



Ministry & Mission

2012

During 2011, our church's Mission Statement:

Glorifying God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
by growing His family through
Biblical teaching, prayer and loving relationships
locally, nationally, and internationally.

has been expressed as we have taken opportunities to gather as God's people for worship, study, prayer and fellowship.

We've been blessed to see a relationship begin with local churches in East Timor. We've heard a challenge about how we can support nurturing the growth of a local church in Adelaide.

The continuing responsibility of caring for one another, both within our families and our church, bids us think about how we can best carry out pastoral care among one another.

We've made some steps, but there is so much more to do. Please prayerfully consider investing your time and resources during 2012 in the following areas:

Worship - Care Ministries - Cross Cultural Work - Biblical Training

Worship and the Lord's Day

In 2011 God spoke to us from Zechariah, Matthew, 1 Samuel and 1 Thessalonians.

A major addition to our sung praise has been consistent use of the psalms. We aim to continue to respond to the command to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, seeking to be obedient to God's Word as we worship.

In 2012 we'll return to Matthew's Gospel and 1 Samuel, continuing to see God's kingdom growing.

Next year the opportunity exists to broaden the involvement of our members in providing instrumental and vocal support to our sung praise.

Our church family have embraced our covenantally structured family worship and the following time of all-age Sunday School.

Sunday evening fellowship spent 52 weeks considering the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

Next year our evening meetings will begin a series on Psalms. Get in early for the next three to four years.

As a further encouragement to start and finish Sunday in fellowship with God's people, on the first Sunday of each month, our evening fellowship will be largely set apart as a time of prayer.

Care Ministries

The Care Ministries IDEA Group began the year with a budget of \$6000, to which were added \$2816 worth of donations through Harvest sale of gifts and a \$1300 contribution to the Bangladesh work. After distributions so far we still have \$2868 to allot to one or other cause before the end of the year.

Care locally:

The Sunday taxi service was supported with

\$211 and \$220 for a private airfare to Melbourne.

Care & Concern continued to distribute blankets, cards, and thoughtful gifts as tangible tokens of God's love to people inside and outside our congregation. Over 140 Christmas boxes were sent away.



Care nationally:

For the Queensland floods we passed \$1000 through PresAID for general help and \$1500 directly to help Creation Ministries repair their damage.

Care internationally:

Contributions were given to Bangladesh via PresAID to help local evangelists gain a secure income enabling them to carry on Kingdom work. Two individuals were helped through \$1500 donations, one to cover set up costs for a pharmacy and the other for a water pump.

Care Ministries will continue to support similar needs through their 2012 budget of \$8000.

Cross Cultural Work

Mission locally:

The Mission IDEA Group are considering how MGPC might reach out into the community of Mount Gambier. At the moment we don't have a lot of ideas but the goal is to do something with a Gospel focus.

In January MGPC's Holiday Muster will open our church to the local community as we ask: Who's The King?

Mission nationally:

At the end of 2011 our gift of \$1000 to support the work in Albany, WA, is a good beginning in developing an interest in church planting nationally.

Resulting from the visit of David Jones, the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and in anticipation of a church plant taking place in Adelaide, our aim for 2012 and probably 2013 would be to invest in the work of the Para Hills Presbyterian Church.

This would involve donations of \$5000 each year, and workshops which we could offer to the wider Presbyterian Church leaders in the city. This would be carried out with MGPC's Biblical Training Group.

A further aim is to open up opportunities for young people from MGPC to be involved in short term ministry trips, both in Australia and overseas.

Mission Internationally:

Planning is underway for another trip to Timor Leste next year around early October or perhaps a week earlier than this year. A project to supply a motor cycle to enable wider range provision of ministry.



2012 will also see MGPC offer a lead by inviting other PCSA churches to partner with us so that they can develop their own mission strategies.

We continue to think about Africa and the invitation we have to go there, along with their desire to have a bus so they can do outreach

to the unreached. \$25,000.00 is the figure put to us for this, which makes it a major project which would require much future planning and probably the development of a partnership with other churches to bring this project to fruition.

Biblical Training

In 2012 the Biblical Training Idea Group will seek to serve you and fulfill its mandate to equip you for the work of ministry in these ways:

Adult Christian Education

Term 1: conclude the "Getting to the Heart of Parenting" and church history courses.

Term 2: Old Testament survey.

Term 3: Christian Doctrine 2

Term 4: Dynamics of the Godly Life (to be confirmed).

Youth Class

Parents will be surveyed shortly as to the best options for discipling our young people.

Church camp

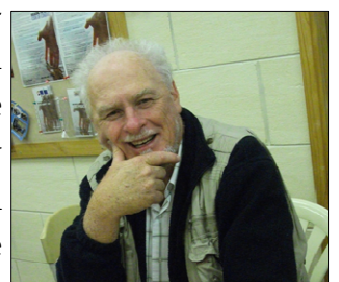


We are eagerly looking forward to this year's camp from 2nd – 4th March. Our speaker, Darren Middleton is a dynamic teacher, so

plan to attend.

John MacKay ministry

John Mackay returns again from 27th – 29th July. The focus of his ministry this time will be on equipping us to be confident everyday witnesses.



Resources

We will continue to make available more resources for your group and our classes. If you want to know more about what's on offer, ask one of the group members.

Evangelism

The responsibility for evangelism has been temporarily "warehoused" with us since Bruce Hamilton left for Melbourne several years ago. We are considering the possibility of a short course on the "how tos" of evangelism during 2012 with the

hope of seeing an Evangelism Idea Group emerge from the course. Please join us in praying for this to occur.

Additionally a 1000 copies of "Challenge – the Good News paper" are to be distributed around the Allison St. neighbourhood in the lead up to Christmas and Easter.

National and international opportunities for biblical training will continue to be developed in consultation with the Mission group, the Elders and the wider church.

Our proposed budget for 2012 has been put together based on conservative estimates of anticipated income and generous estimations of expected expenditures.

A more detailed draft budget document is available with this paper.

Projected 2012 Income

Freewill Offerings	\$138,500.00	
Donations and Other Receipts	11,000.00	
Interest Received	20.00	
Interest Received from Investments	14,500.00	
Dividends from Investments	18,000.00	
Total Receipts		\$182,020.00

Projected 2012 Expenditure

Administration, utility and maintenance expenses	55,530.00	
Mission & Ministry expenses		
<i>Biblical Training</i>	\$7,000.00	
<i>Care Ministries</i>	8,000.00	
<i>Missions</i>	25,000.00	
<i>Stipends & Costs</i>	112,062.00	
	152,062.00	

Total Expenditure	\$207,592.00
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General Surplus/Deficit	(\$25,572.00)
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We are encouraged to propose a budget that directs almost 75% of expenditure to mission and ministry and 25% to administration, utility and maintenance expenses.

(N.B. It is anticipated that \$15,000.00 will be available from the L.B. Pitt bequest for capital expenditure at the Allison Street property during 2012)