a variety of speakers, resources and activities for those that have come. We usually have between 50-60 attend this community programme and we have had a variety of speakers from the community come and speak on the needs of our seniors. We offer activities like crafts, board games, table tennis, indoor bowls. Plus we offer morning tea, and lunch after.

Speakers have come from various organisations and spoken on topics such as: Age Concern, Hospice, Heart Foundations, Equip (Mental Health), Beautification Manukau and free resources are often provided to us from those that come and speak. Our Seniors have enjoyed the speakers this year. It makes them feel their needs are as important as the younger generations.

People who come to Super Friday look for and enjoy: friendship, companionship, connection, fun, and good home made cooking for lunch. People say that they come to connect with other people because they are lonely at home and being on their own. We as a church have tried to provide a programme that offers people more than a place for activities and food but a place of connection, and friendships are built and fun times are had together. This approach of being here so they can enjoy being with others, has been very effective.

I have personally found the friendships built and connection with people and individuals having fun at Super Friday very rewarding. We have impacted people in the community because they look forward to coming every fourth Friday of the month and they bring their friends too.

One particular gentleman comes every Super Friday just to play table tennis and even brings his own bat. He loves it.

I look forward to seeing more people come to enjoy Super Friday programme in 2020 and connect with those already coming from the church and the community.

Pastor Alick



COFFEE FIX

Another year has gone in making sure the Sunday Morning Service had their flat whites and hot chocolates before the Services began. The team of seven (along with the extra volunteers from time to time) that are the Coffee Fix Team is a team I am proud of with the early starts and those last minute 9:54am rushes. My thanks to Tane, Bex (and family), Steven, Kate, Ben Hall and Meg for 2019.

One of the biggest privileges of Coffee Fix is just not serving the coffees but also Coffee Fix being an avenue to getting to know both church members and guests just that little bit better. If you are bringing a guest to church feel free to bring them over for a coffee or hot chocolate as great conversations have occurred over that cup of hot beverage that was \$2.50.

Our goals for next year are to build the team up to 12-16. If you like to help let myself or the Pastors know, and we will get trained up ready to go. As I mentioned early Coffee Fix is a great way to get to know fellow church members, great guests and have those conversation starts. Also, those chai cattes? We will investigate this for full roll out next year – both sweet and spicy options

Great hospitality = A welcoming time

Ben Ross

HOST TEAM

What an amazing team of people we have who serve us 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. This year we have talked as a team about the importance of making everyone feel at ease when they step on site at MCBC and it is always a pleasure to see the team stepping up and doing just that. Emerald Holmes has begun putting together a welcome team for Sunday Nights and it is exciting to see people take ownership of our role to take care of each other. We are always looking for more people to be involved so if you are interested in serving in any way, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Pastor Marty

CULTURAL GROUPS

INDIAN OUTREACH

Last few years we were having our Indian Service at Church. This year we wanted to try something different.

We are now having meetings in different homes. We encourage people to invite non-Christians into their homes so that they may be able to hear the gospel and have a bit of fellowship with them.

If you know anyone that would like us to go and have an Indian service at their house please contact us and we would be very willing.

Please continue to pray for the ever increasing non Christian Indians in South Auckland.

Jack Chandra & Manohar David

PASIFIKA GROUP

2019 has seen members of our Pasifika fellowship stretch and grow in all sorts of ways such as having a new precious baby, a new grandchild, seeking new employment, new promotions, developing themselves, and expanding and promoting their profession and calling inside and outside of church.

This year has seen a change of seasons with those in leadership being lead on, into new endeavours outside of church but on mission and still in community.

It has been a joy, privilege and delight to serve God through our people and church over the many years... the stretching growing our faith with the special memories and snapshot moments when God was placed first.

We are praying for a new direction of leaders and leadership with people who have the love, heart and passion to bring our Pasifika people and other cultures under our umbrella of diversity as one in Christ.

Your availability to be used by the lord will see you challenged and grow socially, spiritually, with the support of our church and pastors.

Akaata Haurua

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

BLOKES

If you're a bloke or just need to get a bloke out of the house and from under your feet, get him doing something constructive with his time in our new finished Blokes Shed!

It's got power tools, shade, light, power tools, a kettle and power tools. This is a great spot for Blokes to hang out, fix stuff, to encourage your fellow bloke. Bloke-ettes are more than welcome too! Got a table with a wobble or a three legged chair? There's a bloke that can help with that!

ARENA

It all started with a set of red fibreglass chairs getting sold on Trade Me... This meant old usable space is getting a makeover! The gym moving upstairs, showers are going in, walls are getting repaired and new flooring is going down. A bigger, safer space for more Sunday School classes and early morning gym goers.

CAFÉ

This has been percolating (a little coffee pun..) for a while now and its very exciting! We see the Café as a connecting place between the church and community. The architects concept plan combines the church, community, life care centre and a boutique second-hand clothing store. Pray for this please family. We want to be lead by the Holy Spirit, we need wisdom and future vision. Lord we commit our plans to you, we commit our community to you, in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Mark Dawson

BUILDING HIREAGE

Building hireage continues to thrive and welcome groups who are here to learn new skills, here for refresher courses or to interact with similar groups in the community. It also opens an opportunity for these organisations with values that align with ours, to be in God's house, to know where a great church is and what we have available.

I've personally enjoyed building on the relationships made with our recurring hirers where conversations have grown to: 'How's the new role going?' 'How are the kids?' 'You're new in the country, how's that been so far for you?' From this, I had the privilege of praying for someone facing a tough time with a family member, and then to see that prayer answered months later, when they told me that family member had given their heart to Jesus.

Sitting in my swing chair, in an office, you realise one may not go out to a typical mission field but that doesn't stop a mission coming to you. One hirer who has driven past our building every day for three years, walked into our office and left giving their heart to the Lord – so good!

We continue to receive great feedback about our facility and this year we've enjoyed welcoming new groups: Emerge Pacific Mental health training, Building Apprenticeship graduation, Immunisation training, Launchpad, and a weekly Plunket drop in centre.

You can't help but love the small part we get to do in God's bigger unseen and perfect plan simply by having our doors open to our community.

Norah Greyling

POTENTIAL FOR INCREASING OUR INTERACTION WITH OUR COMMUNITY

If you drive past our buildings, there is no outward indication of the life that happens within them.

We began investigating the possibility of adding a café and a second-hand store. As we investigated doing this with shipping containers, we had a growing realisation that this may not be the best long term solution for us.

Our Goals

To have a space that anyone is welcome to come to during the week, that they would meet people from our church community and know they are invited to check out our community further.

Café – 'Mission as Business' model. This is an awesome opportunity to invite our community to visit, and to extend that invitation to check out church further.

Second-hand Clothing Store – 'Business as Mission' model. This is to generate income for our Family Lifecare Centre, and an invitation to check out church further.

How we will do this

- New café built out the front of church connected to the Downstairs Lifecare rooms and the courtyard.
- Café to operate Monday to Saturday to the public with simple but tasty menu and great coffee.
- Building to be simple, yet appealing. Smaller building footprint, but maximising outdoor spaces.
- Available to be used by the church in the evenings (eg young adults group, Friday night outdoor musicians, birthdays etc).
- Second-hand store to be incorporated into the existing building by reconfiguring some of the front downstairs spaces and compliments the café.
- Increase the welcome to our church community.
- Financed through keeping our tenants in the rear buildings and that income will finance our front buildings.

Where we are at

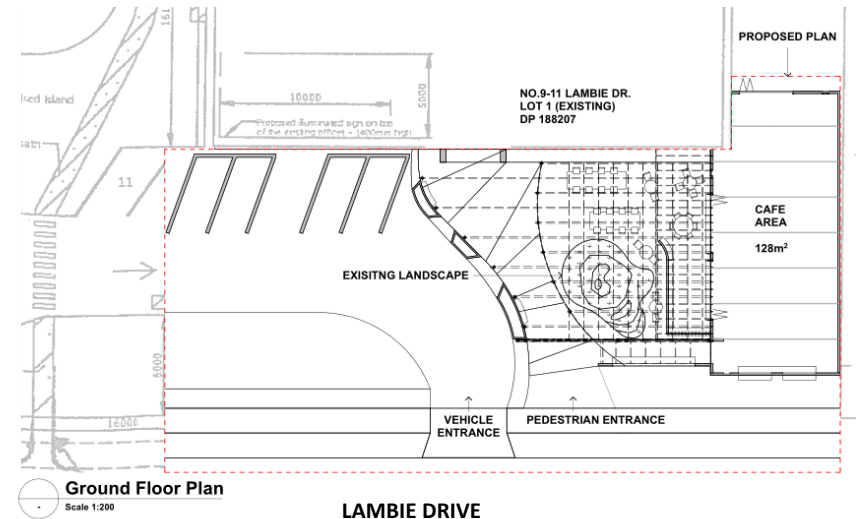
\$15k has been set aside to investigate the project, only a portion of that has been spent to date

Site has been surveyed, concept drawings done and pre application meeting with Council has happened. Council are satisfied with the concept.

Council's report was received in November, so we now need to look at costings.

BUT FIRST

We want to know your thoughts and comments! If you have any questions (or even some encouragement!) please email admin@citybaptist.org.nz or talk to any of the church staff.



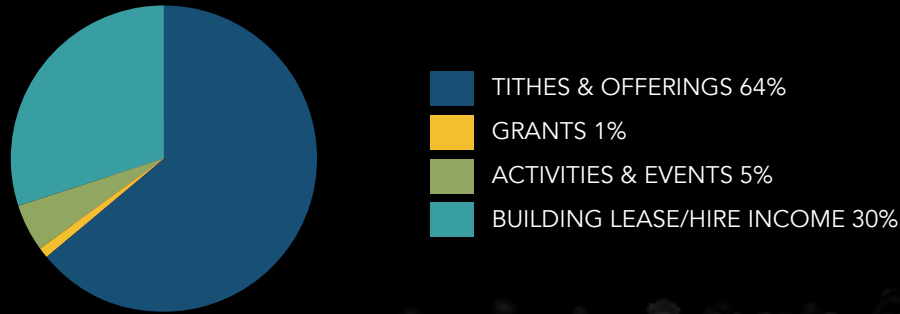
OUR FINANCIALS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

AT A GLANCE—

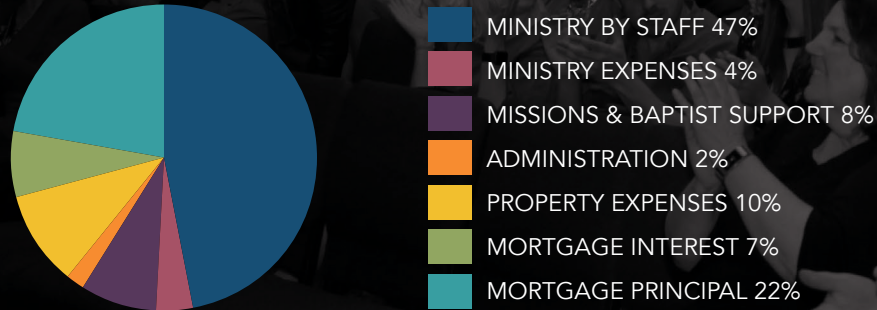
WHERE OUR MONEY COMES FROM:

2018/2019



WHAT OUR MONEY GETS USED FOR:

2018/2019



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

▲ **\$46.9K**

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

\$223,310

PRINCIPAL PAID OFF OUR BUILDINGS MORTGAGE THIS YEAR.

BALANCE: \$1,065,911

36%

OF MCBC INCOME IS NOW GENERATED BY SOMETHING OTHER THAN OFFERING INCOME

A full set of audited accounts will be made available as soon as possible. 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: counselling rooms, reconfiguring one of the Mega rooms and removing a wall in the offices. Planning is continuing for a café and second-hand store.



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.

MCBC DRAFT* ANNUAL ACCOUNTS	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20
For year ended 30 June 2019	Actual	Budget	ACTUAL	Current Budget
*audited accounts will be made available when audit process completed				
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	\$12,490	\$13,477	\$13,034	\$13,696
CHURCH INCOME				
Tithes and Offerings	649,454	700,810	677,786	712,214
Interest received	55	70	51	70
Cafe Income (excl Flavor Café)	7,022	5,500	8,907	7,000
Café Expenses (excl Flavor Café)	-5,885	-5,000	-7,455	-7,000
Other Income	2,639	3,000	2,415	2,500
	653,285	704,380	681,704	714,784
PROPERTY INCOME				
Leases Income	196,223	204,991	205,000	204,991
Building Offerings	10,617	4,000	10,231	9,000
Building Rental Expenses	-3,015	-4,000	-1,995	-2,000
Building Rental Income	81,269	75,000	90,347	85,000
	285,094	279,991	303,583	296,991
TOTAL INCOME	938,379	984,372	985,287	1,011,775
Pastoral, Ministry, Admin & Service Staff				
Stipend, Wages & Allowances	414,166	474,505	477,814	504,628
Training - Pastors & staff	1,997	7,000	5,780	7,000
	416,163	481,505	483,594	511,628
Ministries Expenses				
Children's Ministries				
meGa Sunday Childrens Programs	1,789	3,000	1,979	2,800
meGa Income	-12		-	-
meGa Courses and Resources	277	400	78	300
meGa Courses and Resources Income	-114	-300	-70	-200
Mainly Music	2,176	1,200	1,651	2,000
Mainly Music Income	-511	-1,200	-939	-2,200
Mainly Music MOE Funding			409	1,800
Mainly Music MOE Funding Income	-1,580	-1,800	-2,212	-1,800
Girls' Brigade	2,011	1,800	3,124	2,000
Girls Brigade Income	-1,304	-1,350	-1,795	-1,700
Flavor Cafe Tues Mornings	4,866	4,500	4,713	4,900
Flavor Cafe Tues Mornings Income	-5,912	-4,300	-5,283	-5,300
Youth				
Max	1,746	1,200	2,335	1,200
Kotahi	1,805	1,200	4,213	1,500
Youth General	2,884	5,500	3,323	4,000
Youth General Income	-2,614	-3,050	-2,453	-1,500
Night Church		300		300
Training Youth Leaders	3,386	4,450	3,050	4,000
Training Youth Leaders Income		-2,400	-2,961	-2,000
Youth Camps Sports, Easter etc	17,941	17,750	17,717	17,750
Youth Camps Costs Recovered	-17,941	-17,750	-17,717	-17,750
Youth Transport-Buses & Church Van	1,694	5,500	2,608	3,500
Youth Trans-Buses & Church Van Income	-3,364	-1,500	-1,500	-1,500
Young Adults	3,245	4,060	2,235	4,060
Young Adults Income	-1,565	-2,450	-2,324	-2,450
Beach Mission		5,000		5,000
Beach Mission Income				-5,000
Weekend Getaways	8,131	6,000	3,652	6,000
Weekend Getaways Income	-7,416	-6,000	-5,241	-6,000
Family LifeCare	20,380	30,499	11,302	31,910
Family LifeCare Income	-24,149	-30,539	-9,759	-16,000
Evangelism & Alpha	1,306	2,500	3,285	3,582
Evangelism & Alpha Income	-785	-1,500	-2,021	-1,960
Prayer Ministry		200		200

	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20
	Actual	Budget	ACTUAL	Budget
Marriage Courses	687	1,200	304	900
Marriage Courses Income	-435	-900		-900
Counselling supervision, training & subsidy	3,542	3,500	3,364	3,500
Church Care	523	600	147	500
Training (non staff) & Hang Out Groups	196	1,200	1,581	2,000
Blokes Ministries (incl PK)	713	3,200	1,256	3,200
Blokes Ministries Income	-470	-1,600	-537	-1,600
Her ministries	3,445	2,390	1,704	2,390
Her ministries Income	-2,455	-1,430	-990	-1,430
Brave Love	287	10,158	12,813	10,158
Brave Love Income	-995	-10,158	-14,171	-12,750
Indian Fellowship		400	-	-
Te Roopu Awhina	656	1,000	634	700
Te Roopu Awhina Income			-261	-
Events (incl Light Party)	7,929	9,000	9,541	9,500
Events (incl Light Party) Income	-5,345	-5,500	-4,252	-5,000
Gym	1,513	1,400	787	3,800
Gym Income	-1,991	-1,800	-1,850	-1,800
Library	174	800	1,118	1,000
Guest Speakers/Artists	1,300	2,000	467	1,000
Morning Church	3,868	1,800	2,072	2,200
Creative Ministries		250	-	-
Manukau Global Missions	96	300	666	500
Music Team	810	2,500	2,450	2,500
Production Team-Sound,Lights,Vid	6,195	6,150	5,039	7,450
Baptist National Hui	1,106	900	1,120	1,000
Ministerial Supplies	1,429	1,400	786	1,200
Publications & Publicity	676	1,200	1,988	2,000
Gavel Club & Toastmaster	161	500	233	500
Gavel Club & Toastmaster Income	-609	-500	-599	-500
Seniors Ministry	2,650	2,000	3,000	3,000
Seniors Ministry Income	-2,634	-2,000	-2,909	-3,000
	29,392	45,880	38,400	63,460
External Missions & Agencies we support				
World Missions	64,436	69,930	64,104	65,045
NZ Baptist Union	12,000	12,216	12,180	15,000
Northern Baptist Association	2,700	2,749	2,741	3,000
	79,136	84,895	79,025	83,045
Administration Expenses				
Office Expenses	8,120	7,600	9,430	8,200
Communications-Phones, Net, Mobiles ets	5,704	3,800	3,224	3,500
Office Equip & Computers	4,093	3,500	2,265	8,500
Accounts Audit & Legal	3,220	4,500	2,780	4,500
Finance costs-bank, database, payroll etc	4,330	4,500	5,088	5,200
Groceries & Misc	2,540	2,200	3,116	2,750
	28,007	26,100	25,903	32,650
Property Expenses				
Building Expenses & Maintainance	38,684	32,000	31,513	32,000
Kitchen	1,047	2,000	1,443	1,500
Insurance & Rates	13,050	27,000	21,415	29,000
Insurance & Rates Reimbursements	-	-7,000		-6,500
Cleaning Supplies & Contractor (NEW)	15,076	27,000	16,849	14,000
Gas, Electricity & water	29,183	29,000	29,336	27,000
	97,040	110,000	100,556	97,000
Repayment of loan & Interest	257,884	235,991	293,591	223,991
TOTAL EXPENSES	907,622	984,372	1,021,069	1,011,775
Accruals for EOY Actuals				
NET SURPLUS/(DEFECIT)	30,757	-	-35,782	-

Draft Balance Sheet Manukau City Baptist Church

For Year ended 30 June 2019

	Total
ASSETS	
Banking	
MCBC Account 00	51,790
Building Fund	165
Total Banking	51,955
Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	9,306
Prepayments	9,055
Clearing residual account	- 188
Total Current Assets	18,174
Fixed Assets	
Land and Buildings	5,198,536
Building Improvements	177,830
Church Equipment and Vehicles	50,344
Accumulated Depreciation	- 89,077
Total Fixed Assets	5,337,634
Total Asset	5,407,762
LIABILITIES	
Credit Card	
Visa Card 1	1,775
Visa Card 2	1,637
Total Credit Card	3,412

Current Liabilities	
Unearned Revenue	1,006
MoE Special Grant	2,357
JH Aotearoa	2,737
Self Denial, NZBMS, Mission Boxes	6,562
Provision for Holiday Pay	32,179
Accruals	17,874
GST collected	-
GST paid	- 1,519
Total Current Liabilities	61,194
Long Term Liabilities	
BSDS - EC117 Floating Mortgage	193,294
BSDS - FR39 Fixed Mortgage	872,617
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,065,911
Total Liability	1,130,518
Net Assets	4,277,245
EQUITY	
Current Earnings	168,284
Retained Earnings	730,099
Jehovah Jireh Fund	23,812
Accumulated fund - Youth fundraising	1,599
Accumulated Fund - Open Ended Bequests	4,089
Accumulated fund - Office Equipment	7,367
Accumulated Fund - Sound Equipment	12,392
Accumulated Fund - Church Van	1,900
Reserve - Short Term Missions	3,387
Reserve - CV Building Project	15,000
Allocate me (Deposit)	40
Historical balancing	3,309,276
Total Equity	4,277,245



WHAT WE DO AT MCBC
SUNDAY CHURCH
10AM & 6PM

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,
Monday Night
Sports

**PRACTICAL
HELP**

Fresh Bread/Veges,
Frozen Meals, Kids
Clothing Xchange,
Food Parcel
Contacts,
Men's Shed

COURSES

Alpha, Marriage,
Men, Faith,
Pre-Marriage,
Parenting, Space,
Budgeting,
Job Club

CHILDREN

Mega
Sunday School
& Creche,
Girls' Brigade,
Families Nights,
Mainly Music

YOUTH

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

**YOUNG
ADULTS**

Embassy,
Discipleship,
Connect Groups,
Social Events

**FAITH
DEVELOPMENT**

Bible Studies,
Hang Outs, Men's
Groups, Brave Love,
Her Ministry,
Library & DVDs,
Prayer, Baptism
Communion

**PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Toastmasters,
Caregivers Support,
Te Reo Classes
English Language
Classes

**PERSONAL
HELP**

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

OVERSEAS

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

SENIORS

Super Friday,
Chapel Service,
Connect Groups,
Craft Days,
Come Walking

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Light Party,
Concerts,
Christmas & Easter
Events

**CULTURAL
GROUPS**

Including:
Te Roopu Awhina,
Pacific Island,
Filipino, Indian,
International

CREATIVE

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



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