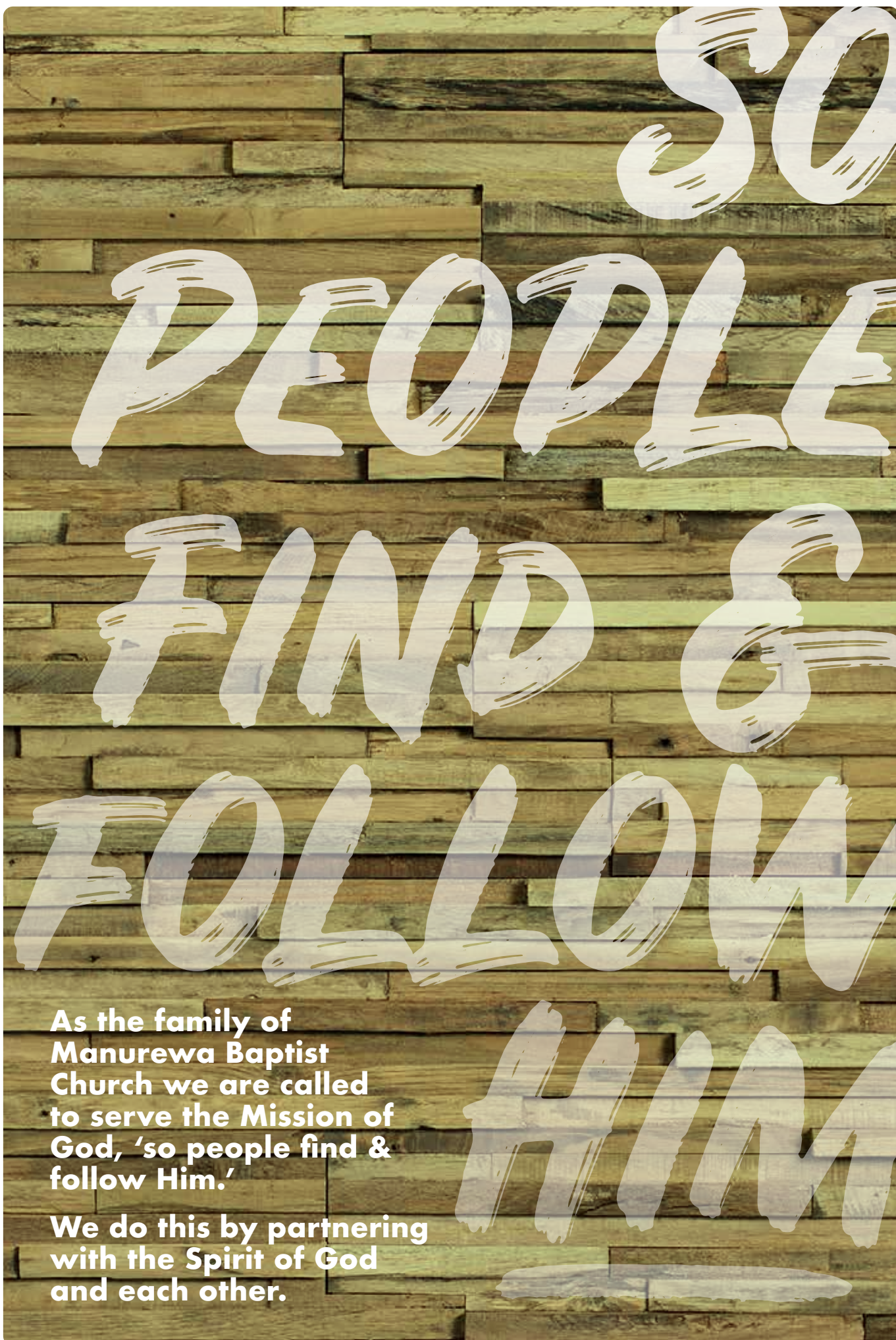




# MBC Annual Report







**As the family of Manurewa Baptist Church we are called to serve the Mission of God, 'so people find & follow Him.'**

**We do this by partnering with the Spirit of God and each other.**

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## Senior Pastor's report

**Our church has much to give thanks for. Look around you, there is so much spiritual health and vitality amongst us. Not a week goes by that I don't get to sit down with someone as they open up their lives to Jesus in ever increasing measure. But there is also a sadness, for as we look around, we could also visualize missing faces, some we know, and some we are yet to know.**

As a Pastor (no scratch that) as a believer! I long for others to know Jesus and to pursue Him with all their being. I think as you read this report you will see signs of a Jesus shaped foundation that God is building on, so that more and more people can hear the good news of Christ. Please prayerfully read it all and allow God to encourage and challenge you in His wonderful redeeming mission...

### 2019

What a year of discovery it has been! Together we have travelled through the Believe series, where we have allowed the word of scripture to shape our knowledge and belief of God, and His heart for you and I, and the world we live in. We have explored how this knowledge can transform how we act. And finally we are now seeing how, by the Spirit of God, He has resourced us to be his people. Once again, the range of speakers we have heard has only enriched the story of God's faithfulness and grace poured into our lives.

This year we welcomed a new voice, Nicole Viljoen, into the MBC staff team. We have also been blessed by her equally excellent half, Francois. (we love you guys and are excited for your respective place of ministry in our community and beyond).

One of my highlights for this year was spending 2 days with what I would call the 'Strat team'. Present were the Elders and the pastoral staff. Out of this time together we have drawn up a synopsis of our time together (see discussion doc 'Strategy and Vision' later in the Annual Report for more info). It is exciting to see how God has, and continues to, place us and resource us for His mission. We are so blessed to be served by such an incredible team of people.

### 2020

I continue to remain excited and hopeful for the continued refining of the Holy Spirit amongst us. The further unpacking and outworking of being intentional and present, drenched in love, will guide us into greater acts of kindness. As your pastor, over this coming year I want to commit to you that we will always seek to practice with intentionality, being mindful of His presence and ours to where He has called us to... and by His grace, being drenched in love. So read on and discover what God has, and is, up to in you, His people of MBC.



## Elders **Diane Crowe**

**This past year has been an awesome one for us as a church as we have continued exploring what presence based mission looks like for each one of us individually, as well as in our church neighbourhood in Manurewa.**

For some, this has meant being more mindfully present in our current neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools etc, while others have felt to uproot and move into another neighbourhood, forming an intentional community with one or two other families so they can work together to reach out in friendship to their neighbours. We can also see a community garden taking shape on the grassy area out the front of the church building, where some have the vision of providing practically for our neighbours in order to show the love of Christ.

Still others felt called to mission in China - some for the first time, some for the second time (or more). Exciting stuff! And there's much more going on in our midst as well, as God is moving amongst us, stirring people's spirits and placing His vision on their hearts! We have at least 13 other spaces in MBC where groups are coming together with intentionality in response to God's leading. There are so many ways of living mindfully present—there's no one size fits all—that we can all be intentional wherever we are.

We as an eldership are grateful to our good, good Father for what he's doing in our midst also. With the fantastic addition of Gail to the elders, we have forged a strong, cohesive team who work really well together in unity and mutual respect. Along with the pastoral staff, we recently held a strategic planning weekend which enabled us to take stock of where we are as a church, where we feel God is leading us, and what our resourcing requirements are, so that we can effectively follow His leading in the year ahead.

We greatly value your prayers and appreciate your encouragement and support—we couldn't do what we do without you, our church family.

One final thought, while we are sharing the load well between us, there is still room for one or two more to join the team—and it would be great to have a younger person with a fresh perspective (as we are all definitely of the gray haired brigade!). So if there's anyone you feel to nominate for an eldership position, please contact Chris, Lyndon or one of the current elders with your nomination.

### **Team**

Diane Crowe  
Frank Walton  
Owen Barthow  
Gail Hosken  
Lyndon Twemlow



## Chinese Ministry **Petros Pan**

**We have two Chinese speaking services, one on Saturday night at 7:30pm and another one on Sunday afternoons at 3pm.**

On Saturday, we have a few of our co-workers preparing dinner which starts at 6pm. This provides a good space to talk especially with new comers. After dinner, we have the message which is preached by one of our brothers or sisters. Our Saturday message focus' on biblical teaching. We have completed John early this year, and are now on to Luke.

Sunday afternoon services include Sunday Worship and Sunday school programme for kids.

We had our snow camp near Taupō in July, enjoying fellowship with each other and also meeting up with new friends and families. Our target is the Chinese community and overseas students near south Auckland.

### 2019

**WINS:** This year we have celebrated two baptisms! We've also started three new cell groups. Our cell groups are very important for the growth of our Christian lives.

**CHALLENGES:** Our situation has changed recently, a lot of us joined this church as overseas students, now many of us are married and having children. One of our challenges is how to balance family life, work and our Christian life. Since many of us are quite "busy", we are not able approach people the same way we used to, our focus has shifted from overseas students to families. Nowadays we have more

opportunities to know and get in touch with the Chinese families in the South Auckland area, these opportunities allow us to invite them to our services and camps, and share the gospel.

### 2020

#### **OPPORTUNITY:**

There certainly is an opportunity to share the gospel with those families. In the past, we did not have the opportunity or did not think of approaching Chinese families, our focus was always overseas students. With the change of our situation, most of us are out of university and stepped into work or family life, we have more opportunity to contact local Chinese families.

Internally, the opportunity for our Christian life growth is huge, I would rather say the need for growing our life in front of Christ is huge.

As the Church of Christ, we must grow towards reaching the fullness of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians), so that when our Lord is returns, He shall see His church is fully prepared to receive eternity and gifts. It is always our burden to prepare ourselves in the Word of God and live a life that can be the true testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Sat Team

Vito & Olivia  
Petros & Lynn  
Jason & Emily  
Shane & Hannah  
Leo & Jan  
Kim & Betty  
Dawn, David & Faith  
Irene He  
Grace Lin  
Peter & Jean  
Lilian, Vicky, Ivan





## Embrace **Reesh Casey**

**Embrace aims to reach out in a loving and creative way to those who may have disabilities. It enables people who have disabilities to contribute to the body of Christ with their God given gifts, and empowers people, regardless of their ability or disability.**

### **Team**

Marci Rota

Reesh Casey

### **2019**

Embrace started as a ministry catering particularly for the differently abled, although it has drawn a wide range of people wanting to fellowship in a more personal and low key environment. We want to create a space where the differently abled feel comfortable to participate and contribute.

### **2020**

With the recent departure of key leaders, we have taken a hiatus from Sunday night meetings. Remaining leaders are Marci Rota and Reesh Casey. We would love to hear from people who are interested in exploring where we might take Embrace in the future.



## Te Kotahitanga **Gail Hosken**

### He hōnore ki a maatou Atua – honour to our God

It is a privilege to serve our wider church family as we explore who we are and how we can honour firstly our Lord and Saviour, secondly, each other in this church family, and thirdly, our community, as we explore this in a kaupapa Māori way of partnership, participation and protection – Kingdom values.

Leaders: We believe we are all in a leadership role in differing ways in the one (group): Gail Hosken, Melanie Jaggs, Alex Carter, Marci Rota, Hine Tauwhara, Liz Lam Sam, Mike Godinet, Vicki Godinet, Bill Savage, Frank Walton.

### 2019

**Wins:** This year we reviewed why we exist as an ope. This was a valuable exercise to refocus us on our core reason for what we represent and our goals for the future.

Secondly, the seeking of support from Te Kotahitanga by others from outside our church, the growing acceptance and understanding of our Manurewa Baptist of kaupapa Māori as a normal part of how we worship and honour the Father.

### 2020

**Challenge:** We continue to seek God's voice of how to encourage our brothers and sisters in an authentic way. There are shifts and tides that we constantly need to navigate. We really appreciate whakaaro (thoughts) you may have that would help inform us as we seek to do this.

Nga mihi maioha – affectionately,

Gail

### Team

Gail Hosken  
Melanie Jaggs  
Alex Carter  
Marci Rota  
Hine Tauwhara  
Liz Lam Sam  
Mike Godinet  
Vicki Godinet  
Bill Savage  
Frank Walton





## Seniors Lois Sheppard

**This has been a difficult year for many of our seniors as they experienced major health problems. Despite this, there have been many highlights. I am so blessed to be able to spend time with our seniors (I wish you could all experience this!)**

Society exalts the young, the beautiful, the successful, the celebrities, sports stars, and even the rich(?) Seniors seldom feature on this list, but in reality, they are the real stars. We can learn so much from their wisdom, experience, knowledge, and just plain common sense.

Our oldest senior, Noeline Marriner, turned 96 this year, followed by Nola Kenning at 95. Sadly, Nola passed away shortly after a wonderful birthday celebration with her family. Ina Moller passed away also, after being lovingly cared for in her own home. I have felt so sad to lose four wonderful seniors, three of them in their nineties. Even though others are 'coming up in the ranks', we cannot replace the gap they have left in our lives. I feel their loss deeply. Margaret Mantz and Esme Watts both turned 90. What an achievement!

### 2019

As a group, we have enjoyed some good times this past year: cultural food and fellowship with the ESOL group; a visit to Howick Historical Village café; being entertained by our own pianists; as well as having the kindy children join, and entertain, us.

Our Tuesday Cell Group is something I look forward to each week (this is mostly made up of seniors). We have finished studying the 50 chapters of Genesis (a book I love), and have included the 'Believe' series as a part of our time this year. Many of our seniors are involved in various Cell Groups, which I find encouraging.

### 2020

We heard a great message from Glen Hill on Father's Day centred around what we want to pass on to our children (not inheritance, but values, principles etc.) As a response, we wrote these on batons. I would like to relate that principle in regard to our seniors, and see the younger generation (i.e. those under 65), take these batons from our seniors and continue the race, following their example and the legacy they pass on.



## Music Ministry **Ben Claxton & Mike Bain**

**Our purpose is to use our musical skills to help our church congregation connect with God on Sunday mornings. We want to continue being vessels that enable our people to worship God for who He is and for what He has done for us.**

### 2019

We have so many people who lead in varying capacities in front and behind the scenes. Our key music leaders on a Sunday morning are Dale van den Berg, Dave Barr, Ben Claxton, and Jason Smith. Our sensei is Mike Bain.

We are blessed to have such a committed bunch of people who serve on a weekly basis. Thank you! Incorporating bilingual songs in our services has been a big win. There is something special about worshipping in our indigenous language.

We are constantly on the look-out for new members in our teams, either playing an instrument or singing, or behind the scenes with sound or data. Please pray for this.

### 2020

Our vision and hope for this ministry is quite simple – that people who gather at MBC on Sundays will connect with God through singing praise and glorifying Him through music. The ultimate vision for us would be as described in 2 Chronicles 5:12-14 (when the Ark of the Covenant was brought into Solomon's Temple)...

"Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang, 'He is good, His love endures forever'. Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God."

### Team

Dale van den Berg  
Dave Barr  
Ben Claxton  
Jason Smith



## Administration Board *Mrs G*

The Administration Board is a “resourcing ministry”, serving our church ministries with things like finance, facilities, and personnel.

### 2019

A highlight this year has been Francois Viljoen helping us with a long list of maintenance projects around the church property. In the past, this has been done through working bees, but these have only been attended by a faithful few (mainly over 60 years of age!), or more recently, Lyndon trying to stay on top of an ever growing list. Having Francois partner with us has enabled Lyndon to focus on his calling of Senior Pastor. Thanks Francois!

### 2020

#### Challenges for the year ahead:

The current Administration Board consists of Warren Bird (Administrator), Peter Conaglen (Treasurer), and Chris Guttenbeil (Office Manager). Due to changes in their ‘life journeys’, Warren and Peter are not now residing in Manurewa, and resigning from the Board. We are so grateful for the many years of service they have given to MBC. Our challenge now is to appoint people to these roles, or to look at how they can be restructured.

#### Opportunity for the year ahead:

The role of Administrator and Treasurer has changed over the years, with the majority of the work being done by the Office Manager. In fact, the roles require no more than 1 hour per month (apart from Budget prep and end of year Finance Report when a few extra hours are needed). If you feel you could serve your MBC family in either of these areas, please talk to Lyndon.

### Team

Chris Guttenbeil  
(Office Manager)  
Peter Conaglen  
(Treasurer)  
Warren Bird  
(Administrator)





## Building report

This year has seen Francois join the team as resident cleaner, with some additional hours given to make use of his handyman skills. The maintenance list has significantly been worked through, but maintenance is something that requires ongoing maintenance! Consequently, we are hopeful that he can continue to serve us in this added capacity. Excitingly, his skills have been utilized beyond the wider church property, and have been called on a number of times to help those in need and empower others in their mission endeavours.

### 2019 Completed Projects

- Safety fence and gates at back entrance to foyer
- Installation of auditorium rear TV screen
- Pothole repairs
- Clean and paint exterior walls
- Reinstall safety rail on stairs
- Paint safety strip on stairs, fixed taps....

### 2020 to be completed

- Steps from back hall to back carpark; repair carpark potholes; service aircon; repair guttering and roofing on walkway.
- The office reroof/reno needs to be undertaken urgently, as we continue to rely on some interim stop gap measures to prevent flooding every time it rains. See build options discussion document later in the Annual Report as to the options available.
- Finally, the continuing conversation around what might happen with the back buildings (known as The Den and Chapel), and the resealing of the car park. This continues to sit on the back burner, and will remain so, until a clear Spirit breathed vision is revealed, as any work on this part of the MBC property will require significant capital investment and we don't want to inhibit our ability to respond to what God already has before us.

As always, if ever you would like to help around the property, just let the office know.



## Missions Rachel Twemlow

**As a Missions Team, our purpose is to inspire and inform others in our church community about overseas mission. We do this by promoting missions to the wider church, supporting people as they prepare for mission, are on mission or are returning from mission.**

### 2019

Two significant highlights this year were .....

**Having Meg and Jake Pandermann** come and share their journey with us and how God is leading them to Myanmar. It was great to have so many of our MBC people show up and hear them when they visited earlier in the year. We are so excited for Meg and Jake that they are definitely booked to go soon to serve and work in this part of the world.

**Seeing some of the team who went to China** last year choosing to return and serve again this year. Lisa, Peter and Tayla Wood along with Destiny Wijohn and Zoe Twemlow had another amazing time in Weihai, blessing and being blessed by the community there.

Keeping momentum was a challenge from last year, and we continue to see the hand of God over lives around us, inspiring and leading as seen in the examples above.

### Our Missions Team

We have appreciated Warren Bird's input into our meetings over the past couple of years. Both he and Denise are seeking where God would have them worship next year, so Warren has stepped down from the Missions Team. We bless them

and are so thankful for Warren's time and commitment.

If you're passionate about overseas mission would you be interested in joining us? Maybe you are interested in finding out more about serving overseas or supporting those who work over there? Please come chat if this sounds like you.

### Team

Lyndon Twemlow  
Rachel Twemlow  
Bob Payne  
Judy Payne

### 2020 Opportunities!

Next Year we are excited that Frank is going to visit the Toroa Community in the Solomon Islands. He will be assisting with maintenance and taking part in preliminary discussions regarding the development plan to build a community centre. There is the potential later in 2022 for a building team to go over from MBC to serve by building this community centre.

The other exciting opportunity is that Emma Diack will lead a team to Asia to partner with the Cornelius family. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see what Dan and Angela are doing and support them. (Contact Emma if this excites you!)

We look forward to what God has in store for Missions in 2020 and are excited at the plans that are already shaping up. We serve an amazing God who leads us into extraordinary spaces to reveal his glory. May you be inspired and challenged in whatever mission God is calling you to be part of next year.



## MBC Intentional Communities **Frank Walton**

**An Intentional Community is a smallish group of Jesus-followers who believe God has called them to a defined neighbourhood. They aim to show and share the good news of Jesus' redemptive kingdom through establishing regular, ongoing relationships with neighbours. Members of the core-group share a commitment to a set of neighbouring values and practices and help keep one another accountable through regular group prayer times and group meetings.**

### 2019

As a follow on from 23 of us from MBC going down to South West Baptist Church in Christchurch last October, two communities have started up. One in Manurewa South around South School, and the other in Randwick Park.

This strategy of showing and sharing the Good News by a strong commitment to 'place' is growing among Baptist churches throughout NZ, as well as other denominations. Recently, a Baptist Intentional Communities Retreat called 'Te Ara' (the path/trail/way) was held at Parakai led by Ruby Duncan and Dave Tims. 25 folk from different parts of NZ gathered for discussion and encouragement.

### Manurewa South Community

Well, it's been a full-on 12 months! Manurewa South formed at the start of this year. A bunch of us were inspired and equipped after spending some time with South West Baptist in October last year. So we came home, and after a six-week

process of discernment, shared our personal stories and looked for glimpses of God at work in us. (Carter, Casey and van den Berg whānau.)

We each defined a personal mission, and looking for the common threads, defined four values that we could all orient our lives around.

**Our Community** // We seek to love this place, its streets and its people. We are present and make willing connections in Manurewa South. One of the ways this looks is walking to places, and not rushing there!

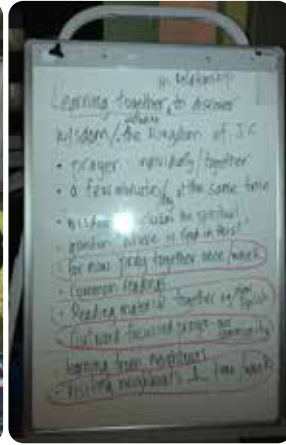
**Seeking Shalom** // We seek "completeness" or "Shalom" in ourselves and others, particularly those in need, who live in our community. This looks like regular prayer together, deep conversations with neighbours, connecting people to services, doing the gritty work in ourselves and being accountable.

**Learning Together** // Learning in relationship with our neighbours to discover kingdom wisdom. We give up self-sufficiency to discover Christ together.

**Walking Towards** // We seek to respond to God's call to love those on the margins and actively make space in our lives to connect with others.

So basically, it means we do life here, seeking to help build the Kingdom of God in the place we are in with the people around us. One example is the weekly meal we share with a neighbour on our street. We've known him for years, but having that regular space each week has greatly deepened our relationship. He now often tells us he prays for us and loves to talk about issues in





the country and our take on them. We're really just getting started, and are looking forward to the Casey whānau moving house in the next few months and discovering what Christ is doing in this place, together.

## Randwick Park

What a privilege it's been to move into Randwick Park and join Dave and Denise Tims in intentional, community living!

Over the last six months we've been taking a lot of time together to work out our shared values and vision, and then creating practices that we agree to that help us live that out! One of the values is to be present in our neighbourhood, so a practice that comes from that is that we've all agreed to buy our milk from the local dairy. Usually we walk there, we chat to the person working and then we walk home. It's such a simple act but it really gives us time to engage

and observe what's going on around us.

We also value spending time with Jesus in prayer and so we've committed to having prayer together in our garage five mornings a week for half an hour. It's been an adjustment getting up earlier, but man it's been cool! If you'd ever like to join us you're more than welcome, Monday-Friday 7.15-7.45!!

There are a lot of things within our shared values that I would like to say Francois and I could do wherever we were but, the actual truth is that as humans we are so easily distracted and actually living out our values takes a lot of effort and planning. By doing this in community we can encourage each other! Those practices are already set up to become just part of our new normal rather than something we are consciously trying to remember to fit in! And it's also way more fun doing it with other people!

**If you're ever interested in knowing more about what's happening in these spaces, come and talk to us, we'd love to have a chat.**



## Baptist Missionary Fellowship **Bob Payne**

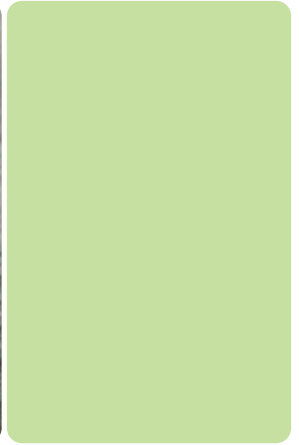
**We are a small group of interested people who meet regularly (2nd Wednesday of the month) to get update on our Baptist Missionaries, their movements and prayer needs.**

We are fortunate in that we receive letters from the missionaries we support telling us of their experiences. We also receive a weekly "Hot line" from the Tranzsend office advising us of any urgent prayer needs. In addition, we are part of the support team for four of these families. An added bonus for us from time-to-time is a visit from an overseas missionary who is home on deputation.

Bob Payne is currently the leader of our BMF group, and members take it in turn to chair the meetings. God has taught us over the years to be patient and to persevere in prayer. It is exciting to see how God has moved in so many ways to open up opportunities for souls to be reached.

We encourage our church family to review the photograph board at the rear of the church auditorium, enabling you to connect a name and face together.

**Note from MBC office:** After many years of faithfully leading BMF (supported by Judy), Bob has indicated that he would like to be relinquished of some of the administrative responsibilities. The office staff will cover this role (a hard act to follow!) Thank you Bob for all you have done in supporting our BMF group. We know you will continue to support it in whatever capacity you can.



## First look **Dave Diack**

First look is our under 5's ministry where our kids are looked after by an awesome team of volunteers who help sing, dance, pray and learn from the Bible – God made me, God loves me and Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### 2019

**Win:** we have an amazing bunch of leaders that have run our 3-4's programme over this past year. Unlike UpStreet, we rotate about 5 key leaders, each doing a half term block. Despite the challenges of time, they have all brought real love, commitment and creativity to the ministry, creating an awesome experience that our kids and parents have been grateful for.

**Win:** In Sync. One of the exciting things we have been working towards, and is now finally in place, is syncing our under 5 spaces so the kids hear the same Bible story and message through the week. Under 5's thrive on repetition, so hearing the same thing in more than one ministry space allows the message to really sink in. Kiddy Winks Kindy and First Look on a Sunday are now teaching the same bible stories with the same bottom line. We hope this will also make it easier for families exploring faith to engage with the content.

### 2020

Parenting under 5's is always a challenge phase in parenting. Please pray for us as we continue to explore ways we can inspire and equip our parents to nature their children's faith throughout this time. We have some awesome tools at our disposal, the challenge is helping parents find the tools that work just right for them and their rhythms of life.

### Team

Jo Casey

Melissa Walton

Nikki Smith

Debbie Krzyzewski

Lisa Karl





## UpStreet and Next Level **Dave Diack**

**Upstreet and Next Level are our Sunday ministries for primary and intermediate school kids. Each week we discover God's amazing love for us through Bible stories and small groups. As a response to this, we focus on how we can follow Jesus through being Kind, Wise and Brave.**

### 2019

Parents play the most significant role in developing a child's faith. Having intentional faith conversations at home can sadly be easily lost in the busyness of life. A win for us this year has been using the 'Believe' series, having the parents and kids focusing on the same topics each week. It is another way to help parents take what the kids discussed on Sunday and have faith conversations.

Our second win this year has been Nicky Peglar taking a key lead position in Upstreet. With me (Dave) having to help lead our intermediates in Next Level, Nicky has taken a key role teaching a lot of the 'Believe' series. Nicky was a children's pastor in her previous church and has brought lots of experience and ideas in to our space, which has made this year extra exciting and different for our kids to explore and develop their faith.

### 2020

Up street and Next level are exciting ministries to be a part of. Next year we are looking at continuing to develop our discipleship program in both spaces. Please pray for us as this is an exciting and important initiative, but takes time to test and trial as we look at what are the most effective tools to help our kids develop their faith in this ever-changing world.

### Team

Dave Diack  
Emma Diack  
Morgan Davis  
Ella Barr  
Destiny Wijohn  
Ben Diack  
Ben Porter  
Richard Munro  
Tegan Peglar  
Emily Peglar  
Nicky Peglar



## Iconz Dave Diack

**Iconz, our Monday night ministry for primary kids, is based around three big themes: Risk, Adventure and A Bigger Story. Exposing kids to more Risk – in order to build confidence; Adventure – trying new things; and A bigger story – inviting them into God’s big story, and living for something bigger than themselves.**

### 2019

This year we’ve had so many wins. One of the stand-outs has been being able to accommodate such a wide variety of kids. Many of our kids are involved in sports teams during the year—which is awesome—but some kids, for various reasons, find sports teams hard to engage with. It has been so rewarding offering a space for these kids where they still feel part of a team, and can also engage in a wide variety of sports, adventures, and discover more about our amazing God.

The second win has been relationships. Iconz has been a great place for new kids and their families to connect with our church community. This year we have seen 5 new families come and be a part of our space on a Friday night. Because we meet weekly, it has been great to build stronger relationships with these families and for their kids to hear of God’s amazing love for them.

### 2020

In 2020 we will be going independent and changing our name from Iconz to ‘Amped’. This will involve a new uniform, logo and badge system. It is a 10 year project and will be saving us a significant amount of money each year in fees, allowing us to keep our term fees low and pour more resources into our ministry.

### Team

Ben Diack  
Dave Diack  
Ben Porter  
Tim Beale  
Dave Barr  
Zoe Twemlow  
Catherine Barr  
Peter Wood  
Henry Manders  
Brent Diack  
Justin Lee  
Reesh Casey  
Aaron Mawkes  
Ronnie Seiler  
Suzanne Aitkenhead



## Youth Nicole Viljoen

**The goal of all our time together is for the youth of MBC and Manurewa community to have a space to engage, learn, find belonging and purpose, and be encouraged.**

### 2019

Wow!! What an epic, crazy, fun six months it has been diving into this church family and getting to know these amazing youth we have the massive privilege of learning from and with!! Since starting in April, Breanna Wijohn, Ella Barr, Keelia Hill, Sophie Aitkenhead, Tegan Peglar, Francois and I have been meeting most Wednesday nights to have dinner together, chat, pray, learn about God and the world, and have fun. I'll just take a quick second to say these young women are very, very cool. They laugh lots, are super encouraging, protect each other fiercely, and they're kind and compassionate.

During term three we spent half our time enjoying dinner and hanging together at our house, and the other half visiting other youth groups. It was a great experiment as we mixed with different youth spaces and joined with them in their mission to spread Jesus love with young people. The things we loved most were the way Franklin Baptist welcomed us and included us seamlessly into their group. Render Gathering had a fun hype about it that we LOVED, Life had a super interesting panel discussion and Q&A which we learnt a lot from, and Ngaire Avenue had great competitive games, and we loved diving in to some scripture!

### 2020

Next year is going to be another grand adventure as we welcome the group of year 7-9's who are currently part of the intermediates programme into youth!! We're thinking we'll switch it up again and be meeting 6.30-9 on Friday nights in the Chapel at church! Since our group will probably quadruple in size as we move into 2020, we would love for you to be praying about whether God might give you a heart for the youth of our church and Manurewa community, and if He might want you to be a leader within this space.

If you're feeling a bit of a tug on your heart to help in this space, let me know, and over the next term we can catch up and talk about what that might look like for you. Maybe it's not a weekly commitment, maybe it is? Maybe you want to commit to praying for us every Friday night, sponsor someone to come to Easter Camp, bake for supper occasionally, be a driver when we go to various events? Let me know!! I'd be so encouraged by however it is you feel called to be involved.





## 3<sup>rd</sup> Manurewa Girls Brigade **Fiona Griffiths**

“Empowering girls to succeed in tomorrow’s world” Girls Brigade is an international Christian movement for girls aged 5-18 years. Our programmes cover a balance of physical, social, educational and spiritual activities linked to our Motto: “Seek, Serve and Follow Christ”.

### 2019

**WINS:** Seeing the girls different abilities and strengths continue to develop as they learn how to work with each other, and as a team, while learning new skills and having new experiences

Being able to offer, and give, support to our families, whether it’s just a listening ear or on a practical level

It’s also exciting to see how much the girls enjoy coming along each week, and how committed they are to being at Girls Brigade

**CHALLENGES:** Low numbers of girls

### 2020

We are looking forward to continuing with the girls we have now, as well as adding to our numbers, as well as the ongoing opportunity/privilege of being a part of them continuing their growth and development, spiritually, socially, educationally and physically—they are all amazing young ladies.

### Team

Fiona Griffiths  
 Rachel Griffiths  
 Rebecca Griffiths  
 Melanie Jaggs



## Kiddy Winks **Julia Hill**

**Kiddy Winks Kindy continues to provide education and care to preschool children in a loving, Christ-centred learning environment. All staff are committed to daily opportunities to korero with tamariki about Jesus.**

Sometimes those opportunities are simply praying with the children when we know they or their families are in a tough time. Our aim is that when children leave kindy they know that God made them, that He loves them, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever.

We are also blessed with an incredible group of people who serve on the Board of Trustees, and are committed to good governance and management of the centre in order to remain financially sustainable for future generations. Tony Salisbury, our wonderful cleaner & maintenance guy, is also a huge blessing to us.

### 2019

We've had some challenges this year with staff movement, including our centre manager leaving. However, the Board have guided us through this process well, and Rose and Julia are taking on the challenge of running the centre together. Feedback from our families has been really encouraging, they are loving the new changes and seeing the photo displays of their children at play or in learning moments. We have also recently started the First Look program here at our morning mat times. This gives the teachers excellent resources and ideas when they teach the children that God made them, that He loves them and that Jesus wants to be their friend. The children themselves are loving this curriculum also.

### 2020

Please pray for a full roll for next year. Pray for the staff, that they will be strengthened to grow professionally, but also in their own walks with Jesus. Also for staff to continue to build strong relationships with each other and with our kindy families.

### Staff

Rose Rao  
(Head Teacher)

Julie Wilson  
(Teacher)

Candice Bester  
(Teacher)

Lisa Wood  
(Teacher Aide)

Julia Hill  
(Operations  
Manager)

Tony Salisbury  
(Maintenance/  
Cleaning)



## WonderMums **Lisa Carter**

Wondermums continues to awhi (support) mums in the amazing job they do. Our target is anyone in a caregiver role (Mum, Grandma, Aunty, caregiver, etc). Wondermums is based on five key aspects: fun, friendship, faith, learning and giving.

### 2019

Naomi van den Berg made a welcome addition to our team in February. It really does take five people to keep a ship like Wondermums sailing smoothly and operating every week!

This year has seen a few changes at Wondermums, all with the purpose of serving mums better.

We have shifted our start time to 9:30, which allows school mums to come straight after drop-off, and mums with young children to come earlier and leave when it suits them to get their little ones home.

Another change is a new focus on Play. We have integrated a simple, play-based activity each week. These include the likes of play dough, bubbles, cooking, games, parachutes and so on. This still allows mums to be able to connect with other mums, and enables the kids to have fun and engage through play. So far, this change has worked really well.

We continue to attract new mums, church mums, and community mums. Please pray for more mums and connections. The face of Wondermums is constantly changing, no two years are the same! Please pray that we'd be sensitive to know what's best for everyone involved throughout these changing seasons.

### 2020

In the 2018 report I mentioned that we were considering doing Alpha Parenting. We haven't pursued this yet. In previous years the uptake for Alpha has been amazing. Please pray that if this is something God wants us to do, or something new, that we would know His leading.

### Team

Lisa Carter  
Jo Casey  
Nicole Fransham  
Ange Metcalfe  
Naomi van den Berg





# Marriage Enrichment Ministry

## Mike & Pauline Bain

To provide a comfortable, safe space where couples learn and/or refresh key skills to strengthen their relationships; grow their communication skills; have a greater understanding of how God creates and fits into their relationships, and encourage couples to set up regular 'date nights'.

### 2019

A year down the track and three relationship courses have been held since May 2018, and we are hoping to hold another course starting October this year and another couple next year at MBC, kicking off each night with some great supper 😊

### Our Vision

#### Personal Testimony

"Mike and I have learnt some very timely key skills ourselves since hosting the Marriage courses. I believe we never stop learning, and I am up for anything that improves our relationship, because it has been a great near 31 years, and really want the next 30 plus years to be everything and all God has for us as a couple. One of the most valuable things we have learnt as a couple is the understanding of how we can put expectations (consciously or unconsciously) on our spouse and how having unmet expectations can crash into many areas of our lives. We have learnt the questions to ask in order to open up communication between us, and it is so valuable."

We would love the opportunity to learn and grow more alongside you. Please watch the weekly bulletins for upcoming courses and events and do contact us if you would like more info.



## Connect Groups

At MBC we have found that effective discipleship happens through and in relationship. We believe in the power of friendship and would love to help you find true belonging in our community. Listed below are the groups that are currently operating in our church. Have a look and see where you might find a place to belong.

GROUP	CONTACT	
<b>Morning Ladies</b>	Pauline Bain 021 179 7551	MBC womens group runs fortnightly on a Monday morning 10.30 -12pm. We are a relaxed, friendly and adaptable bunch of gals who love Jesus and love talking to Him.
<b>Central Manurewa</b>	Bob Payne 267 0584	We are a mixed group of people, ranging in age from mid 50's to late 80's, who meet together at our home for bible study and prayer on the first and third Wednesday each month. All welcome.
<b>Manurewa South</b>	Alex Carter 022 050 2070	If you live in Manurewa South come and pray with us! We meet at 7.00am on Tuesday for about 30 minutes. Come and pray/listen as we seek to get involved with what God is doing in this place.
<b>Bible Study</b>	Lois Sheppard 027 341 1974	Held every Tuesday morning from 10.30am (except in the school holidays) in the former library. We start our time with morning tea. The group is mainly seniors but anyone is welcome! We usually have between 10 and 20 people join us. We study a chapter of Bible each week using the SOAP acronym, (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer). We are also including the 'Believe' series video and discussion each week.
<b>Wondermums</b>	Jo Casey 021 171 3266  Lisa Carter 027 308 5808	Wondermums supports mums in the amazing job they do as mothers and caregivers. We meet every Tuesday during the school term, 9:30-11am at MBC. We run a play-based activity for the kids with coffee, cake and chats for mums! Check out @Wondermumsmanurewa on Facebook for our latest updates.

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<b>Papakura</b>	Mike & Pauline Bain 021 179 7551	We are a bunch of 'Kuraites' who meet Tuesdays fortnightly 7.15pm–9.15pm. We like to use a mixture of study and DVDs. We start each session with tea or coffee and catch up, sometimes there are bikkies, even! We finish with prayer. Each term we like to go out and fellowship together over a meal. We are seeking how we might serve in the Papakura District.
<b>Men</b>	Simon Karl 027 439 6360  Tim Beale 027 403 0434	We meet every second week on a Tuesday night at 7:30pm usually at the Beale's house in Wattle Downs. Most have young families with primary school age children, so attendance varies depending on family matters. We are currently running through the Believe series inline with the Sunday morning schedule, this occupies the bulk of the time in addition to general life chat!
<b>Weymouth</b>	Chris Guttenbeil 021 268 5950	Our goal is to study God's word, reflect on the Sunday morning's message, share, support, and be accountable to one another. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, with dinner at 6.30pm and a study from 7.30pm–8.30pm
<b>Young Adults</b>	Diane Crowe 027 471 1503	Young adults (18–29ish) meet weekly at 7pm on Wednesday nights at 53 Eugenia Rise, Manukau. We provide a safe, non-judgmental space for fellowship, food, discussion, prayer, study etc. as well as semi-regular fun, social events.
<b>Manurewa Central-East</b>	Frank Walton 021 043 5243	We are a mixed group of people aged 40+ who meet at Frank & Trish's place fortnightly on Wed evenings, 7.00–8.30pm. We enjoy a relaxing chit-chat with coffee/tea and tasty nibbles at the start. Our focus cycles through: <b>1.</b> Sharing part of our life stories <b>2.</b> Bible study with discussion about the relevance to daily living and <b>3.</b> Presence-based mission in our family/work/community/ beyond NZ. We usually round off with prayer for needs that we are aware of.
<b>Tired Mums</b>	Lisa Karl 027 271 7491	For any tired Mums, Grandmas, Aunties or women with children in their lives. We meet weekly on Thursdays from 9.30am till 11am in the crèche at church. The goal is to provide a space to be real about the challenges we face, to be sisters to each other as we learn more about God's love for us.
<b>Wattle Downs</b>	Alison Blakely 027 111 4580	Location: 9 Moor Park, Wattle Downs Our group is open to all. We meet at 7:30pm on alternate Thursdays during term-time. We give space to share our lives and encourage one another, study the word and pray for each other and our wider concerns.
<b>Te Kotahitanga</b>	Gail Hosken 027 295 9005	Te Kotahitanga is a rōpū (group) that welcomes anyone who would like to explore a Christian Māori Kaupapa (way of doing things). We sing, eat and korero together once a month. Our common purpose is to encourage the wider church community into our bi-cultural journey, and for us all to understand who God has created us to be in entirety, and to respond to what God calls us to be and do.



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## MBC Strategic planning Sept 2019

In September 2019, the eldership team and pastoral staff spent two days at a strategic planning weekend. We spent time reflecting on the past couple of years, giving thanks to God for his faithfulness, praying for one another and reflecting on our practices and ministries. In this setting, we sought to hear God's voice through your stories and hopes that we carry, as told by you and as observed as your pastors and elders. We then spent time looking forward, exploring how we as a church have a specific role to play in God's redemption story. From this, we came away with a clear framework that has given guidance to how we might intentionally position ourselves to be more effectively aligned with the Spirit of God as MBC.

- Three overarching values that we sense are to become significant drivers for us are **Intentional, Presence, drenched in Love**.
- Given these values, we then reflected on how we might resource you, as God's people, to practice with these values at your core.
- We came up with the following roles that we see as keys to delivering the outcomes.

### Eldership

Our eldership is there to provide governance and to hold us to the mission to which God has called us. Namely: All roles within the Church family serve one task, to serve the Mission of God so people find and follow Him. We do this by partnering with the Spirit of God and each other.

### Key Pastoral Roles

Our Pastors are there to disciple and resource our church family into intentional presence-based mission. Specifically, we have identified the following pastoral roles as priorities for MBC.

**READ ME:** *Some of these pastoral roles can be met by the same pastor and/or multiple roles can be held by more than one individual. Equally, some roles can be delivered through lay pastors.*

- **Lead Pastor:** To Pastor the church into a right relationship with our God through alignment between governance and management. This is done by developing strategies through partnership that releases the wider staff to focus on supporting those in their respective area of responsibility.
- **Teaching pastor:** Providing leadership in delivering a biblically-based program that equips, inspires and holds people to God's redeeming mission in the lives of our people. That faithfully brings us to share the gospel through word, sign, and deed
- **Connections pastor:** Helping people find and follow Jesus through connection with one another- key areas of responsibility: home groups, welcome teams, community ministries and helping us excel at hospitality.
- **Sunday curator:** Responsible for shaping the Sunday services to capture our four key practices of – Worship, Connection, Word, Response.

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- **Neighbouring pastor:** Helping our people be present locally
- **Children's and young families Pastor:** Working with 0 -12-year-olds and their families to live faith at school and at home. This is through encouraging and equipping them with tools that help them on the journey, and by providing environments where there can grow in their faith together and invite their friends to be part of the adventure.
- **Youth Pastor:** To love the youth of MBC and Manurewa community, through coordinating programmes for the youth throughout the week. The goal of these events is for the youth to have a space to engage, learn, find belonging and purpose, and encouraged in the journey of finding and following Christ. A youth pastor also represents the voice of the youth to the wider church.
- **Young adults Pastor:** Walking with 18 to 30-year-olds to deepen their faith in Jesus through real and brave conversations and experiences that intersect with their everyday lives.
- **Pastor to the baby boomers:** As this is such a critical transitional stage, we want to help this demographic live meaningful, counter-cultural, God-centred lives.
- **Pastor to the seniors:** Helping our seniors in their later years have meaningful lives and finish the race well.
- **Pastoral care/counselling pastor:** To provide meaningful pastoral care services using biblical principles in partnership with professionals and lay workers.

## **Support staff:**

Specialist support roles:

- **Office Staff:** Reception / admin
- **Communications:** Team comms, digital and social media ministry coordinator/ Events coordinator
- Administrator / finance / I.T. / Strategic property development/maintenance, environment design
- Other ministries / values we seek to inform our practice: intergenerational
- Bi-cultural / Cross-cultural / missional (both locally and internationally) / environmental sustainability (kaitiaki) / Justice / hospitality / generosity / partnership (better together).

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# Priority values for 2020 at MBC

Because all roles within the Church family serve one task, namely to serve the Mission of God so people find and follow Him. And we seek to do this by partnering with the Spirit of God and each other. Within this, as a leadership team, we sense that the following values are to inform key practices that the Spirit is calling us to focus in on and know deeply.

## **'Presence'**

**From 'Present'. Adjective. In a particular place.**

The phrase 'presence based ministry' seeks to highlight the practice given to us in the person of Jesus. He came and dwelt among us, bringing not just a code to live by, but rather a presence to live with and through. The implications of this are staggering and far-reaching. It requires self-sacrifice and commitment, it requires intimacy with each other and His Holy Spirit, to hear His voice. We want to help you be relationally present wherever God has intentionally placed you, be it at home, in your neighbourhood, at Church, at your place of work or study. And to do so, inspired and empowered by His Holy Presence.

## **'Intentionality'**

**From: 'Intentional'. Adjective. Done on purpose; deliberate.**

Again we see this modelled by Christ. At just the right time, He came into the world. At just the right time, you have been placed with great intentionality by God for his purposes and glory. As a church, we want to be deliberately strategic in our efforts in helping you identify this for your life so that we each can make the most of the opportunities in the seasons of our lives that God presents.

As we seek to be present and intentional, let us do so dripping in Love, respecting every person as being made in the image of God, and created to know and love Him.



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# Intentionally present on Sundays

**With all this talk of intentionality and presence some might ask 'so what about Sunday?' Rest assured, this is not offered as an 'either/or', but rather as a 'both/and'. Sunday gathering will remain a key practice and value of MBC.**

The relationship between the missional edge and the Sunday gathering keeps the whole body healthy. Sunday helps anchor the mission to its key mandate, Christ. Equally, the missional edge brings life to the Sunday gathering. While we must always ask 'is Sunday relevant', the answer (if in doubt) shouldn't be to cease gathering together, but rather to ask if our gathering honours God and is obedient to His word.

We need the Sunday gathering to keep Christ at the center of all we do, avoiding 'missional drift' where the mission becomes more important than the master. It is also a great mission statement, where we each bring our God-given diversity and passion and commit to be intentional and present with God and one another.

We constantly seek to align with what we believe the Spirit is doing amongst us. Consequently, we want to ensure that the following practices happen each time we gather. Typically, they are happening in the following sequence...(though we're always looking for ways to 'mix it up')

- 1. Worship towards God:** we want the whole service to be 'worshipful'. To help in this, we recognise that there are gifts that God has given us that help orientate us towards Him more readily. That is why we give time for singing, praying, and other practices that remind us of who God is, and for us to experience His presence together.
- 2. Connection with each other:** Jesus

said that the world will know we are HIS by the love we have for one another. Sundays can be a glimpse of the future where God unites all who love him, where diversity is embraced. We see this when we regularly set aside time to hear from each other and pray for each other, worship God together, and share communion, as we recognise the presence of Christ amongst us.

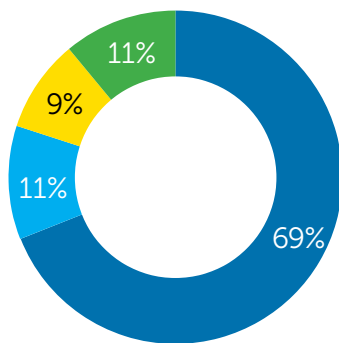
- 3. Word:** Our Baptist tradition reminds us that we can best know God's ways by gathering together and allowing his word to read us. That is why we commit to hearing the word of God opened and expanded on for our context and our time. (At this point we break into children and adult ministries so that the material is age accessible).
- 4. Response:** This is our 'so what' space. We've worshipped God together, listened to his word... so what? What does this mean for me/you? How might I re-orientate my thinking and practice in light of what I've just experienced? This is why our services might end with us once again singing praise to our God for His grace, it might mean we fall to our knees and confess, maybe it means getting into groups and praying for each other or catching up with someone later in the week... whatever it is, we want to help make sure we leave committed to the ongoing change and transformation that Christ has committed to complete in us.

So, Church, "don't neglect the gathering as some have been accustomed to doing" (Heb 10)... equally let us not hide away within our Church walls, "let us be salt and light" in all areas of our lives (Matt 5), for all need to be present in the gathering and the world.

# Stats

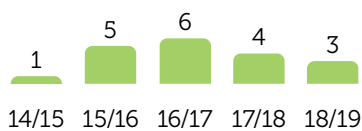
## Average Sunday Attendance

Adults and Children to 1 Sept 2019

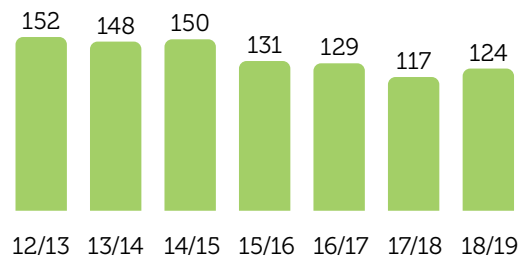


Service	Adults	Children	Total
Morning	124	44	168
Asian	21	6	27
Night	23	-	23
Saturday	24	3	27
			<b>245</b>

### Baptisms



### Membership



#### Births:

Riley **Bygate**  
 Harrison **Brown**  
 Luke **van den Berg**

#### Deaths:

Nola **Kenning**  
 Ina **Moller**

#### Baptisms:

Isaiah **Gurnick**  
 Harry **Witaka**  
 Benaiah **Casey**  
 Ashleigh **Montgomery**

#### Membership:\*

Hayley **Bygate**  
 Alice **Huang**  
 Michael **Rohde**  
 Nicole & Francois **Viljoen**

#### Engagements:

Warren **Bird** & Denise **Janes**  
 Stephanie **Montgomery** &  
 Isaiah **Gurnick**

#### Weddings:

Thomas **Woodfield** & Sarah  
**Farmer**  
 Warren **Bird** & Denise **Janes**  
 Isaiah **Gurnick** & Stephanie  
**Montgomery**

\* Two members have moved from supplementary to resident membership which explains the difference between the graph above and the listed names.

## Did you know?

In 2019, once again our 'free' Family Camp 'paid for itself. 180 people attended, with an amazing baptism service held at Camp making up part of our four baptisms this year.

**Nicole** joined us just over 6 months ago as an Associate Pastor responsible for Youth. She has built real relationships, wider than that of just the youth, through consuming 325 coffees and 217 cupcakes, while her husband Francios has fixed his way into our hearts by repairing innumerable fixtures that need mending.

**Vince** has spent the last year working with our young adults in the capacity of a Carey student pastor, helping our people ask the hard questions.

**Lyndon** has been here now as Senior Pastor for over three years and is ready to get funky (watch this space). **Dave** has served at MBC as Children's and families pastor for 13 years (and it shows), and **Lois** has been the pastor to the seniors for 15 years, outliving just about everyone.

**Carol** continues to work three half days in the office, greeting all who come through our doors. **Chris G**, having served forever in the office, is going down to one day a week so she can help care for three additional impending grandchildren due at the end of the year.

We have seen love expressed amongst us at the passing of some who have lived for ninety years, and others who passed as they had just begun to grow. We have seen some recover well from difficult health issues, and others who continue the struggle to begin another day.

Do you know that when we run through the Church Directory, we can count over 100 people actively serving in multiple spaces and roles within the life of our church's weekly rhythm?

**Frank Walton** has entered the 'gold card zone', and has marked it by donating most of his week to serving the community in some way or form (including the formation of a community garden out the front of the church). Five families have either sold their home or bought a home so that they or others can be more intentional in the communities they live in.

Come 2020, we have opportunities ahead of us to be more intentional and present every day, ways in which we can live and reflect the love of Christ. What an exciting call we have all been given. For some it means a first-ever missions trip overseas, for others, it means baking a cake for the neighbour. For some, it means brave conversations at work, for others, similar chats at school.

For all of us, it requires prayerful reflection as together, we seek God for the 'next step in each of our settings. Whatever it might hold for you, we at MBC commit to walking alongside you as Christ carries you and equips you for the adventure ahead.

**Kia kaha, Kia māia, Kia manawanui! (Be strong, be brave, be steadfast!)**











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