

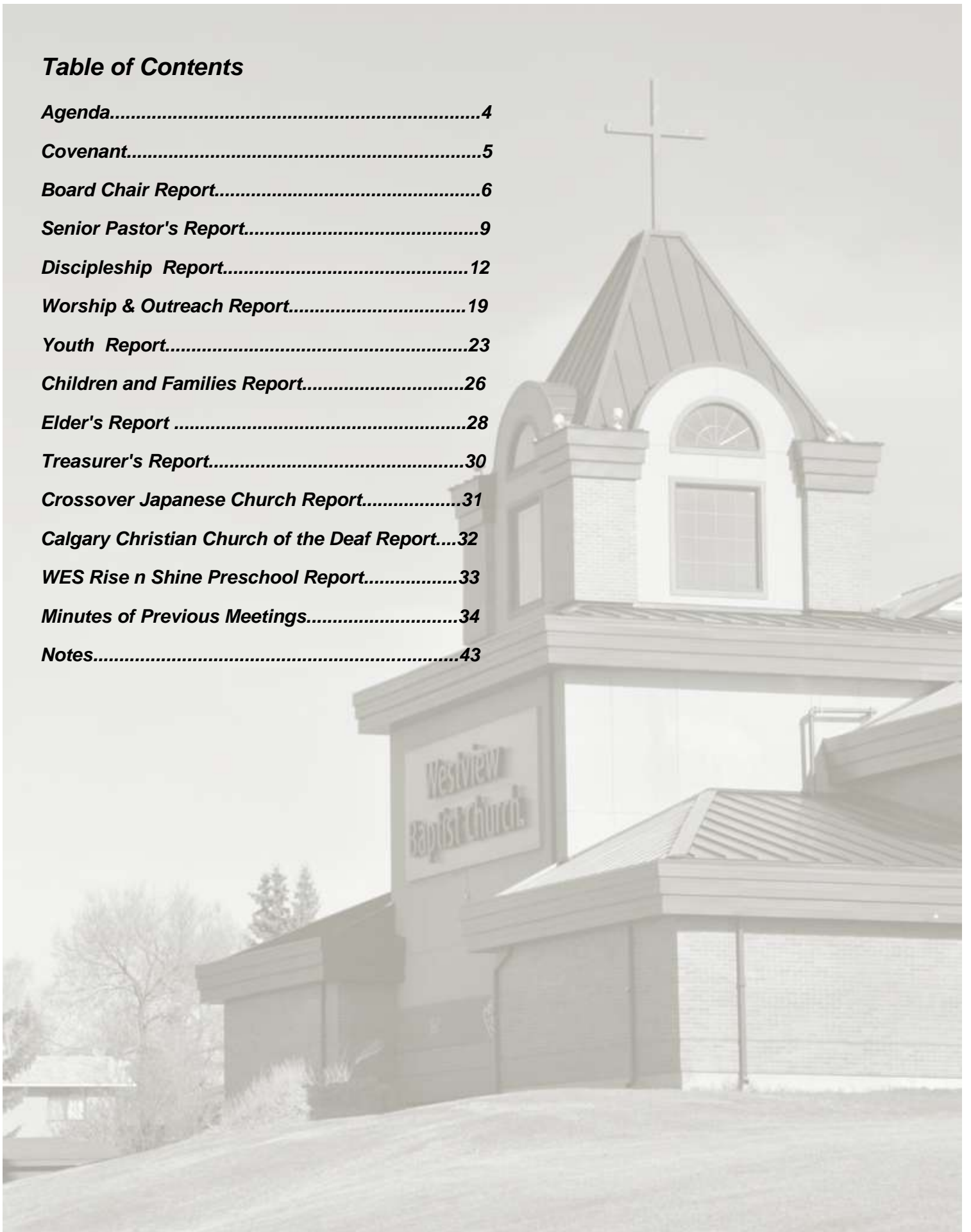


The Westview Story

2016

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WESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

2016 STORY

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PEOPLE



sunday morning attendance
2016 - 338 avg.
2015 - 312 avg.
2014 - 305 avg.



222
number of visitors to Westview on Sunday mornings!



627
number of people that call Westview their home church

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



9
number of baptisms



232
people in small groups



9
number of new members

MINISTRIES



351 campers that registered for Westview camps



91 people enrolled in our new arts academy!



6 Indian pastors supported by Westview



169 kids enrolled in Sunday school

2

we grew to two services this fall



19 Westview people served on a mission trip

FINANCES



\$95,000 spent directly on Westview ministries



\$142,014 debt remaining on our building



\$47,300 dollars given beyond ourselves



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AGM Agenda | February 27, 2017

1. Worship
2. Devotion - Dayle Medgett
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Appointment of Scrutineers
6. Church Covenant
7. 2016 - A Year in Review
8. Election of Officers
Coffee & Dessert
9. 2017 Budget & Financial Update - Bill Webb
10. 2017 Ministry Outlook - Dayle Medgett
11. Adjournment

Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour and, on a profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with one another:

That being led and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we will serve together in brotherly love with Christian sympathy and kindness, exercise a Christian care and concern over one another and tenderly, faithfully and humbly admonish and help as may be needful, walk circumspectly in the world, be just in our dealing, faithful in our engagements, cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, participate in one another's joys, bear one another's burdens and sorrows, and be slow to take offence and ready always for reconciliation;

That we will not neglect the opportunities for public worship with our brothers and sisters;

That we will seek to acknowledge Christ as Lord of our households, seeking to rear our children in the love and admonition of the Lord;

That we will regularly observe private devotions in prayer and in thoughtful study of the Scriptures, seeking the Spirit's guidance;

That we strive for the advancement of the Church in all its interests and will sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; that according to our ability, we will contribute regularly to its support and ministries, particularly in the proclamation of the Gospel here and throughout the world; that we will endeavour to evangelise personally where opportunity permits;

That we will co-operate in constructive goodwill with other Christian churches and Christian agencies, wherever conviction permits, in the work our Lord has given us to do;

That in the case of removal from this place we will, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry on the spirit of this Covenant;

And finally That in all things we will seek to live to the honour and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dick Walker | Board Chair

I am amazed at how wonderfully blessed we are at Westview. Our board meetings are constructive and harmonious and congregational meetings are a time to celebrate what God is doing in our midst. Westview truly exhibits a sense of family and oneness.

The difficult economic climate in Calgary caused some uncertainty during the third and fourth quarters of 2016 relative to whether Westview would meet its 2016 budget. The closing of 2016 once again demonstrated God's unfailing faithfulness to provide for our needs through the generous hearts of His people and we give all praise to God. The Operations Budget was exceeded with a surplus of \$39,300 and further payments were made to the Building Fund to reduce the debt with the CBWC Foundation to \$142,000 at year end.

"Westview truly exhibits a sense of family and oneness."

Several members of the congregation volunteered their time and skills throughout the year, to assist with the routine maintenance that is required to keep Westview functional. A hearty thank you is extended to all who helped in 2016. Building maintenance is a continual challenge and anyone with skills in a particular trade would be a welcome addition to the cadre of talented people who already support the upkeep of the building we enjoy.

The continued faithful dedication of the seven Sunday service chair set-up teams is also greatly appreciated and enables us to enjoy the comfort of our chairs on Sunday mornings. New chair team members are always a welcome addition and this ministry may be an attractive way for newcomers to get to know people within the church and participate in a ministry once every 7 weeks.

A new contractor was selected for the 2016/2017 snow season and we have enjoyed improved snow removal and safer sidewalks, at a reduced cost. Several building repairs and improvements were deferred in 2016 due to budget concerns; however, we are hopeful some of those will be addressed in 2017. Projects include: new church steeple lights, new flooring in the upstairs youth room, and upgraded plumbing.

Our Westview family is truly blessed by God with His presence in such an amazing way at our Sunday services. His provision for all our needs in keeping our church building functioning as a vital ministry to our surrounding community.

We continue to be blessed with a stable, mature, and Godly pastoral team that works well together, prays together daily and supports each other. God is working through each of these individuals and they gain their strength from Him.

- **Dayle Medgett**, our Senior Pastor, has been serving at Westview for 17+ years. His ministry continues to challenge and bless us all.
- **Tyler Hagan**, our Discipleship Pastor has continued to add an element of energy and passion to the church.
- **Rhys Green**, our Worship & Outreach Pastor is faithful and consistent with the ministries of worship and outreach.
- **Stephen Carleton**, our Youth Pastor, continues to challenge and support the youth in the church.
- **Dawn Medgett**, our Children & Families Pastor has a passion for children and families and continues to build an excellent and creative ministry.

2016 Board Members

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| <i>Dick Walker</i> | <i>Chair of the Board</i> | <i>Elected 2016</i> |
| <i>Wayne Swab</i> | <i>Vice Chair of the Board</i> | <i>Elected 2015</i> |
| <i>Grace Neustaedter</i> | <i>Human Resources Chair</i> | <i>Elected 2015</i> |
| <i>Bill Webb</i> | <i>Finance & Administration Chair</i> | <i>Elected 2015</i> |
| <i>Sarah Wipf</i> | <i>Church Clerk</i> | <i>Elected 2015</i> |
| <i>Darren Grant</i> | <i>Member at Large</i> | <i>Elected 2016</i> |
| <i>Lori Roczkowsky</i> | <i>Member at Large</i> | <i>Elected 2015</i> |
| <i>Cecil Hall</i> | <i>Elder's Representative</i> | |
| <i>Dayle Medgett</i> | <i>Senior Pastor</i> | |

In 2016, the job descriptions of the staff were updated and are more accurate and consistent. A staff handbook has been created that summarizes all the HR policies in a concise and simple format.

Thank you to **Bill Webb**, Finance and Administration Chair, and **Grace Neustaedter**, Human Resources Chair for their contributions to this report and the endless hours they spend serving in these roles. Thank you also to **Jana Sweezey**, our treasurer, who spends numerous hours on our finances. Her input and recommendations to the board are much appreciated. She has the support of our teller teams headed up by **David Mitchell** and office support from **Wendy Siggelkow** and **Francis Idowu** for data entry and church expenses.

Thank you to **Sarah Wipf** who is stepping down from the board in her role as Church Clerk after serving the board in various roles since 2013. We will miss her.

It is a blessing and honor for me to serve as Chairman of the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank each one of you who serves, making Westview a family, unified in "Making Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus".

Dick Walker

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Dayle Medgett | Senior Pastor

As we stand at the start of 2017 and look back over the past year, it is amazing to see how God has poured out his blessing on Westview.

As we started 2016 we were in the middle of a sermon series called The Story. In this series we were walking our way through the entire Bible, trying to catch the big story of God's work with people, as we looked at individual stories of the Bible. When we concluded the series at Easter, we had walked through the entire Bible over the previous nine months and I think all of us had a much better picture of how the stories of the Bible fit together into the big story.

In the winter quarter, we started our mission committee that we called Ministry Beyond Ourselves or MBO for short. This committee was originally chaired by Kevin Wiens, after his move to Kamloops, Chris Roczkowsky has taken over the chairmanship. The committee has been active this year in beginning to communicate the various ministries that our congregation is involved with, as well as new opportunities with which to become involved.

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2016 Giving Beyond Ourselves

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| <i>Budget Tithe to CBWC</i> | <i>71,583</i> |
| <i>Church Plant Support Tithe</i> | <i>28,459</i> |
| <i>Special Offerings</i> | <i>30,828</i> |
| <i>Partners International</i> | <i>13,600</i> |
| <i>Other</i> | <i>10,345</i> |
| <i>TOTAL</i> | <i>154,815</i> |

Throughout the year, SAGE, our seniors' ministry faithfully met. The seniors' leadership not only planned and led weekly meetings, but also took on responsibility for pastoral care of the seniors, in coordination with the elders.

After Easter, we moved into a new sermon series called Napkin Theology. This was a series where we tried to explain the basics of the faith, through simple diagrams you could draw on a napkin. In May, our office began to get crowded as the first group of our day camp staff started working. It was great to have these four leaders in our office each day and we were able to do some deliberate discipleship with them.

Summer was a busy time around the church. It started with the Stampede breakfast,



where about 1100 people came and joined us for breakfast. That week summer day camp also launched and by the end of the summer we had over 350 children, being led by the 10 leaders we had hired for the summer. Our youth attended Serve, our denominational mission event, in Victoria.

Throughout the summer, Tyler led us in a series of sermons on the Psalms with various speakers on the different Sundays.

Fall launched with the kickoff service and a new sermon series, which looked at the various themes of the Bible that we find in systematic theology. My approach was to use antinomies, which is really looking at the topics from a both/and approach. In the fall we launched our Westview Arts Academy (WAA), which began with over 90 registrants. One of the highlights of the advent season, was when the WAA choir sang in the morning service. Fall was also busy with the launch of 2 morning services, new small groups starting up, mainly music beginning, as well as all our regular programming.

On October 15 & 16, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary as a church. On Saturday night we had a special celebration banquet, to hear stories and watch a video presentation on our history. We honoured many of our former staff and members from our early years, whose vision helped launch Westview. On Sunday morning, Bob Bahr, the first full time pastor of Westview preached the morning message. During his tenure here, a very solid foundation was built.



Back row: Marlene & Bob Bahr, Scott Cripps, Marlene Nordstrom, Elaine Watt, Wendy Siggelkow, Dayle Medgett and Brian Clarke

Front Row: Chris Durer, Shane Bassen, Dawn Medgett and Stephen Carleton

At our fall business meeting we voted to sponsor a Syrian refugee couple. Atallah and Gladis live in Beirut at this point, but are displaced from Syria. The Ministry Beyond Ourselves committee took on responsibility for raising the sponsorship funds.

The year ended with a great advent and Christmas season. After our best attended Christmas Eve services ever, we had the chance to worship on Christmas Day, as it fell on Sunday this year. It made for a great final Sunday of 2016.

Tyler Hagan | Discipleship Pastor

NEWCOMERS

I continue to be amazed at the stories people share with me, as to how they ended up at Westview. The modern-day adage "*they Google you before they show up*" continues to be even more true. Our website continues to be one of our biggest ways that people connect to Westview, and I have heard on multiple occasions, how our site is easy to navigate, how it helps to answer the questions that someone seeking a new church would ask, and how it introduces the pastors in a way where they feel a connection even before stepping foot in our building. I have also heard on multiple occasions, people coming to check us out, because people they know have recommended us to them. I am encouraged to hear that we have such a good reputation here in our surrounding communities and that is something that we all can be proud of.

One story I heard this year, truly encapsulates how welcoming and friendly we are. A couple that I have gotten to know this year, recently started looking for a new church. They came to Westview, then visited a handful of other churches, before coming back a second time. A huge reason that they chose to return to Westview, was simply how welcoming our people are. People sought them out, to get to know them, hear their story and make them feel at home.

THIS IS AWESOME! WAY TO GO WESTVIEW!

"In 2016 we had 222 newcomers walk through our front doors on Sunday mornings. This is just shy of 70 more people over last year."

This past year our Newcomers Lunches continued to be a great experience. A huge thanks goes out to Lindsay Johnson & Richard Booker and the entire Chisholm Small Group, for being such incredible hosts for both of our lunches in 2016! Our February & October lunches saw roughly 67 people come to eat a delicious lunch, and learn more about Westview.

We continue to give away Starbucks & Tim Horton's gift cards to our newcomers on Sunday mornings, and it still takes people by surprise that we would want to thank them for coming with a tangible gift. I think this continues to speak to what a loving a generous church Westview is. And my hope is that they sense this through even a simple act like receiving a \$5 coffee card.

SMALL GROUPS

"...we truly believe that we were created to be in community with others."



Our Small Groups are one of our key environments for discipleship here at Westview. We have a pretty crazy goal to see every single person involved in a Small Group, because we truly believe that we were created to be in community with others. Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus takes more than just attending church on Sunday mornings. If you would like to know more about leading a small group, or getting connected into one please let me (Tyler) know and I would be more than happy to go grab coffee together and talk more about this.

This year we had 17 Small Groups and 232 people connected to those groups! It is such a joy to have such passionate men and women leading these groups. We hear so many encouraging stories, of how through their time together and their time in the Word, that Christ is glorified and their faith journeys are deepened.

This past September we launched two new groups, which is always exciting. Thanks so much to Dan & Laura Allen, and Jim & Hilda Stepic, for stepping out in faith and choosing to lead a group. While our Small Groups do spend a great deal of time studying the Bible and praying for one another, it certainly should be noted that our groups truly love to do life together. I know that many of our groups this past year

connected outside of their normal Small Group night for BBQ's, service projects, and even home renovations! I know the last one to be true because it was my Small Group that came over to help rip up all of our main & upper level flooring! They even came on their own time to lay the new main level laminate flooring with us. This is what genuine community looks like. And it is a joy to share such stories with you.

FELLOWSHIP

In 2016 we ran our "Guess Who's Coming For Dinner" event three times. In total we had 27 host homes, and 104 guests show up for dinner. These evenings have proven to be really fun experiences and I continue to hear incredible stories of people have made significant connections through these dinners. We even had one individual commit his life to Christ through one of these dinners and shortly thereafter get baptized! We really do love seeing our church family grow closer together, and these dinners are one great way to see that happen.



Left to right - Roger & Shirley Rooks, Carlos & Natalie Santacoloma and Sarah & Chris Brownlee

This past summer we kicked off our "Summer in the Psalms" teaching series, with our second year of the 30in30 challenge. This year we saw all 30 bottles of Bulls-Eye BBQ Sauce get taken. Our people made commitments to seek out opportunity to welcome their neighbours over for a BBQ, to simply get to know them better and perhaps to even begin having spiritual conversations. Thank you to each and every one who participated!

DISCIPLESHIP / ADULT EDUCATION

This past year we ran two of our "Mentoring & Discipleship" seminars. We are excited to be developing a resource of mentors, who come alongside individuals, who have a

passion to grow in their journey of discipleship. We also continued with our S.H.A.P.E. seminars helping people to discover their Spiritual Gifts, and how God has wired them to serve in their community, in their home and in the church.

This year we packed **16 Christmas Hampers (more than twice as many as last year)** that went out to bless individuals and families throughout the NW quadrant of Calgary. In total, **15 kids received Christmas presents** through our Hamper Ministry who otherwise may not have received anything!

It has been a joy to see God at work in the lives of so many people over the course of this past year. It was amazing to see Sarah Brownlee, Daniel Pronk, Paul Jaing & Yinyin Wu commit their lives to Jesus, and to see each of them take the next step in their faith journey by publically declaring their love for Christ and getting baptized.



Left to Right: Shirley & Roger Rook, Paul Jiang, Dayle Medgett and Yinyin Wu

In totally we saw **9 people get baptized** this past year at Westview, and also **9 individuals welcomed into membership**. There is nothing more exciting than seeing God at work in and through the lives of people here at Westview. What an awesome year!

PRAYER

2016 saw us continue to put a greater & more intentional focus on gathering together for times of prayer as a church. We continued with our two “Evenings of Prayer” in January and in September. These were wonderful times of gathering together. It is a joy to seek the Lord together with all of you who came to these evenings. A huge thanks again this year goes out to Donna-Mae Humber and Tosin Oladeinde for their leadership with this.

We continued as a staff team to gather every morning at 10:30am to pray through various needs and focuses. We truly recognize the significance of pausing in our daily routine, and spending time in prayer for the church. If you desire to partner with us in this, feel free to set an alarm on your phone for 10:30am and if you're able, pause and pray with us from wherever you are. Lastly, we would love to encourage you to join us Sunday mornings at 8:30am for prayer before our first service. If you attend the 9:15am service and you would like to come a bit earlier, you are always welcome to join the pastoral team in the office area for prayer.

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YOUNG ADULTS

A huge thanks to our team (Darren & Leanne Grant, and Stephen Worobets) for their great leadership of our Young Adults group this past year. This year was spent walking through the Book of Acts and also “The Reason for God” series by Tim Keller. Both of these were excellent studies, that sparked solid dialogue amongst those who came. Conversations have often included living out our faith, sharing the gospel to our coworkers, classmates and family members. A major shift that took place at the end of this calendar year was to change our meeting day from Thursday to Monday. We are hopeful to see this change make it easier for some of our young adults who weren't able to commit on Thursday's for numerous reasons.

Some of our highlights from this year have been:

- Monthly lunches at Chianti's
- Our yearly trip to Edmonton for the MOMENTUM YOUNG ADULTS Conference. This year we had 5 of us go and it was an excellent experience.
- Lots of time sharing a meal together. (After all, what young adult doesn't like to eat?)

We ask for your continued prayer for this ministry, as we seek out opportunities to serve one another and more importantly serve God.

LIBRARY

During 2016 many items and resources (including books, cd's and DVD's) were added to the church library, from both donations and as purchases from the library's budget. Thank you to all who donated this year!

We now have:

- over 350 adult fiction books.
- Over 1350 adult non-fiction books.
- Over 150 DVD's (family, children and adult)
- Over 500 teen and youth books

We have finished cataloguing all items that the library has and removed many duplicate and out of date items, in order to allow for space of higher circulated and more recent items. These have been shared with the congregation in September at the book give away, with the remaining items donated to the Christian Salvage Mission.

Each month the team selects books to highlight a theme and displays them on a cart in the foyer. We also put new and interesting items on a display rack at the front of the library. As the church went through *The Story*, the displays and highlighted books also corresponded with each month's messages.

Our library is open following each Sunday service, with a volunteer team member ready to help with your selections. The library is also accessed by other groups that meet in the church during the week. Do come in and browse and relax in our comfy chairs and borrow some materials to use in your personal spiritual growth.

Your 2016 library team: Valerie Zajac, Ray Dupuis, Crystal Elliot, Marjorie Norris, and Michelle Wiens. As well we have paired up with our junior team Kaisa and Talia Wiens, Mitsna Haobam, Slater Broughton, Aaron Carlton, Jenna Zajac, and Jessica Stepic.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

2016 was another great year for our Women in Connection ministry. Our vision is to come together regularly, to encourage one another, to form friendships, and to be “*one in spirit and purpose*”. As our church grows, we desire to bring together the new women with the longer term members in fellowship, in communion, in study of the word, in laughter and fun.

- 28 ladies came out for our *Dinner and Bowling Night Out* last January.
- Our *Spring Retreat* saw 20 ladies attend and was a great 24 hour get-a-way. It was an opportunity to escape back to nature and enjoy the beauty of His surroundings. As we relaxed together, dug into the Word together, worshipped together, and ate together, new friendships were formed and old friendships were deepened. Dawn Medgett was our guest speaker and shared on Faith, Hope and Love.
- In October, 25 ladies shared food from their native countries for our *International Food Night*, as we celebrated our multiculturalism. Each woman brought a favourite dish representing their ethnic heritage.

September began with us starting up our Women's Bible Study again under the leadership of Caron Blanch and Rebecca Horneman.

Some of the series' that we have run over the past year were:

- Open Your Bible: Raechel Myers & Amanda Bible Williams
- The Armor of God: Priscilla Shirer
- Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days: Kay Arthur

Babysitting was provided for moms with young ones. In total we had anywhere from 10-15 children who were looked after by 2 paid babysitters each week.

QUILTING FOR A CAUSE

A group of 10 ladies met at Westview 9 times in 2016 to sew quilts, and crochet or knit blankets, sending a total of 57 blankets to three different locations:

- 1) To a mission clinic in Manila, Philippines where the blankets were given to high needs, new moms who had completed prenatal classes.
- 2) To a family in Fort MacMurray, who lost their home
- 3) To Ukraine, for children and families impacted by war.

It is a blessing to have those who love to sew or stitch, be able to minister to those in need in such a practical way! Thank you so much Lorraine de Bruyn & Linda Walker for your servant hearts and leadership of this great ministry.

Rhys Green | Worship & Outreach Pastor

WORSHIP

Our Sunday morning worship service is the highlight of our church week. We meet together to worship through music, preaching and serving. After having four years of



steady growth in overall attendance, we took a leap of faith in the fall of 2016 and launched a second Sunday morning service! And now our total congregation has grown in size to 627. In 2016 we officially welcomed 9 new members to Westview, and are grateful for the commitment to this body that all of these have made. We are thankful for the

support that our long-time members have shown in launching a second service. It really is tremendous to see brand new faces every week! We have an “international” church, with believers from 39 different nationalities represented. In 2016 we had 52 Sunday services, (one of them outside). Our four services during Holy Week and our special Good Friday service, are treasured events in the life of Westview. And we can’t forget a great February evening with our special friends from Africa, the Watoto Children’s Choir!

We are so blessed to have a group of 23 talented musicians and singers to draw from, that lead us so ably in worship on Sunday mornings. To have Sarah Wipf, Braden Swab, Mary Joan Heide and Rhys Green as worship leaders in a church of our size is truly a gift! Our technical team of 8 volunteers are not only dedicated and dependable, but enthusiastic. 2016 has given us a new “army” of people to help set the chairs up in the sanctuary every Sunday morning at 8:00; we thank Wayne McCormick for his dependable leadership in this ministry.



Thanks to Larynda McKay, Peter Gordon and Jim Stepic for being faithfully available to speak to anyone that comes to the **First Steps / Next Steps** booth in the sanctuary at the end of every Sunday morning service. We appreciate their dedication and willingness to oversee this ministry.

We can all enjoy the talents of Sarah Wipf and Virginia Dupuis, our **Decorating Team** -- they certainly have created a worshipful atmosphere for us, in every season of the year, and we are so appreciative!

An exciting new ministry was launched at Westview in the fall of 2016! Under the leadership and vision of Elaine Barrett, the new Westview Arts Academy celebrated its first semester with 9 instructors, teaching 93 students, in 17 different courses, introducing new skills in theatre, music, dance and art. The first showcase in December was a tremendous display of new young talent. The Academy has been another "open door" to new people, who live in Calgary's northwest communities.



OUTREACH

The **Alpha** course has become a vital, yearly ministry at Westview, and we thank Peter Gordon and Jim Stepic for their faithful leadership this year. A generous crew of 17 rotating volunteers made the preparations and served meals to 16 people each week, a real blessing to those who participated in the 14-week course. Our fifth year of Alpha is now underway!

We value our Big Events to the community and count on so many who serve to make these a big success. We love having un-churched guests and use considerable resources to attract visitors. Our annual **Stampede Breakfast** has grown steadily each of the last six years. In 2015 we served nearly 700 breakfasts, this year the crowd on

Stampede Sunday started out big and just kept getting bigger, until we had served nearly DOUBLE the amount of the previous year! That means our volunteer team of 55



served over ELEVEN HUNDRED guests! Our September **Fall Kick-Off BBQ** was initially rained out, but the team of 60 served nearly 600 lunches the following Sunday. And our two **Christmas Eve** services had a combined attendance of over 600.

Westview continues to have a big impact in Ranchlands. In 2016 Rhys led nine meetings of the **Ranchlands Community Network**, which brings together nearly ten agencies and churches in Ranchlands to discuss and plan improvements and initiatives for the residents of Ranchlands.

We welcomed nearly 300 guests at our **Community Clothing Giveaway**, and thank the many volunteers who made this possible and Sarah Brownlee for organizing this outstanding event!

The **Community Kitchen** is a group that meet one Saturday a month to make meals together for their families and to supplement the People Care Ministry.

Our **Community Garden** rented more than 30 garden boxes just outside the church building, to Ranchlands residents who wanted to grow their own food during the summer. We had a big clean-up and BBQ social in May. Colin Macaulay, Glen Swanson and Lorey & Lorraine Sheremata were a great Garden team this year!

Mandarin Mother Goose hosts 30 families each week. And start each year with a celebration of Chinese New Year's by hosting a potluck for their families.

Barry & Claudia Luxon were once again the hosts for the neighborhood **Brown Bag Lunch** program. This team meets twice a week to prepare 150 lunches a week . . . that's 6000 lunches for neighborhood school kids a year!

The **Westview Wonders** had their best season ever as part of the Calgary Christian Mixed Slo-pitch League. The Church Celebration game in June was a great time for more than 60 fans that cheered on our 17-person team to victory! Thanks to Wayne



Broughton, Peter Gordon and Shawn White for their leadership and enthusiasm.

ENGLISH CORNER:

English Corner continues to provide conversational opportunities for individuals looking to improve their English skills especially in the area of improving their conversation skills.

- This year we had participants from China, Japan, Korea & the Middle East.
- Over 20 individuals have come on Thursday nights over the course of the year.

At our Christmas Banquet, we shared the Christmas story. Some of our participants now call Canada home, others are here temporarily, but we're privileged to share both language and friendship with them. This year we are meeting with a number of beginners who are working hard to improve their English. They have learned some English in their country but haven't been able to speak it.



Thanks to Michelle Wiens, John & Vi Parris, Florence Chu, Alison Dixon and Ray Dupuis for all their help in keeping the program running smoothly.

Stephen Carleton | Youth Pastor

WESTVIEW YOUTH

Westview Baptist Youth Ministry strives to build into and love the lives of students. We focus on helping them belong, believe and become disciples of Christ.

I continue to praise God for how he is using our youth, not only serving within Westview, but also beyond themselves. Serve has been significant part of the youth ministry. Students are challenged in their faith, not only by the long hours of serving in the community, but also in their personal faith. One of our students was extremely worried that she was going to be the worst of the group, when it came to helping others because she was so shy. God surprised her and used her in some wonderful ways within the group and those we served.



Serve Team - 2016

"God continues to find ways for us to love and share the gospel. Thank you for all your prayers and support as a church as this could not happen without God using some amazing leaders who build into the lives of our students."

Some of our youth are fearless. They invited their friends to events and to our small group evenings knowing it could be a killing point to their friendship. Some suffered teasing afterwards about going to church, but the students held steadfast in their faith and kept inviting their friends. One friend, was forbidden by her father to come back to our events because we prayed. Since then, she has been one of the most consistent youth and even took a Bible home with her. This is God using his students for his Glory.



We are excited about God using the church as we started a drop-in basketball night for the community youth and have had wonderful opportunities to connect with the community kids that come. We also had a Volleyball clinic, that was extremely well attended, as we partnered with Ambrose University and their athletes.

ROUTE 56



Our Route 56 Ministry is a high energy ministry that serve girls and boys, ages 9-11. We average 15 students at our events unless it is Lazer tag when we get 25. This is a wonderful group of kids who continue to seek God with excitement and a whole lot of fun. We continue to see kids invite their friends which gives an opportunity for the leaders to introduce them to God.

We now hold once a month Bible study evening called CrossRoad, in addition to our once a month Friday Route 56 evenings. These evenings have been very helpful in building community and friendships amongst the kids. Our spring break retreat was once again at Gull Lake and was amazing, it challenged students to look deeper at their relationship with God and how they saw Him.

Another exciting opportunity in the Route 56 ministry is the training of our student leaders. We have students who have a desire to grow not only in leadership, but also in using their gifts to serve the Lord. It has been great to build into their lives, so that they can build into the lives of the kids. We look forward to the next year, as the team seeks to draw the kids closer to each other and God.

"This is a wonderful group of kids who continue to seek God with excitement and a whole lot of fun."

Dawn Medgett | Children & Families Pastor

2016 IN A NUTSHELL

This year has been a year of change. On Sunday morning we have gone from one service in the winter and spring, to two services in the fall. This has nearly doubled the amount of nursery and Sunday School classes we have needed to offer, but the congregation has faithfully stepped up and filled these volunteer spots. The children's classes on Sunday morning journeyed with the rest of the church, as we went through "The Story". In the fall we began to use D6 curriculum that is an unified curriculum with great at home resources.

We worked with Gull Lake Camp to offer a spring break camping experience for our grade 4,5 &6 kids. Twenty one kids had a happy 3 days, as we played a lot of crazy, wild games and spent time worshipping and Traveling Towards Easter.

Along with our 9 Junior Day Camps (3-5 year olds), we hosted 7 weeks of grade 1-6



Day Camps and 2, two week Leadership Training Camps for our junior high kids. We partnered with the Westview Arts Academy and offered a drawing and drama camp. This summer we had our largest staff yet!! Ten high school and university students were hired. It was a joy to watch the powerful ministry that happened in the lives of those working and serving.

This Christmas season started off with our annual Advent Event. Seventeen families got together to play some games and create Advent Logs that could be lit nightly during family devotions. We also hosted a mother and daughter cookie baking day and of course there was the Children's musical. Once again Jen Makus coordinated and directed our musical "The Real Christmas Story". The children preformed it on the evening of December 18. Afterwards we all enjoyed horse drawn wagon rides through the community.



Human babies are usually born after a 9 month pregnancy but Children’s Ministry was very excited to see 2 births this year, both of these pregnancies were closer to 9 years. The first birth was our “mainly music” program. It had been a long time vision and dream, to offer a drop in music program for parents and preschool children. God’s timing is not always ours, but when the time is right he brings the people, resources and passion together and wonderful things are born. “mainly music” has been meeting on Monday mornings and we are now needing to host 2 sessions each week.

The other new birth that Children’s Ministry is celebrating is the birth of the Westview Arts Academy. This also had been a dream for many years. Though this ministry does not fall under Children’s Ministries we are blessed to work alongside the academy and are thrilled to be able to have great courses offered to our children.

Sunday Morning Children

NUMBERS

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <i>Birth - Grade 6</i> | <i>129 kids</i> |
| <i>Classes offered January - August</i> | <i>6</i> |
| <i>Classes offered September - December</i> | <i>11 (2 services)</i> |

CURRICULUM

The Story, Summer Video Series, D6

Westview Camps

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| <i>Spring Camp at Gull Lake</i> | <i>21 kids</i> |
| <i>Summer Day Camps</i> | <i>321 kids</i> |
| <i>Hired Summer Staff</i> | <i>10 youth and young adults</i> |

mainly music

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Children</i> | <i>76 kids</i> |
| <i>Volunteers</i> | <i>9 adults</i> |

Steve Cripps | Chairman of Elders

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! For who can know the LORD'S thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? and who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen

Romans 11: 33 – 36 NLT

"Amazing
love, amazing
grace,
amazing
God.....how
rich we are as
the flock
under the
Great
Shepherd at
Westview
Baptist
Church."

Your 2016 Elders are blessed by such a great family of believers and we consider it an honour to humbly serve in prayer support, pastoral care, and spiritual wellness.

In 2016 we were pleased to welcome Lori Swab as a new Elder, who along with her husband Wayne, are serving faithfully and nurturing their flock along with Rhys and Sasha Green.

The Elders continue to support all ministries within Westview, through prayer and pastoral guidance. Since 2014, our Elders are composed of both Pastors and lay persons. This has proven to be a great co-dependence, allowing for more proactive 'flock' care and attention as well as learning opportunities. Our current 'flock' model pairs a lay elder with a pastor elder, whom together bring God's wisdom to bear in spiritual wellness and pastoral care.

The Elder team endeavors to be relevant and actively seek ways to be of value to the congregation. In 2016 we reviewed our 'handbook' and decided to formulate a new policy bridging discipleship and discipline. Through prayer and research we have been able to come up with a draft policy, that will be vetted and ultimately approved for inclusion in our operating procedures. The purpose is:

“To protect the honour of Christ and the church, as well as to disciple individual members. It aims to both gracefully prevent (through discipleship) and address (through discipline) sinful behaviour and distortion of truth by individual church members - leading to repentance, reconciliation and restoration through Christ’s love.”

We look forward to serving in 2017 – our contact information is in the weekly church bulletin if you want to contact us during the week, we love to come along side during times of trial and of course times of triumph. Also, as you may know, we host the prayer room after each church service on Sunday mornings and this can be a meaningful time of sharing and prayer as well.

May God bless!

Steve Cripps, Chairman - on behalf of the Elder’s team

Membership Report

New Members in 2016 9

Baptisms in 2016 9

Active Members

January 1 197

December 31 196

Inactive Members

January 1 26

December 31 19

Non-Resident Members

January 1 9

December 31 0

Vote to Remove Inactive Members at February 27 AGM

- Dhimiter Mato
- Eva Mato
- Klement Mato
- Sashenka Mato
- Sharon Scott

WBC Budget 2017

| (\$ Thousands) | BUDGET 2016 | ACTUAL 2016 | BUDGET 2017 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <hr/> | | | |
| General Fund Revenues | | | |
| Envelope & Loose Donations | 706.7 | 715.8 | 718.0 |
| Accommodation Contribution | 10.0 | 15.5 | 12.0 |
| Other | - | 0.8 | 0.0 |
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| | 716.7 | 732.1 | 730.0 |
| | | | |
| General Fund Expense and Mortgage Interest | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | 405.0 | 410.8 | 421.0 |
| Mortgage Interest | 15.0 | 13.5 | 1.0 |
| Building Expenses | 115.0 | 113.1 | 133.0 |
| Ministry Expenses (net) | 45.0 | 34.2 | 45.0 |
| Tithe to CBWC | 70.7 | 71.6 | 72.0 |
| Office Expenses | 37.0 | 29.7 | 33.0 |
| Accounting & Bank Fees | 7.0 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| Missions | 16.0 | 12.8 | 16.0 |
| Elders' Benevolent (net) | 6.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
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| | 716.7 | 694.3 | 730.0 |
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| General Fund Excess | | 37.8 | |

Crossover Japanese Church

"What big blessings God has given to our church; a lot of seekers, some Christian leaders, and some translators!"

In 2016, our vision was to get out from our comfort zone and reach out to those that are in need, because we know that Jesus is always with them. Our focus is on Jesus Christ, and it is our obligation to minister to those who are hungry, thirsty, a stranger, sick, or in prison, just as Jesus would do for each one of us. (Matt.25:35-40)

However, looking back at the year 2016, it was not like the plan we had made. God started sending new people to our church. Since last summer, God has been bringing more international students to our church. We have some young adults who have a commitment to the University of Calgary Focus club, which is a Christian organization working for international students every Friday night. One day, one of our church members invited one person from FOCUS, then that person asked a few more to come, then the number just kept multiplying. They are mainly non-Japanese speaking people. Now we have 30 to 40 people coming to our church.

Our worship service is usually separated into two groups after singing; Japanese speaking and English speaking. Recently we started having a joint service once a month. Messengers speak in Japanese, and we have a translator who will translate the message to English. Then, not only non-Japanese speakers but also couples who are internationally married also started coming to our church.

Those new comers have not accepted Christ yet. We pray for wisdom from our Lord to guide them to Jesus. God has given us some Christian, English speaking leaders too. They are from different churches, but come to our church to help us every Sunday afternoon. In this way, we were given English speaking Christians, as a leadership team to minister for those who are non-Christians. What big blessings God has given to our church; a lot of seekers, some Christian leaders, and some translators!

We want to lead those non-Christian students to Jesus and also want to equip our young people to become our church leaders.

Written by Miyuki Taniguchi

Calgary Christian Church of the Deaf

We are so thankful that God has blessed our congregation in a variety of ways throughout 2016 and for the individuals in leadership and volunteers within our congregation.

We had approximately 10-20 people in attendance at our Sunday afternoon services in 2016. The big highlight for 2016 was our annual Christmas banquet on December 10th, which featured our Deaf guest speaker Pastor John Graham and his wife Suzan of Milton of Ontario. Approximately 110 individuals attended this banquet and many were blessed by Pastor John and Suzan's message.

We had a number of outreach and fellowship activities including Movie Nights, Quarterly Pot Faith Dinners and a Summer BBQ.

We praise God for His many blessings and look forward to what God has in store as we continue to serve and minister to the Deaf in 2017.

– Calgary Christian Church of the Deaf
Leadership Team 2016
Jonathan Guinta, Paul Kvarnberg, Silva Notland
and Donna Hodgins

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WES Rise and Shine Preschool



Westview Education Society's (WES) Rise and Shine Preschool approaches schooling from a Christian perspective, where every child and family is treasured, respected, and valued. The motto for our preschool is: "Where children play to learn". Our Facebook page is continually updated with pictures and information. You may visit our website by going to the Westview Baptist Church site and click on "MINISTRIES". Click on "Rise & Shine Pre-School". You are welcome to download information about our preschool.

WES STAFF

Dawn Worobets - Teacher
Tanis Bahr - Teacher Aide
Donna Johnson - Administrative Secretary

WES BOARD MEMBERS

Dawn Medgett
Jen Makus
Keri-Dawn Hill
Ron Summach - Chairperson

2016 was a year of changes in which we give thanks. The following are significant:

- We are thankful for full enrolments in both our 3 year old class and 4 year old class. We often have a waiting list for the classes.
- We give thanks for a dedicated, hard working WES staff.
- An advertising reassessment was completed to see where we can more wisely use our advertising dollars.
- Our Rise and Shine sign was installed along with the Westview Baptist Church sign on the front lawn.
- A new venture involved the innovative use of Facebook featuring a \$25 prize. There were over 500 viewers. The winner donated the prize back to the WES Preschool.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Summach
Chairperson, WES Preschool Board

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Westview Baptist Church Annual General Meeting Minutes February 22, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Dick Walker, Board Chair - Quorum was reached.
58 members/adherents in attendance.

Worship – Rhys Green “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Devotions – Dayle Medgett “Lent” Mark 8

- Being able to see clearly – Lent gives us time (away from busyness) to see God and to focus/readiness to understand the significance of Easter

Approval of Minutes - of 2015 Congregational Meetings as printed in the Annual Report

Motion – Winnie Pearson

2nd – Cecil Hall

Carried

Approval of amended Agenda (reordered and added 2015 Financial Review)

Motion – Hans deBruyn

2nd – Richard Zajac

Carried

Appointment of Scrutineers – Gerry Neustaedter and Jim Stepic

Motion – Winnie Pearson

2nd – Shirley Ann Perschon

Carried

Church Covenant –read in unison

2015 - A Year in Review

- **Financial Update** – Jana Sweezey
 - **General Fund**
 - The 2015 General revenues were \$725,000 (about 97% of expected)
 - Our expenses were under budget except for office administration (just slightly over) and Elders benevolent
 - At December we were sitting at a \$5,700 deficit.

- **Building Fund**
- Building Contributions for 2015 were \$332,000
- Building debt is at \$400K at December 31, 2015
- Building Tithe is at \$87,700 to be given to the church plants and community outreach (unfunded)
- As at February 22, 2016, the Building debt is \$310,000!

Motion to accept the 2015 Annual Report

Motion – Blake Gordon
 2nd – Chris Roczkowsky
 Carried

- **Westview Stories-** Tyler Hagan
 Spoke to the joy of all the newcomers to our church in 2015.
 Testimony from Chris and Sarah Brownlee
- **PowerPoint Presentation – Westview 2015 – a Year in Picture**

Coffee and Pie Break

Nominating Committee Recommendations & Vote

- Board and Elder Nominees – given by Grace Neustaedter, HR Chair

Motion to elect: - by Grace Neustaedter

Board Nominees: Dick Walker – Board chair
 2nd – Winnie Pearson
 Darren Grant – Member at Large
 2nd – Cecil Hall

Carried by secret ballot

Motion to Elect: by Eber Araujo

Elder Nominee: Lori Swab
 2nd – Lori Roczkowsky

Carried by secret ballot

Motion to destroy the ballots

Motion – Winnie Pearson
 2nd – Fritz Perschon
 Carried

2016 Budget – Jana Sweezey

Motion to accept 2016 Budget as presented

Motion – Hans deBruyn

2nd – Eber Araujo

Carried

2016 Ministry Outlook – Dayle Medgett

- 21 Different Summer camps this year
 - o Day Camps, Tween leadership camps, Arts/Drama, Preschool and potentially an AIA sport camp
- Mainly Music
 - o Newly started preschool music program (created in Australia) has begun in February as an outreach into our neighbourhood
 - o Lots of early interest with about 25 moms, babies & tots meeting for this once-a-week morning time
- WBC's Discipleship Pathway
 - o Dayle explained the process that he and Tyler have been working through to expand our congregation's understanding of the SWORD acronym. The staff are focusing on specific workshops/studies through this next year to dig deeper into each branch of the SWORD (Service/Worship/Outreach/Relationship/Discipleship)
- Westview Arts Academy
 - o Elaine Hileman showed a short video and brought forward the vision for the Fall 2016 opening of the Arts Academy
 - o Classes will be offered for children and adults in the visual arts, drama, and dance
- Westview Baptist's 40th Anniversary Story project
 - o Donna Mae Humber shared her desire to create a storybook of the history of Westview in stories/photos of us (not just purely a historical annual – but a desire for personal memories)
 - o Expressed desire for the congregation to share stories/pictures and forward them to her
- Church Plant
 - o Dayle shared the outcomes of the C2C conference that Tyler & Charity attended
 - o Currently unclear of where God is leading us to church plant, but still feeling that we are able to assist when He is ready to show us
 - o Dayle urged us to be in prayer for God's leading in this matter

Other Business

- Discussion on a second service

Motion to adjourn

Motion - Winnie Pearson
2nd - Blake Gordon
Carried

Closed in Prayer – Roger Rooks

Adjourned by Dick Walker at 8:57 pm

Westview Baptist Church Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 24, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Dick Walker, Board Chair- Quorum was reached.

This Congregational Meeting was called regarding the Westview Arts Academy - application to CBWC for the Trinity Opportunity Fund Grant. This requires a vote from the church congregation showing our support of this new ministry.

Elaine Hileman presented on the Westview Arts Academy that will be launching September 2016. "We want to create art that will reflect God's truth and beauty."

The Academy has applied to the CBWC for a Trinity Opportunity Fund Grant. Opportunity Grants are available to churches to undertake innovative new ministries that would otherwise be unaffordable. The Arts Academy would not be asking for any money from the church budget, the hope is to use the grant for startup fees (mirrors, lights etc.) and then run the ministry off of class fees and donations.

Motion - Westview Baptist Church supports the new initiative as presented by Westview Arts Academy, the initial budget and to support the Trinity Opportunity Fund grant application as presented.

Moved- Karen Then

Seconded- Dawn Medgett

Motion carried

Motion to adjourn- Rein Paasuke

Motion seconded- Gerry Neustaedter

Motion carried

Westview Baptist Church
Congregational Meeting
May 30, 2016

1. Quorum reached and meeting was opened at 7:05pm in Prayer by Dick Walker

2. Devotions

- a. "Where is God trying to take us forward?" The boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places and we have a delightful inheritance in you.

2. Financial Update (Jana Sweezey)

- **Budget** will still balance at 715,000. Vote to approve budget change to include interest on loan expense.

Motion to increase the budget from \$700 000 to \$715 000 to cover the cost of interest expense for our building loan.

Moved: Jana Sweezey

Second: Winnie Pearson

Motion carried

- **General Fund**

- Salaries and benefits are high, but it is skewed because it is early in the year
- Building expenses are high due to additional maintenance costs (furnace, show removal, steeple lights, elevator maintenance)
- Ministry expenses- low as of now- will be higher in the next few months especially with summer camps about to start
- In April Missions shows 0, however \$10 000 was just booked to EMI and Gull Lake
- Our General Revenue is at 32% instead of 33%, we are in a small deficit
- "Why has benevolent fund not been spent when so many people are struggling"- fund is only \$6000 and is designated to many different groups including people care- any remaining is used as needed (usually only \$2-3000)

- **Building Fund**

- no questions.

3. Ministry Highlights

- **Dawn Medgett - Children & Families Ministry**

Mainly Music - this morning there were 46 adults and kids- a ministry for caregivers and their preschool kids. Because of the growth there will be a 9:15 and 10:00 sessions in the fall. This is time for kids to play music and sing songs, afterwards the adults have a time of community while the kids have a snack. It is a good mixture of people from our church, other churches and people from the community

Day Camps - 10 staff have been hired, the first 3 have already started and are focusing on their own leadership development right now.

Westview Arts Academy - the \$10 000 Trinity Opportunity Fund Grant was received and will be used as seed money.

- **Rhys - Worship & Outreach Pastor**

The outreach component of the church is exciting (over 250 people at the clothing give away and 12 people from the community working in the Community Garden) Westview Arts Academy is an exciting opportunity to get our name out in the community even more.

- **Stephen - Youth Pastor**

One of Stephen's goals for next year is to use the facility and his gifts to connect with students and start some basketball camp or sports camps.

Stephen will be meeting with Yolanda Bernard to discuss starting up drop in basketball at the church, great to see God placing people in positions to get involved.

Team of 9 students will be going on SERVE this summer

Looking into possibly going to Mexico next summer instead of Serve

- **Tyler - Discipleship Pastor**

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" was another success, over 19 host homes and 70 guests so far. This is a good opportunity to keep a family feeling to Westview as we move to a second service in the fall.

Awesome to be a part of the baptisms on Sunday. So great to see people come to know Christ through our church.

Several people have come to Christ this year at Westview- "God is at work and is using us as his people to go out and share the Gospel."

- **Dayle - Senior Pastor**

Great to see things happening behind the scenes in our church outside of all of our programs- neat to see things happen organically. Awesome to be in a church where people see a need and step up to meet it.

4. Two Services Discussion

- The church is getting to a size where it is challenging for groups or families to sit together if they are late
- Difficult to move to 2 services because it requires more volunteers, and there is not as much of a family feel.
- When there is only 1 service it makes it difficult for people to volunteer in children's ministries and still attend the service
- The average attendance at Westview is 334 people every Sunday morning (Highest in 10 years)
- Questions
 - "What other options were looked at?" Gerry Neustaedter- taking the kids up for the first half of the service. The fear is doing nothing and continuing to plateau. Suggestion is to encourage people to sit closer to the front, and move to the middle of the row to make it easier for people to come in late. Suggestion- Have a video feed in the fireside room broadcasting the service for people who do not want to sit in the service.
 - "What are we going to do differently this time in hopes that 2 services will work?" Ron Summach
 - "What if we had a tv broadcasting the service in the fireside room?" Gerry Neustaedter

- "Many churches have 2 or 3 services, they are not all full but run them anyways." Fritz Perschon
- "Should not need a packed house to feel connected to the worship, sometimes space can be nice." Fritz Perschon
- Following the worship service people visit, and do not always leave right away- the place to visit is smaller than the pace to worship, this can make it difficult to connect with people because it is not an environment conducive to connecting with others- feels claustrophobic" David Mitchell
- "Two groups we have to think about- kids- difficult to build relationships with kids when people are only helping a week or two at a time. Also people who do not attend church- it is difficult to invite people to church when it is always full." Harriet Mitchell
- "Has there been a pattern as to why 2 services has not worked out in the past? If there is no pattern let's not be afraid that it will fail again." Pauline Sawatsky
- "In the past with 2 services have certain demographics been drawn to certain services?" Jana Sweezey
- "Is it possible that kids would attend Sunday School and then attend the second service?" Mary Joan Heide
- "Would volunteers need to commit to both services?" Jana Sweezey
- "Many chairs are not set up at the front of the church- how come?" Ron Summach- With the way the pillars are, it is difficult to see.
- "What are our safety regulations?" Ron Summach (400)
- "Suggestion to put soul food in the second service" Marg Norris
- "Is this service a natural build up to the Church Plant?" Dawn Worobets.
- "Is there an idea to build a gym in the open land?" Larynda McKay
- "We can't just stay the way we are, we need to do something." Ron Summach
- "There are 80-110 kids on average." Blake Gordon
- "We should provide a little extra time between services, so people can have time with the holy spirit or in community." Jim Stepic
- "Having 2 services provides more opportunities for people to volunteer and still have their own time for growth (especially students)" Stephen Carleton

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm and closed in prayer by Roger Rooks.

**Westview Baptist Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Dick Walker, Board Chair - Quorum was reached.

Devotions – Dayle

Psalm 133 “How Good and Pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity...
For there the Lord bestows His blessing”

Approval of Amended Order

Moved: Roger Rooks

Seconded: Gerry Neustaedter

Carried unanimously

Syrian Refugee Sponsorship Opportunity – Dayle Medgett and Majd from CBWC

- Church Planter/Pastor from Syria
- Discussion on need for our community to surround Atalla and Gladys
 - i. i. So much more needed than money – its tangible needs when they arrive
 - ii. ii. Supporters: Chris and Lori Roczkowsky, Pastor Stephen with the youth group, Parris', Humber's, Mitchell's
 - iii. iii. The missions committee will be tasked with creating a support group

MOTION: Move that WBC will sponsor an Arabic speaking Church planter/pastor from Syria named Atallah Albkheta and his fiancé Gladis Koshkerian through CBWC for at least one year

Moved: Harriett Mitchell

Seconded: Winnie Pearson

Carried Unanimously

Financial Update – Jana Sweezey

- **GENERAL FUND**
 - i. October YTD are at 550K – behind in our giving by 5% on budget
 - ii. Our expenses to date are under budget
 - iii. Elders expenses are under budget – but we’ve created a new Benevolent fund because they will use the benevolent fund instead of the budget
 - iv. November revenue \$66K
- **BUILDING FUND remaining debt**
 - i. October YTD remaining debt is \$143 (283K total debt including unfunded)
 - ii. We made principal payments of 256 principal payments for the year
 - iii. Building tithe commitment is \$96.5K (it is unfunded – we still need to raise that)
 - iv. November Building revenue \$25K

Westview Arts Academy Update – Elaine Hileman and Tim McKay

- Ran two summer camps before the fall courses began
- Fall semester: 95 registrations offering 17 classes
 - i. i. Kairos young singers choir is under their banner as well
- Christmas showcase is December 14th at 7 pm
- Financially they have had \$23,500 inflow and \$21,500 outflow (\$2,000 surplus at this time in the year)

Staff Ministry Highlights

Dawn Medgett – Two Sunday School sessions with the double service - finally getting into a good routine with enough volunteers

- New curriculum this year with home devotionals for each child
- Mainly Music is running has two sessions this fall (preschool music)
- Summer Day Camps – hired 10 students
 - i. i. Encouraging spiritual growth in our leaders/students
 - ii. ii. Created strong bonds
 - iii. iii. 330 kids registered
 - iv. iii. This summer program costs \$71K but those costs were recovered this year
 - v. iv. 20 kids in the spring break camp at Gull Lake

Rhys Green - Thanks to Tim and Elaine for their vision for the Academy

- Stampede Breakfast – this past summer had a 100% increase in numbers (1200 visitors came to eat)
- New course in January called “Financial Peace University” from Dave Ramsey
 - i. i. Rhys & Sasha will lead this
 - ii. ii. Prayer needed to work with copyright and funding

Stephen Carleton – SERVE mission was incredible this past summer

- Started drop-in basketball on Thursday evenings this fall (40% community youth)
- Some new Muslim youth coming to our youth events/studies
- Stephen was short youth leaders in September – but God has brought them
- This past summer, we partnered with Ambrose to do our first Volleyball camp

Tyler Hagan- “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” was successful the second time around

- Lots of guests (now with the second service) we are growing...
- Successful weekend of discipleship in November... hoping to run again in February
- Introduction of PushPay – starting a 2017 trial period of mobile app online giving

Closed in Prayer – Steve Cripps

Motion to Adjourn at pm

Moved: Cecil Hall

Seconded: Winnie Pearson

Carried

Notes