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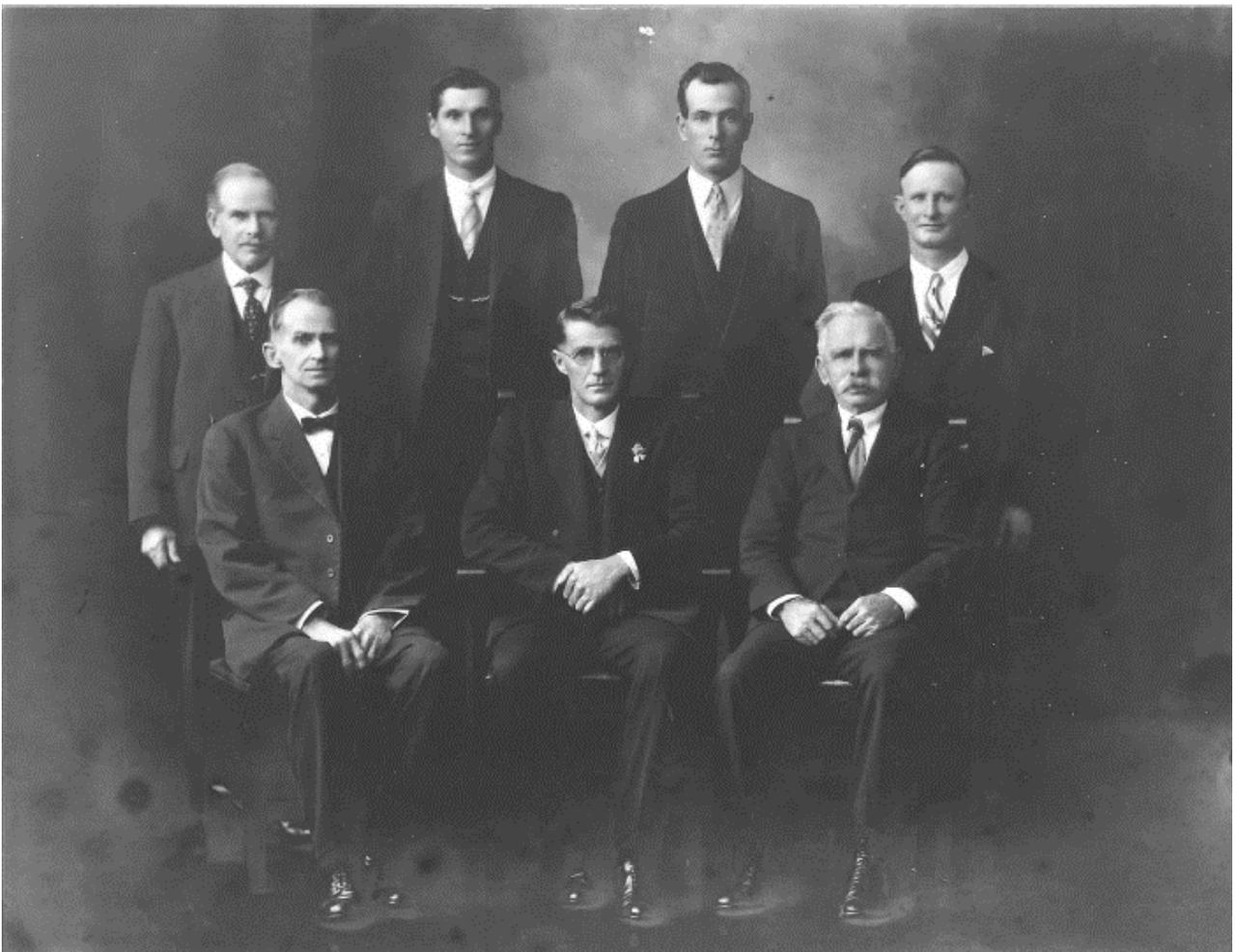


Annual Reports 2018

Church of Christ Bassendean Board 2017/2018

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Board of Officers – June 1933

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Romans 12:1-2 "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

In our present Sunday morning sermon series we have been continuing to work our way through the book of Romans. We're nearly there! From the middle of June this year we have particularly looked at how we are to live in the light of God's mercy to us and the atoning sacrifice of Christ for us. I believe the way we are to live as a saved person is best summarised in Romans 12:1-2. It is our **reasonable service** that we present our bodies to God as a **living and holy sacrifice**, and that we no longer be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the renewing of our mind** so that we might do God's will. My prayer is that we may be seeking to live like this, and to encourage each other to do the same. Praise God that we are not saved by living like this, but it is to be our joy to live like this for God's glory.

Also, in living these transformed lives, may we all know and practice the devotional life required to make it happen: reading God's Word each day, casting ourselves in prayer before His throne daily, and having regular fellowship with God's people. In the days we live, we need to be transformed so that our lives may be different from those who live for this fallen world, and so that people may see Jesus in us and be drawn to Him.

But besides having a transformed life, may we also have the courage to speak for Christ and the confidence to proclaim the Gospel. I love the words of the apostle Paul in Rom 1:16-17 *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; just as it is written, 'but the righteous man shall live by faith'."*

Let me now take the opportunity to thank you for your prayers and encouragement, both for myself and Colleen. We are blessed to know that we are loved and cared for.

I also thank the Lord over this past year for my fellow elders: Peter Spence, Ken Bruce Steve Borgogno, Peter Errington, and our apprentice elder Rod Manton; who has now been appointed as an elder. They are godly men who seek to shepherd our church under the guiding hand of the Great Shepherd.

I particularly thank the Lord for our brother Peter Spence, who visited many people during this transitional period while we've only had one pastor. Sadly, in April this year, Peter's invaluable pastoral care could no longer continue because of illness. Please continue to uphold Peter and his family in prayer.

Also, together with you, we thank the Lord for our deacons: Craig Bruce, Colin Chapman, Brendan Jacques, Graeme Jacques, Zalman Jacques, John Kirk and Shaun Reichenbach. We praise God for their faithful work, and their desire to help with many and various ministries; both of a spiritual and physical nature.

Although we have only had one pastor for the last eighteen months, we praise God for those who have stepped up to assist in preaching and visiting. Also, we are excited that Rod Manton's training is coming to an end, and for Rod's heart for pastoral ministry. We were blessed to have him minister among us in July of this year for five weeks, while I was away.

We are also thankful for the ministry of Kerry Jacques, our admin assistant. With her spiritual gifts and talents, and her dedication to her work, she is invaluable in her role; especially in relieving me and the elders of administrative duties, so that we can be more devoted to ministry (Acts 6:2, 4).

Let me now give a summary of some of the key areas of ministry that we have been blessed to be engaged in over this past year (acknowledging that it is the Lord's work through us).

Preaching

In our morning service we have mainly been doing a series through the book of Romans, with the series being broken from time to time with other messages that the Lord has laid on my heart. What a wonderful and Holy Spirit inspired book, the book of Romans is! It's our first teaching book in the New Testament, coming straight after the five historical books – the four Gospels and the book of Acts. In it, the true identity of Jesus is emphasised (Rom 1:4), the Gospel of God is explained (Rom 1-5), as well as our need to respond by believing in the Gospel for salvation (Rom 3), and then to live lives in the light of the Gospel for God's glory (Rom 6-16). The book of Romans is such an invaluable book in our Scriptures. May the Lord continue to speak to us through it, as we look at its closing chapters.

In our evening service, in the latter half of last year, we did a series based on the book of Philippians, with the DVD course "Discipleship Explored" being shown. Most of this year we have had sermons from the Old Testament, which is so rich with God's glory, the promise of Christ's coming, and examples of faith to follow. Also, we have had many of our own brothers preach from time to time: Stanley Abraham, Rod Manton, Shaun Reichenbach, Phil Christmas, Stuart McDonald and Peter Errington. We are very blessed with quite a number of talented preachers.

May we value the preaching of God's Word; through it people are saved, and through it God's people grow in Christ. May we not only be attentive to the preached Word, but may we also read God's Word daily, so that we may know His Word and walk in His truth. Let's be aware that we are seeing an erosion to God's Word in the Christian church. May we uphold the whole word of God, and proclaim it faithfully.

Prayer

It's been good to see people attending the prayer meetings we have after our morning service on the first Sunday of the month. Also, it's good how we are able to pray for each other in our home groups, and to pray for our church.

May we grow in prayer; both in our private prayer and public prayer. Like we see an erosion to the Word of God, there is also a growing neglect for prayer in Christendom. May we not succumb to this neglect.

We pray for you - at the start of each work day, at our Elders' meetings, at our Board meetings, and during our personal devotional times. We trust that you may be in prayer for us as well. May we pray for each other, as Paul did for the Colossians in Col 1:9-10 *"For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."*

Thanks to all those who are part of the prayer chain, whether through receiving a text, or getting the prayer request through their landline. It's been activated many times over the past year.

Pastoral Care

Over this past year, there has been a real need to comfort those who have been grieving over the passing of loved ones, as well as others who have been struggling in life with health issues or challenges from strained relationships.

We truly live in a broken world. May we all be involved in caring for each other, and more so, as we see the day approaching of Christ's glorious return. I know that as we approach the return of Jesus, things will get tougher.

For those I haven't caught up with this year, please accept my apology. I wish I had extra time to do more in pastoral care. Christ calls us to shepherd His sheep, and this is a high calling.

If you need a visit, do not hesitate to contact me or one of the elders.

Home Groups

Our home groups have been doing a series entitled "Walking with God" over the past two years. We started with how we can walk with God better, and how we are to be engaged in His church. This year we have considered Jesus' life, and looking to Him as our perfect example and the One we are to follow. In the final term of this year, we will look at impacting God's world for His kingdom – in other words, it's on evangelism.

All the home group studies are available on our web site (www.bassochurch.org.au), and can be printed off; including studies over the past years.

Thanks for those who open their homes, and for those who lead the studies. We would like to encourage our home groups to consider inviting others along; even perhaps friends or neighbours. We would like to see our home groups be a place where others are introduced to Jesus.

If you are not part of a home group, I implore you to be part of one.

Church Ministries

We thank the Lord for all those who serve Him at Basso. May we love to serve each other, just as Jesus served us (Mark 10:45).

We thank the Lord for Penny Bruce and the way she oversees and leads the music ministry. Penny has a great heart for the worship of God. We also thank the Lord for Kerry, who fills in when Penny is not able to do her role. We are appreciative of our musicians who play each Sunday, and prepare privately, and come out and practice on Thursday night.

We are thankful for Brendan Jacques as our secretary, for Graeme Jacques as our treasurer, for the leadership of Steve Borgogno as our Board chairman, for Mitch Mooy on the sound desk (together with the others who are assisting in this area) and organising the church camps, for those who look after the church morning teas, for those involved in the practical work around the place, and for all those who serve the Lord in various ways and in various ministries.

We also thank the Lord for the Missions Committee and for what they do to run the Missions Week and the persecuted church programme, and to keep us informed of those we support in ministry. We thank the Lord for the Building Committee who are looking at kitchen renovations and the building extension so that we can accommodate for our increasing numbers. We have also been blessed with the efforts of our fundraising committee.

I wish to especially give thanks to the Lord for all that Laurie and Mary Errington have done over this past year, and for the many years beforehand. Our dear brother Laurie has now gone home to be with the Lord, and Mary is having a break from all that she has been doing, but we are conscious of what a blessing they have been to us over many years.

We thank the Lord for the following ministries, where we get to share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus with others, in the hope that they may come to put their faith in Christ, as well as encourage and edify Christians in their faith through the Word.

- Craft group
- Junior and Teenage youth groups
- Kids clubs at Eden Hill and Anzac Terrace primary schools
- Door to door evangelism ministry on Wednesday mornings
- Men's and women's fellowship meetings
- Easter Fair

- Carols at the Oval
- Bassendean markets
- Gospel article for the Echo newspaper
- Challenge newspaper distribution
- Love boxes for Samaritan's Purse

May we be Christ-centred and Gospel-focussed in all our ministries, for the glory of God. Let's pray that these ministries may continue, and that spiritual fruit may come from them.

Other Ministries

We continue to run two camps each year. This year, we didn't have our Autumn camp at Busselton, but this will be on again next April, God willing. We also had near 50 at our Stirlings camp over the September long weekend, which is always a special time where we are immersed in God's creation, and have the blessing of having fellowship around God's word.

We also continue to minister at the Corrigin Church of Christ every two months, the Jurien Bay church once a month, the Toodyay Baptist church four times a year, and once a month at the Ascot aged care place in Bayswater and the Juniper Tranby (Mertome) aged care place in Bayswater.

I also lead a ministers' fraternal for the ministers and chaplains in the Bayswater/Morley/Bassendean area. It's a blessing to have so many of us being evangelical. As a result, we can work together – including running the annual Pentecost church service.

Please pray for the Carpenter Workshop ministry as it starts. Please also pray for a kids club to begin again at Ashfield Primary School.

Finally, we would value your prayers for this year's Carols at the Oval. It was amazing how God enabled us to be able to change Carols from the Bassendean Oval to the Cyril Jackson Recreation centre, when we were faced with a massive storm. It was incredible how many people came out in the driving wind and rain. Praise God! But this year, let us ask the Lord for a wonderful evening of good weather, and for a blessed time at the Bassendean Oval as we sing carols and share the message of Jesus' coming with our community.

Some Closing Thoughts

I close with these words from Romans 12:9-15.

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour;

¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,

¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

May we live Christ-like lives, as we see in these verses; not because we have to, but because we want to out of love for God and His Son Jesus. May we also faithfully proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to all. And as we do, may we “with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 15:6).

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 15:13)

Your brother and servant in Christ

Pastor Ian Kirk

ADMINISTRATION

SECRETARY

I have been constantly reminded this year through my readings or even just general observations about what it really means to be a servant of the Lord.

In particular, I have seen my father-in-law who during his frequent hospitalizations has still managed to share the Gospel with those in charge of his health.

Thanks go to all those who quietly go about their various roles each week doing what they do because they want to serve Him.

Remember that service here at Bassendean isn't just about being part of the roster but is multi-faceted and can be as simple as helping clean someone's gutters or taking a meal around for someone in need.

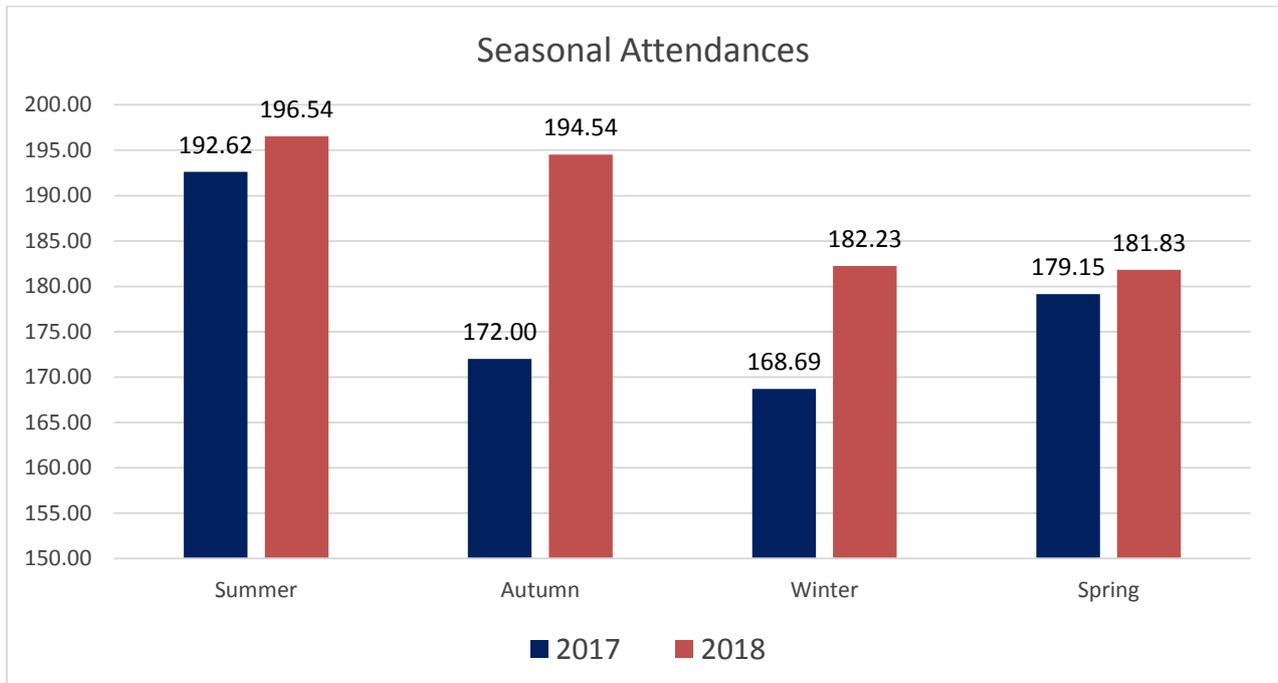
Thanks again to all those who assist me in my service for the Lord, in particular John Kirk and Kerry Jacques, and most importantly my wife and children who patiently put up with Dad heading off to meetings and the like.

Colossians 3:23-34 NASB

'Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.'

Brendan Jacques

By the Numbers



190

Average Attendance up 8.5%

10

Baptisms since October 2017

7

**Increase in Active Members
(21 additions, 14 losses)**

TREASURER'S REPORT

To be presented at the AGM by the Treasurer, Bro. Graeme Jacques

By the Numbers

25

**Families using Direct Deposit
for Tithes and Offerings**

42.26%

**Actual Expenses
directed to Missions
& Ministry Support**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music team this year has included Sue Whisson, Naomi Moore, Maddie Manton, Jodie Bruce, Kerry Jacques, David Kirk, Trevor Moss, Azariah Felton, Naomi Wheat, Marie Fiorenza, Matt Wendel, Dawn House and myself. I love working with our musicians and our shared passion for serving God with our musical gifts. Often we come to music practices worn from our busy lives and weary because it's the end of the day but somehow the fellowship flows and God lovingly uses us where we are at, and I often go home from music practice feeling refreshed, even though tired, and so thankful for God's help.

This year Naomi Haynes has been leading our choir and what a wonderful blessing she is, I really appreciate not only her skill and her beautiful voice but also the gentle, peaceful way she leads us.

I want to acknowledge the huge work Kerry does with all the rosters, it's a tedious job and she's a trouper, thanks Kerry! Also Mitch, for all you do for us on the sound desk, we appreciate you and the others who help on sound desk, thanks Mitch! And lastly, our worship leaders, thank you for the time and effort you put into leading, and for being flexible and gracious as we serve our God together in the worship team.

"Praise the Lord, all you nations.
Praise him, all you people of the earth.
**For his unfailing love for us is powerful;
the Lord's faithfulness endures forever.
Praise the Lord!"**
Psalms 117:1-2 NLT

Penny Bruce

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The current committee members are Flora MacDonald and Liina Pittaway. We have also been helped by our husbands and Kerry Jacques who helped promote the events via our church Facebook. Tracy Hopkins resigned as an official committee member last year but has continued to bless us with her creative talents and gifts. There are so many church members who have continually helped us. We are ever so grateful and thank God for all their support!

On 1 February 2018, Bunny Obourne withdrew from this committee so she could bless others with her gifts of visitation and encouragement. We thank Bunny and Steve very much for their past generous contributions. We will certainly miss Bunny's wise guidance and encouragement.

The fundraising totals are:

2016 - \$4,370.50

2017 - \$5,851.90 (includes Christmas High Tea)

2018 - \$2,570.00 (includes Alien Intrusion movie and International Food Tasting events)

Total funds raised from 2016 as at October 2018 - **\$12,792.40**

(This amount does not include 2018 Gwen Hams' stamp donation – still waiting on auditors' report)

We hope everyone had an enjoyable time at the fundraising events! Our first fundraising event this year was a movie night at the Ace Cinema to see "Alien Intrusion" on 7 March. The second event was the "International Food Tasting" held on 26 May in our church hall. This food tasting was a huge success that we have been requested to have another one next year. Our last 2018

fundraising event "Roaring 20s" will be held on 10 November at the Stirling Arms Hotel in Guildford. At this event we will be singing Gospel songs composed in the 1920s. We believe our fundraising event is also an outreach to our non-Christian family and friends and an opportunity to fellowship with the local churches.

Our heartfelt thanks for your continued support!

Flora MacDonald and Liina Pittaway.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

KINDER-PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our teachers are Mary Errington, Naomi Wheat and Marie Fiorenza, and this year Alana Borgogno has passed the torch to Emily Rampellini. The Sunday School has been spending time learning about the promises of God, and Jesus who is our promised Saviour and the fulfilment of God's promises to us. These themes will be front and centre at our Anniversary this year. We hope you can join us.

Sunday School started this year as usual with the annual picnic at Crawley. The usual hotdogs and water sports are always a favourite too. Thank you so much to Mary for the catering, and Mitch Mooy and John Kirk for bringing all the equipment, we definitely appreciate all you do! It is always good that the church family can come and spend time with us all at the picnic.

Missions week was a time that our Sunday School joined with the Bible school to learn about all the Missionaries that the church support while enjoying some of the food from the countries they are in.

Once again it has been a blessing and a joy to be involved in Sunday School this year. We are thankful for all your prayers for us teachers, the children and any of the willing helpers we rely on.

Jodie Bruce - Superintendent.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

We started the year off with lessons based on a book entitled "13 Very Awesome Promises and How God Always Keeps Them". These included God's promise to rescue His people, the promise to never flood the world again, the promise to David that his family would rule Israel forever and of course the promise of a Saviour. During the first term we also had a water slide.

In the second term we looked at the topic of Jesus being more than a good teacher. Lessons from the book of Matthew included John the Baptist preparing the way, the temptation of Jesus and the cost of following Jesus. We finished the term with a pizza and disco night. The disco was very popular and many thanks to Sarah for organising such a great night for the kids.

"Who is Jesus" was our topic for the third term. Again, we looked at verses from the book of Matthew concerning Jesus and His compassion for people and His humility. We will continue our lessons in fourth term from the book of Matthew relating some of Jesus' teaching and finishing with the Christmas story.

During the year our church was invited to a Kids Games event on Sunday 1 July, organised by the Churches of Christ Sport & Recreation Association through Kidsvision. Only a few kids were able to attend but we enjoyed playing various indoor games and having a meal together at the end. The event is aimed at children in primary school and their families and we hope to encourage more participants next year.

Bec finished as a leader with our group at the end of first term and Shaun had a break from the end of second term. We would like to thank them for their assistance and contribution during the year.

We have appreciated the help of Emily Rampellini (who also goes to Northam when needed), Amy Tozer and Josh Shanks, and thank others who have assisted practically and prayerfully. May the Lord continue to teach and build up these young lives He has entrusted to us, and may we continue to faithfully serve Him.

Steve Borgogno, Jodie Bruce, Sarah McTear, Margaret Rampellini, Isaac and Amy Street, John and Jackie Kirk

TEEN YOUTH GROUP

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

Youth Group

All glory and honour be to God for his continual grace and mercy upon our lives and ministries. The verse above provides constant encouragement to us as leaders about trusting the Lord and committing to His work. What he does with our weak human efforts continues to give us more reasons to praise God and what he has done for us. It has been fantastic to see a number of the youth commit their lives to Jesus and show that publicly in their baptism.

Our goal for youth group as leaders is to not only share the gospel every week but to show how the gospel affects every area of our lives as Christians. We also seek to develop good relationships with the youth so that we can share our lives with them. There are some kids who have attended over the past few years who we especially have been able to connect with. We have been blessed with a 'newer' group of teens who are coming through the youth group. They have been especially great to get to know and build relationships with.

A Typical Night

A typical Friday night begins by the leaders meeting in a side room to discuss the night and pray together. We then play games followed by devotions. We have also been instigating 'kitchen chats' where one of our leaders will chat with one of the youth about their week, school and such to help build relationships with them.

Devotions

This past year we finished a series on who God is as seen in the book of Exodus. Following this we did a series in the book of Romans looking at key passages and themes throughout. Then we spent a term looking at apologetics for the Christian faith. We learnt what apologetics was and why it is important. We broke into discussion groups and then watched some great videos on certain topics. Currently we have been doing a word study on the Shema (Love the Lord your God with all your heart...) looking a key words and their meaning. Looking towards term 4 we will see how that affects how we live. It is awesome to be able to do devotions with Matt W, Pete, Tim

and Will who all have a heart to teach Gods word and to share the gospel with the kids. They do a fantastic job and are so committed to doing it for Gods glory. Special mention to Pete and Will who shared their first devotions and did such a great job!

The Team

It is a privilege and delight to serve with a fantastic group of leaders. Our team had some changes over the year. We welcomed in new leaders and returning leaders, as well as wishing the best for those who have had to step away. Our team over this past year has included myself, Tim, Matt and Tash Wendell, Jess Chainé, Amy Tozer, Josh Shanks, Josh Jacques, Emily Rampellini, Peter Stronach, Jethro Lester, Thomi Lester, Wendy Giblett, Conrad Ellis, Will Ebbett.

It is awesome to serve with friends. To every one of you I really appreciate your support and encouragement. Every single thing you do, no matter how big or small, is incredibly helpful to making each Friday happen, from leading games to washing the cups, every little bit helps. It is also a joy to see you all grow in your faith you make it a joy to lead and serve together. It is also awesome that we are all friends and love sharing Jesus with these kids.

Church Support

We all want to say a big thank you for the Church support and encouragement over many years. There have been times the youth group has gotten rowdy and whole things may have become lots of little things and where clean things have become not so clean things. But you all continue to encourage us. A great example of your support is being able to take the youth group down on the church Stirls camp. It is fantastic for us a leader and for the youth to engage with our church family in such a manner. We just ask that you please continue to pray with us for their salvation, please pray for us leaders and our own walks with the Lord, please pray that we remain faithful to God's word and his power to transform their lives by the good news of Jesus Christ through his Spirit. Please pray for God to continue to be glorified in all that we do and finally thank God for the opportunity to love and serve and tell of the good news of Jesus each Friday night of the term.

Rod Manton



OUTREACH

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Paul's letters to the Churches, were a huge encouragement to those early Christians. Each letter addressed certain problems, within that church, and through the letters, those early groups of Christians had encouragement, exhortation, and teaching for their daily lives, sometimes even with persecution at their door step.

Paul's letters were written with love, with compassion, with doctrine, to correct and teach the right and proper way to live, the "how and why", to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. His zeal and determination, to address issues were well known. His love and passion for the Lord never wavered; he ran the race, persevered to the end, fighting the good fight, all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

With our many mission families, here at Bassendean, they are similar to those varied letters of Paul, as we hear, learn and read of the news from all corners of the world. Our mission families are walking, talking letters, in the flesh. They live, witness, teach and preach, reaching out into the entire world with the gospel; "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes, first for the Jew, then for the Gentiles", Romans 1.16 In this day and age, despite the cost of airfares, we can have regular visits, and feel more in partnership with them, as they "show and tell". Long gone, are the days, of lengthy time wasted, while waiting months for a mostly outdated letter. Modern technology makes it gratifying for us to send an email to Mexico or China or India, and get a reply, sometimes very quickly. This enables each of us to be better informed, in the "know" so to speak, with no excuses for lack of prayer. Many issues crop up daily; a quick email or phone call or text alerts us to issues, where we can become partners through prayer; we become engaged in the spiritual warfare and spiritual battle for people's souls. We can no longer sit back in ignorance. Today's communication has changed all of that. Paul's letters, were a catalyst for change, to those places where they were sent. The catalyst remains today, as our mission families communicate, to us, their needs. Your involvement is needed, it is important, vital, necessary, and we all have a part to play, as we pray, pray, and pray.

2018 has seen most of our mission families' visit us at Bassendean. Seeing them in the flesh, seeing their energy and passion, and hearing of daily experiences, make it all so much more real, than just a letter or email. They are eager for us to share and join in their ministry as they relate their lives to us; some with huge dramas, like sudden unexpected flights away from home, for safety; some new faces as those of Ron and Michelle Jennings who shared of their 40 years of work among the Higaunon people with Crossviews in the Philippines. Sharing the joy of Dave and Kate's engagement, the second hand car for Rachel Tims, enabling freedom to travel to visit her students and help other friends; the joy of students moving from tribal life into secondary education, university life; the changes of looming retirement from active mission work; leaving the overseas mission field, to Christian union university work, here in Perth; the joy and hard work in getting the coffee shop up and running again; We now know, more than ever, what is happening in their lives.

Mission Week, with our guest speakers, and fresh updates from the mission families, was well received. Our hearts were touched by Richard Coombs (MECO), John Gilmore (GMP), Dr James (AEF) and Impact Africa. The new format over 2 Sunday mornings is relaxed and informative. It gives well deserved credit to all the work they do. Faith promise responses are still coming in, as members pray over their annual financial giving.

Persecuted Church programme in conjunction with Bible League will be starting in the next month or so. This vital finance is used for Bibles to be given to those in desperate need, due to persecution. It also gives us daily, sometimes confronting stories, of what other believers experience due to their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Murmurings, weekly in the church Contact, provide a weekly synopsis of news from around the world; Adopt a missionary, with news and regular prayer requests, enables discussion and prayer for those home groups with the nominated mission person. This is an excellent way to stay in contact from each group, by email especially, to share prayer points and especially prayer answers.

The Mission Committee is very thankful to every church member for your interest, giving, prayers, comments and faithfulness. We are privileged to be your representatives, as we uphold mission at Bassendean, all in the glorious name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Graeme Jacques, Margaret Rampellini, Ian Hopkins, Leanne Sokowloski, Maureen Barrett, Reg Fox, Sue Whisson, we thank you.

Sue Whisson

COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP

The title above acknowledges an informal name change during the year; essentially associated with a re-designed pamphlet promoting the activities of the Group.

While we welcomed a number of new members during the year, total membership fell from 64 to 51. Failing health of members and/or relatives was the main contributing factor.

Community Craft continues to be a significant outreach activity of our church and a valued event for the participants.

Despite lower numbers, the enthusiasm with which members produce material support for others has not diminished.

During the year (August 2017), Peter Spence made a second visit to the Philippines. He was able to deliver to a hospital a further 200 plus beanies for premature babies.

Various knitted garments and items of clothing were taken by Pastor Ian and wife Colleen, on their June 2018 trip to various Indigenous communities.

The Impact Africa program continues to be supported with a range of knitted and crocheted garments, as too several local services.

Financial support totalling \$1,800 was made to various mission services, including;
- The Chapman family; COCOA; Indigenous Ministries Australia; Impact Africa; Elise Long; Faith Promise.

Our Christmas Celebration attracted 58 people, including visitors. A special thanks to those who served in the kitchen and dining areas. This enabled the regular kitchen staff to participate in the formal activities of the day.

In conclusion, special thanks also to all those, who during the year have contributed to the effective function of the Community Craft Group.

Dorothy & Reg Fox.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

During this year the evangelism ministry at Bassendean Church of Christ has been involved in Street Witnessing on the Streets of Perth, training people thorough 'The Way of the Master' basic training course and reaching out to the locals through the Bassendean Markets stall held on the Old Perth Road.

Street Evangelism - Hitting the Street Friday night

On most Friday nights between 7:30 - 9 pm and less frequently on Sunday afternoon Jennifer Yarnell, Liina Pittaway and Anthony Pittaway hit Murray St Mall in Perth. Each of the participators hand out a Gospel tract such as the "Would you consider yourself to be a good person tract" or DVD's such as Evolution VS God or Bibles, with the intention of engaging passers-by in Gospel conversations. In one evening, each person will usually engage in one or more extended conversations resulting in people hearing the Gospel message (sometimes for the very first time). People responding range in age from the very old to young teenagers out for a night on the town. In recent months, conditions have changed in Perth and we are now required to have a public trading permit to hand out gospel tracts. As a result of these changes, many other Christians we have seen previously witnessing on the streets no longer come. Please continue to pray for the effectiveness of this ministry.

Bassendean Markets Outreach – Each Summer Seasons

Every year during the summer season, beginning this year on Saturday the 27 Oct and ending on the 30 March 2019 Bassendean Church of Christ runs an outreach stall at the Old Perth Road Markets approximately once a month. Liina Pittaway, Anthony Pittaway and Jennifer Yarnell engage passers-by by in Gospel conversations. A number of people such as John Kirk will also pitch in to help with set up as there is a large amount of equipment to be transported. While manning the stall, members of BCC engage people by handing out Gospel tracts, Bibles, Christian DVD's and CD's to anyone that will receive them. This often results in extended conversations with people from a variety of backgrounds. The reactions vary from arrogant disbelief to surprise at the truth of the Gospel. The markets also have a Muslim Stall and a Christadelphian Stall. Members of stalls have come to us keen to discuss spiritual matters, resulting in lively discussions.

Evangelism Training - The Way of the Master

Over the past year, the 8 week evangelism course 'The Way of the Master' has been run 3 times. This course effectively and biblically equips people to witness for Christ. Learned approaches can be adopted to engage people on the street, friends and family members, in fact anyone with a listening ear. This course also teaches you how to best engage specific groups such as atheists, homosexuals, evolutionists and even Satanists. Participates from BCC have included Marj McGlenn, Lea Sokolowski, Liina Pittaway, Anthony Pittaway as well as those from other churches. Presently Sue Whisson is running the basic training course with Eugene & Ivy Manglicmot and Romel and Maylyn Rojo. The course provides both a theological bases and practical opportunities for evangelism. In the new year and for the remainder of this year there are plans to run this course and the intermediate course so if you are interested please chat with one of the people who have done the course then check with Jennifer Yarnell for further details.

Jennifer Yarnell

DOOR TO DOOR MINISTRY

The Door to Door ministry has been a great blessing to all who have had the privilege of representing Basso C of C in this outreach. We feel blessed and amazed each week as we see God prepare the hearts and minds of those who take the time to speak with us as we endeavour to share His Word with them.

In the last 5 and a half years, we have shared in 700 conversations. 100 of those conversations have been with people seen more than once, some as much as 4 or 5 times.

The diversity within our society today regarding the different faiths, philosophies and cultural background requires time, patience and always learning how to answer their questions and objections.

At this point in time, the regular team members are as follows:

Anthony & Liina Pittaway, Ern Holmes, Jenny Yarnell, William Ebbett, John Barrett and John Shaw.

We thank you all very much for your prayers and encouragement so essential to the ongoing work and appreciate your continuing partnership.

God bless.

MOTHERS BIBLE GROUP

This year our mothers group has continued to be quite small, but we enjoy meeting together and I'm always encouraged by our fellowship and discussions. This year we've been using KYB (Know Your Bible) studies and have got a lot out of these studies. Looking forward to more learning and fellowship next year.

Donna Chapman / Penny Bruce