

Bribie Baptist

Annual Report 2019-2020





BRIBIE BAPTIST

KNOW GOD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Welcome to the 2019-20 annual re- port! What an uncertain time 2020 has proven to be as the COVID-19 pandemic casts a shadow over the world, coming in the wake of the bushfires and floods at the start of the year. This has obviously limited our church life with our services moving online in the last 5 months and many events not taking place as usual. However, we are still functioning as a church, and God is certainly at work through us as we seek to know Christ and make Him known. As a result, the format of our annual report has changed this year, and we have decided to simply provide a digital version which you can continue to access on our website.

God has certainly been at work with visitors, and a lot of people tuning in to our online services since March. Our stability this year has, to a large measure, been a direct result of those who have given of their time, energy, and resources regardless of the unknowns. The unseen heroes can be found anywhere from leading home groups, to cleaning the church. From singing up front, to helping at KIds Club I am so thankful for all that you do for Jesus and for our church. God has moved in the lives of many people

through our services, Home Groups, kids, youth, Tots Times, care ministries. All of this is because heroes seen and unseen allowed God to use them.

You volunteered, you gave generously, you led groups, you taught classes, you attended services. I am so grateful for you! I am grateful to be your Pastor, because through your love for God, your love for people, and your love for the Church, our part in God's plan for Bribie and beyond can be achieved. As we begin our 2020-2021 church year, I believe God has more in store for us. I believe that when the people of God commit together to follow His call on our lives, the unexpected can happen. As we prepare to enter 2021 I would love it if you would imagine with me what God could do if we gave our all to him... together!

On a personal note its been a much busier year with our kids going to school off the island. This means we have to transport them everyday. We were blessed to get a loan so we could get a new car to help with all the travel. Our Sammy has really struggled this year with health and Lauren and I want to thank you all for kindness shown to our family.

In His service

Ps Ray Airosa

From the Elders

At the Elders meeting on 24 January 2020 our Focus and Goals were outlined. "We are Family."

Goals:

1. Establish a Care Team
2. Establish a Finance Team
3. Discipleship (Youth Alpha. Home groups.)
4. Develop Coffee Ministry
5. Internship programme
6. Sunday Evening services

We think its amazing what God has done through this year with all the challenges involved.

We would like to thank all of you for trusting us to lead you. We are living in strange times and only with your prayers and support will we be encouraged and sustained.

Blessings to you all.

Eph 3:20 Now unto Him who is able to do immeasurable more than you can think of or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us,

Shane and Jemimah Paxa Ukraine.

We were blessed to have Shane and Jemimah Paxa with us a lot longer than expected. They have just flown back to the Ukraine after 10 months in Queensland which was to be only 10 days. But 2 days before they were ready to fly back to the Ukraine the borders close in February. Everything stood still, the gas line was to be moved in April, so they could finally start building their youth centre. But because of covid19 nothing happened. Now winter is setting in no work can start. Please pray for Spring next year (April / May) that 2021 will be the year that their vision of a youth centre in the middle of town can become a reality. They have partnered with OM mission organisation and if you would like to support them mission cards are on the back wall of the church.



Tim and Melanie Downes in Malawi.

Ray, Judy, Bert and myself were blessed to go to Malawi in November 2019 for 12 days.

It was wonderful to see first-hand what life as a missionary is like. We went to villages met some lovely people. Melanie has written a book of her 10 years working as a missionary in Malawi. The book gives you a taste of what life is like, the challenges the different customs, learning the language ext. It is available in the book shop.

Greg and Connie Arnie Oman.

Greg and Connie were serving in Oman, they came home and have not been able to go back, because of covid19. Connie has started a bible studies group with ladies whose first language is not English here on the island. She also teaches English to migrants.

They are not sure what the future holds but Greg is still very keen to return to Oman when it is safe to do so. I will keep you posted.

Irma van Lieshout

Mission Convenor





Tuesday Night – Fowkes

Leading the home group has been a very challenging and enjoyable experience. Rudy and Jeanette were our leaders but had left the Church and moved away for family reasons. To start off the year we met for a Friday evening meal, to plan if it was possible to keep the group together and who would lead the home group. The lot fell to me to try for a short time to keep things going, but with such an encouraging group, we have been able to enjoy Studies together. We meet at different homes, enjoying a home meal about every six or seven weeks. To start off the year we followed Pastor Ray's Sunday Message, then the Covid19 hit, no home group but we kept in touch by phone calls regularly. We restarted home group and looked at Bible Studies on Prayer, starting with the Lord's Prayer, The Beatitudes and then the Sermon on the Mount, and we are now looking at the Fruits of the Spirit. We will close off a very interesting year with a lunch time cruise on the Ferryman. Yours in our Master's Service. Anthony (Tony) Fowkes.

Tuesday night Bible Study – Banksia

This home group meets at the MacDougal home, and is led by Richard. Attendance fluctuates, but attendees during this year have been around six people. The group meets at 7:15pm for a time of fellowship and Bible study, and finishes

around about 8:30pm This time is opened and closed with prayer. The group is undertaking an in-depth study of 1 Corinthians, which often leads to discussion of other matters as we relate to the text. The basis of the study is to understand how we should live as Christians today. Richard Macdougall

Wednesday am & pm Woorim

Covid has upset things but we have overcome them, we now sit a metre apart, everyone having afternoon or morning tea bring their own for him or herself so there is no sharing, with 8 - 10 in each group this no problem. Everything is as normal as it can be now, and we are back into study as before. We have decided to have from time to time a study day trip and this goes over very well, even a 4-day holiday is happening and this keeps moral very high. As long as nothing changes from here on, I see no problems in the future. Glen Young

Monday night Men's group

At the beginning of March, a Bible study for men started on Monday nights. After two weeks the group was interrupted by the restrictions on groups meeting because of the corona virus sweeping the country. The group was able to resume meeting in early August. An average of five men came together to look at the Word of God and to get to know each other.

The first course was on the life of Joseph as recorded in Genesis. The second study was "Exploring the Fascinating Account of

Genesis". The men who attended were keen and diligent. Each night opened with the men sharing something of their life answering simple questions like "Where did you live and who was in your family when you were ten?" Another was "What was your first paying job?" This meant we were learning more of each other, things that one doesn't talk about over a quick cuppa following church. This was a "men only" group. It is noteworthy to register that a group of men did choose to come together for the sole purpose of studying the Bible. As can be expected there was a varying breadth of knowledge and experience between the individual men. Some were joining a Bible study group for the very first time. Each man is to be commended for their attendance and diligence. Monday nights were a very beneficial time together. Graham Hine.

Ladies Small Groups.

In the Pumicestone area we are blessed that there are ten KYB (Know Your Bible) groups meeting. For many years Dawn Smith has faithfully coordinated these groups as the CWCI Area Coordinator. In September Ann Wrigley, who has recently moved to the island, took over from Dawn.

A number of our Church Small Groups for ladies use KYB material and find the four studies a year an excellent source of varied and valuable study of God's word. This year we have done nine studies in Genesis (Life of Isaac and sons), Acts 1-11, Nehemiah and five studies in 1-2 Peter. While Covid restrictions created some disruption, our groups continued to meet via Zoom or with fewer ladies in a group. As members meet regularly, sharing in the joys and struggles of everyday living in a broken world, strong bonds of love and caring develop. We invite all our ladies to link up with

a Small Group, either a ladies KYB group, or a mixed Home Group. We are always open to starting a new group at a different time or on another day, to try to meet differing needs. Small Groups is where we connect with each other and with God. Hazel Benn.

Wednesday Church Group

We have a wonderful group that meets on a wednesday morning at the church. We start at 9:30am and finish just before 11:00am. We normally go over the sermon again except we dig a little deeper and we ask questions arising from the Sunday sermon. It is my priviledge every wednesday to spend time with some beautiful people. Anyone is free to join. In His service. Ps Ray

Tuesday night - Morayfield.

We have a small but very keen group of three couples, meeting at the Looyen's home.

This year we didn't meet as much as we would have liked due to Covid-19. We started late July and we have just finished a Bible Study series inspired by beloved hymns. Hymns such as: Be Thou My Vision, It is Well, Great is Thy Faithfulness, to name a few. There are six hymns in this series, one per week. We learned about the stories behind the songs, listened to the hymns (and sang with it), followed by studying the Bible passages, which were the inspiration to the songs.

We enjoy the fellowship, have great discussions and love Bible studies. There is always room for more people to join our group. Wilhelmina Looyen.



Kids Club

Fantastic start to the year, we were averaging about 30-40 kids each Friday night. However, as Covid restrictions became more serious, we made the decision to put our program on hold midway through term 1, until further notice. The kids were disappointed. During this time of isolation, we tried to keep parents in the loop and stay in touch with them, but we didn't get much response. By term 3, we were allowed to open back up again! Numbers were small at the start – 15-20 - but have been creeping up each week. We currently have up to an average of 45 kids each week. That's more than before and we have been seeing plenty of new faces! Sadly, some kids have not returned since we saw them in term 1. Throughout Kids Club, we have been enjoying themed weeks such as Dark Night, 'Make-it' crafts, Laser tag and sports.

During Covid isolation, Harry started his internship with the church and began helping with the kids Club program. Harry has taken care of the kid's devotional segment for term 3 – a 12-week overview of the Old Testament

with small discussion groups, picture cards and actions. By the end of the series the kids will have a very brief understanding of the old testament and would have learnt the actions for each picture card. This has been rather effective; though the program needed some tweaking. Kids have enjoyed their discussion groups and learning new stories. We also had the wonderful Julie join us for a very short while – just 2 months – helping us get back on our feet. She was very helpful, practical and great with the kids and parents alike! Julie and Caleb did a great job holding the fort while Tahlia went on holidays for two weeks.

I cannot thank the leaders of Kids club enough who not only stick around for the fun, but for the unglamorous side of kid's club too— the mess, the screaming, the injuries. Thank you, Caleb, Jordan, Jasmine, Romanie, Kevin, Julie, Ardel, Finn and occasional help from Waddo, Jana and Chloe who each travel at least an hour to get there.

Our cooks are absolutely incredible, very dedicated, and willing to work with the forever changing increase and decrease of mouths to feed. They take time throughout the week to gather supplies and arrange meals for Friday. Thank you to Sean and Colleen, Peter, Leni, and Heidi, and Caleb. We love you

cooking! Massive thanks to all those who have helped top fund raise and have gifted money towards the kids/youth ministry!

The biggest prayer request is for a bus. As you can imagine it is a headache to arrange transport for 45 kids to Caboolture bowling, it puts the pressure on our leaders to drive all the children and can be hard to organise. If you are interested in cooking for kids and youth – we could use an extra person on the roster! And another person to help with Kids Club admin would be fantastic.



Youth Group

Youth Group has seen much growth and change this year as well. Pre-Covid we averaged 20 youth, and currently we average about 30 Youth weekly, with many Youth bringing along their friends and siblings to join in the Friday shenanigans. Around the



time Harry started his internship, Jere also began his internship, helping us out with the Youth program. He prepared a series on Colossians and also headed up the Youth Alpha Series which has been quite effective, especially our small groups. It's difficult to find a good balance for the youth devotional time, we have tried to keep it short and sweet, allowing each of the leaders a change to present a message and then to break into their smaller discussion groups. Through this, we have been able to open discussions on some tough questions, share stories, encourage and support the youth, follow up and pray with them. Jordan gave the youth an opportunity to go to a 'Beach Bash' youth camp over the holidays and a few of our youth went alone, had the time of their life and came back on fire! It's wonderful to see the youth starting to own their faith and get excited about other church events like Sunday night services. Some youth have even began volunteering to help Sunday nights with data and singing. Safe to say Ice Skating was the biggest hit so far this year, always a lot of excitement surrounding the bigger events like skating and amazing Race.

As you can imagine, with a growing youth group, we never seem to have enough leaders ! The leaders we have are

absolutely amazing, although we are sometimes stretched to meet the needs of the youth as well as keep the program running smoothly. Big Thank you Caleb, Jordan, Jasmine, Romanie, Kevin, Julie, Ardel, Finn, Waddo, Jana and Chloe for their time, energy and commitment!

Our greatest need is prayer. We are asking God for wisdom to lead well and to raise up new leaders for the future. We pray for guidance as we navigate through the twists and turns of this ministry, the little dramas, the lack of space, the monetary needs. But most of all we pray for the youth, for their lives now and their future, for God to draw them to Him. We could really use that bus, too!

Tahlia



Beach Mission

This year, with the ever-changing restrictions, we made the decision to host Holiday Club (a.k.a Beach Mission) at our church. This will be the test pilot! We will be occupying the church for the week, using the Covid plan we already have in place. There are many areas we will need help with this year such as decorations, Sign in, Lunch and Dinner for the leaders, and volunteering as a leader. Please put your name forward if you are interested in being a part of this new experience – the first Beach Mission held at the church! The dates are 4th - 8th January 2021.



Kids Church, JOYO Church, Youth Church

Isolation wasn't all bad! We (the leadership team) had a blast during isolation creating kid's videos for the church online service! It was a lot of work to film and edit those video's, but we had some faithful viewers from our kids and youth church tuning in to see their leaders dress us and do silly things. Of course, the downside of the whole things was that we had no fellowship with the kids for a while, before finally starting the church up again. Thank goodness, because we were starting to run out of ideas!

Due to the restrictions, we turned the Manse (our house) into a second church on Sunday – just for the kids and youth. Slightly strange at first, but it's a true blessing that the house could be used! Julie, Harry and Lindy have been looking after the kids and doing a fantastic job, including games and crafts into their lessons. Jordan, Tahlia, Neysa, Ardel and Susan have been serving the youth on Sundays. The occasional rocket is launched, and the odd cookie is made – there aren't any restrictions on noise or mess yet!

Nevertheless, we are looking forward to coming home, back to the church to join everyone else in fellowship. Could use another room or two upstairs when we do come back. Here's a tip: soundproof the rooms!



Women's Ministry

In the past year we had planned to hold four ladies' events. We acknowledge God's goodness in that the only event cancelled (due to Covid) was the Mother's Day Lunch on May 9th. We finished 2019 with a celebratory evening at the BIRV Clubhouse on 24th November. Forty ladies gathered for Coffee and Cake and testimonies by Junette Bader, Naomi Thomas, Anne Fowkes and Lorna Bennett. Judy and Irma also shared about their recent trip to Malawi. It's always fun to be together and get to know each other better..

On 7th March a High Tea was held in the Church Hall with 50 ladies attending. The theme was the Fruit of the Spirit and Susan Elsmore from Gateway Baptist was a delightful speaker. Some of our wonderfully creative ladies transformed the hall into a beautiful venue; a superb High Tea made the afternoon a very successful event which everyone appreciated.

On August 1st we planned a Covid safe fellowship day at the House of Happiness. It provided a welcome opportunity to be

together, to share, sing out our praises and look into Psalm 107 for refreshing. Everyone brought their own morning tea snack. In spite of restrictions it was a very happy morning of fellowship and acknowledging God's faithfulness. Our thanks to Vera for her warm welcome. We've already booked the House of Happiness again for next year.

We continue to pray about how we can plan events that target particular age groups, or address relevant topics. We're asking God for creative ideas, and invite input from our Church family.

My thanks to the great team who serve on the Ministry Team with willing happy hearts; Lauren Airosa, Christal O'Donnell, Meredith Simpson and Judy Slade.

Hazel Benn.





Craft Group

What a year this has been!!

Our Friday Craft Group has been in recess since mid-February.

During this time ladies have endeavoured to keep in touch with each other. Even though we haven't been physically meeting on Fridays the activity continues.

The knitting and crocheting ladies have donated 20 blankets to Hairdressers with Hearts, for folk who are victims of domestic violence and elder abuse.

Card sales have continued to support Chaplains. Thank you for buying the cards and for those who continue to make the cards.

The art and board game ladies continue to fellowship together.

In closing it is hoped that we will resume our meeting together on Friday 29th January 2021.

Jeanette Nicolle



Toddler's/Tot's Time

'Mums and Toddlers' Ministry, headed by Lorna & Lindy had their first meeting on 15th January 2020. The event attracted a modest number of mums with children (about 7-8, including grandchildren of the organisers) and a sprinkling of volunteer helpers from the church. This first meeting went very well and over the coming weeks the group began to establish itself and experienced a gradual increase in interest and numbers attending.

However, this coincided with the onset of the Covid and we shut down in March. Thereafter, no further meetings were held restriction were lifted. Initial numbers were again quite low, but the group was quick to re-establish themselves, helped particularly by a loyal core of regulars, and soon recovered their earlier momentum. This was also helped by a wide variety of activities which include art & craft, play-dough and modelling, drawing and painting and regular features such as singing with actions, nursery rhymes and story-time.

On top of this, there were always huge quantities of toys to play with, and weather permitting, the generous outside play-area to explore and play. The little ones were also able to enjoy a regular mid-morning snack-time, whilst there was always coffee and cakes etc available for the mums.

In recent weeks, attendance numbers have averaged around 14 -18 children, which together with mums and helpers,

is considered to be getting close to our maximum capacity. Also, during school holidays, we have invited dads and slightly older children to come along as helpers, particularly to work with the more 'senior' tots and to supervise the outside play area.

Initially, a \$3 charge (per family) was made to cover the cost of refreshments etc, but following concern over struggling mums, it was decided to withdraw the standing charge and simply invite 'donations' on a voluntary basis. This, via a donations box on the registration desk at entry, has been found to work well and to be fairer to all.

There have been some difficulties with securing helpers committed to the programme, but overall, we have been very fortunate. Approaches have been made to certain ladies and we await our Lord's answer to this. We also acknowledge the dedicated assistance of many of the mums.

We aim to remain creative and are constantly seeking new ideas and activities to introduce to the little ones. During this last week alone, we were fortunate enough to offer a face/arm painting 'booth' run by our own multi-talented Talia Hansen, which was hugely popular. Future ideas include a jumping castle, balloon animals and puppet show with Darren.

As you see we have had a name change, rebranding our old name to Tot's Time. We have gone from two mums and a few children to ten children then seventeen children and we now have twenty-six children on our books. God is amazing.

Our vision is to reach out to the mums and we are planning a Christmas party in the park

as we close up this year.

We have seen our Lord Jesus bless every part of the running of this ministry and the opportunity to share and witness our faith in action to these mums. It is so exciting to serve the Lord and see what the future holds. We would always appreciate prayers concerning the running of Tot's Time and on how we are to evolve.

Lorna & Lindy (Tot's Time co-ordinators)



PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group continues to be an active part of Church life, and I take this opportunity to thank all those who participate in this ministry. There are currently 47 people who participate in this ministry. When a situation arises that requires prayer, people receive an Email, and are then encouraged to pray for the situation. We have seen many answered prayers in this ministry, and would encourage others to join. You simply have to advise me (richardmacd63@gmail.com), of your Email address, and then you will receive prayer requests as they are raised. If you have a prayer request it can simply be conveyed to me by Email or text.

Richard Macdougall

“ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



Proverbs 3:5-6

CHURCH LIBRARY

I have been busy processing the many books that have been donated to the Library. Some can replace existing ones, and any new publications are put on our shelves. If donating books, biographies and novels are the most widely read. We have a wide selection available, just a few being, Biographies, Novels, Mission Stories, Family Life, Discipleship and Bible helps for those doing Bible Studies. We now have a good supply of DVDs thanks to those who have added these to our shelves.

A number of books need to be returned so if you have borrowed books from before the lockdown, please return them so others can borrow them. If you are unaware that we have a library and would like to know more I am happy to show you how we operate. Because of the large number of books given to us, those we already have, or unable to use, we have in turn donated to Mount Tamborine Convention Centre who hold a Second Hand Bookstall at their Conventions. Income from these books helps support this ministry. They are always grateful for our contribution.

I encourage you to make use of this facility we have, to learn and grow in our faith and Christian Discipleship.

Wilma Hine. Librarian



COFFEE MINISTRY

This year has been a challenging time for many people in terms of social interaction. As such, we decided to begin running the coffee ministry throughout the week during bookshop hours (Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm). Over this time, since we launched back in July, we have been able to provide a place for people to safely gather together and meet some of the social needs of our church community. We have worked hard at keeping to restrictions and monitoring the cleanliness of the area. We have had some people from the Bribie community come to for coffee regularly as they are lonely and have no place else to be. We have also been able to serve those coming in for the mother's group, Tuesday drop-in and various other groups which run throughout the week.

A big thank you to all the ladies that bring in cakes and cookies on a weekly basis, they are awesome.

Jeremiah Meliendrez`





Fun & Fellowship at the Church Picnic



BOOKSHOP

It has been a privilege and a pleasure along with the responsibilities to lead a wonderful team of ladies for our Church Bookshop when I started March this year.

The bookshop offers a great range of different Bibles, Books Gifts, Music and all types of Cards.

We do have a very good relationship with the Koorong Bookshop who helps with our inquiries for special orders or books that are requested for our customers. We return and pull new stock every 2 months and with the help of members of our team and we enjoy a blessed day out together.

With Covid-19 having limited the amount of people in the building, we managed to keep open the Bookshop through this time so that Tithes, Prayer and tea and coffee were available, at the peak of this only two people were allowed to be there at a time. There have been a number of people who have come in from off from the street just to chat.

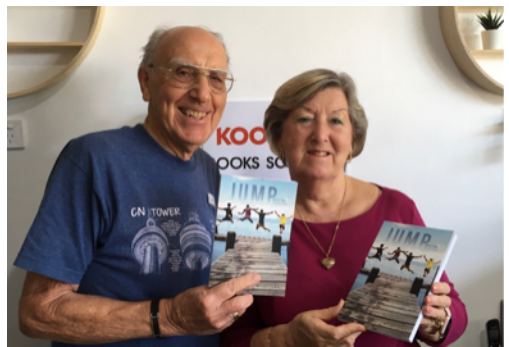
The introduction of the Cash Register has been a wonderful help, although it has taken us all time to get used to it. Thank you to Dorothy for bringing this down from her Daughter Melissa who donated this to the Church and all the wonderful help we have received from Dorothy.

The bookshop is a great focal point as people enter the Church Building, with Church families and visitors able to look and browse at the stock Monday to Friday 9am to Noon and Sundays.

A very big thank you to our dedicated ladies Jean, Christine, Wilhelmina, Michelle, Jill. We look forward to another year in this Ministry.

In our Masters Service

Ann Fowkes





MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's breakfasts continue to be supported well with an average of 38 men attending. This is an increase from 35 last year. Some men from the local Men's Shed attend. The cost of the breakfasts will have to increase to \$6 from 2021 as costs have risen dramatically over the last 12 months. Over the past year we have had good speakers but this year unfortunately we have had to curtail our activities due to the Covid virus. Sadly, we have seen some of our men pass away during the past twelve months and they are greatly missed.

Our Men's fellowship Spiritual Day in February was attended by over 30 men with guest speakers Graham Hine, Pierre Van Blommenstein (Uniting Church) Pastor Ray Airosa and Special Guest Major Ray Proud (Salvation Army). Great Fellowship, Spiritual Messages morning tea and lunch were enjoyed by all who attended. Providing that restrictions are not in place it has been suggested that we do this again in February 2021.

We do encourage our younger men and more men who attend the 10.15am Service to attend these breakfasts as great fellowship is enjoyed by all who attend. Names need to be submitted by the Thursday prior.

The Movie Matinees have proven popular as our mission fund benefits by around \$400

per show. My heartfelt thanks to all who assist with serving ice-cream/tea/coffee. Our ability to contribute to various missions is greatly enhanced by the revenue raised via the movie matinees. Sadly, we have had only one movie this year and it was attended by 90+ patrons.

Irma and her team always provide a great 2 course breakfast at minimal cost and we thank them for their continued dedication and effort. John and Jeanette Nichole faithfully continue to set up for the breakfasts the evening prior and this greatly assists us in the running of this event and takes a great workload off myself and others.

Sadly, and after prayerful consideration, I have decided to relinquish my role as Convenor and seek nominations from men who would be willing to fill the role from 2021 onwards.

I thank Ps Ray for his encouragement and continued support. John R. Doak.
Convenor, Men's Ministry.



I SEE A SIGN

Thanks goes to Glen and Pam for keeping our sign up to date and providing an opportunity for great discussion in the community. Not a week goes by that someone does not stop and take a photo or simply stop to read the sign.



Religious Instruction

It has been a very different year this year for R.I. we started the year off well, and then corona virus hit.

Term 3 we were allowed back into the schools, with a Covidsafe plan for ourselves and we had to do Covidsafe training.

The way in which we deliver the lessons, have had to change a bit, but we are blessed because we are still allowed into the schools.

We were the first volunteer group allowed back in. schools.

We currently have 7 teachers, all of which teach at Bribie state school, and two of us are at both Bribie and Banksia.

We are in need of more teachers but need to approach this prayerfully as we need the right people. There have been a few more enrolments into R.I this term, and it has been overall a very positive return to schools.

The schools, and staff have been wonderful, and the kids were so excited to have their R.I. classes back on.

Please pray that God will bring new teachers in.

Lauren Airoso



“DROP INN” COFFEE MORNING

The weekly Tuesday morning “Drop Inn” continues to be a time of fellowship, enjoyment and chatter for those who come along.

Last year our numbers were 20 – 25 each week but Covid has obviously had an impact and when we re-started in July our average numbers dropped to 12 – 16. However, this is now on the rise. Many who come are delighted to have a place to come to socialise and find a listening ear. It has been an opportunity to show that our God is a God of every day and delights in His people meeting together.

“Drop Inn” is a wonderful way to meet people and to enjoy good company. Our get-togethers are warm and friendly times and adults of all ages are most welcome. Coffee or tea with a piece of cake for a gold coin donation any time between 9:30am and 11:00am Tuesdays.

Lynette Jackson & Lorna Bennett



DINNERS OF SIX

Four dates were set aside for the Dinners at the beginning of the year: March 21; June 13; September 5; December 5.

However, on the eve of the first dinner in March the Covid 19 virus restrictions were introduced and everything was brought to a

standstill for six months. As the restrictions relaxed, we were able to go ahead with the September function. Three groups were entertained by their Host and Hostess, as they shared dinner and a relaxed evening of fellowship which was enjoyed by all. The final "Dinner " is set for December 5. I would encourage and welcome many more couples to participate in this activity. It would give greater interest for those already attending and opportunity to develop more friendships as we get to know each other. I look forward to a greater response.

How thankful we are to our Lord and Heavenly Father for protection from the effects of this virus and that we live in this beautiful place.

All glory and praise to Him as we continue to trust Him.

Jill Kirk
Co-ordinator





AV Team

Over the last 8 months we have seen a massive shift in the need for better equipment and for up to date software for the Audio Visual ministry. COVID has shown us that it's not enough to simply get by with what we had and so we have upgraded our sound desk, camera and data projection gear. This has helped us to achieve a better sound and video quality in service and online.

This would not have been possible but for the gifts of some members who helped us purchase new equipment.

A big thanks to Richard MacDougal who managed to get us a grant to help buy live-streaming equipment. We've been able to livestream all three services and engage a little online with those watching. This is one area that needs serious thought in terms of how ministry through the online medium can be achieved. We have also begun to bring people back after the COVID season to help out. We are yet to see a rotation of people with the knowledge of all the components volunteering each week, but that is a work in progress and we hope to continue training people in this practical and vital ministry.

Thanks to all our volunteers who help every week with sound and data!

Jeremiah

CHURCH CLEANING

At the moment I have a great team of volunteers that clean our church every Saturday morning. Greg, Tanea, Jean, Debbie, Malcolm and Rob.

Greg also puts out our bins every week and cleans them and puts them back.

They work in teams of 2. The cleaning has changed because of covid19. There are also some ladies cleaning during the week wiping tables, handles, spraying disinfectant ext. On Sunday morning you will see me (in my fluoro vest) spray and wipe in between services. I can always use more helpers if this is something you would like to help with speak to me. Thank you all for doing a great job.

Irma van Lieshout

Church cleaning is going quite well at the moment with just enough willing cleaners, but there is room for more willing cleaners. I do most cleaning with help from keen helpers when they are available but there is little help available for holiday, sickness and other relevant relief.

I don't envisage Covid - 19 affecting church cleaning practices in future as just common sense is needed and safety should be heeded to always.

Greg Bean

CATERING AND SUPPLIES

Covid 19 has changed many things in the church, besides extra cleaning we also had to buy disposable cups, cutlery wrapped up biscuits, pre-packaged communion wafer and juice. Coffee and tea can no longer be self-serve it has to be poured for you. We have taken the lids of the bins so no touching required.

We have had a few funerals held here because we can live stream. For catering we had to wrap every food item, serve the coffee and the tea and of course keep a distance.

As you can imagine doing things according to covid19 protocol costs a lot more.

We can live with the changes. If you are working in the kitchen and you notice something is in short supply please inform me.

We are still looking for more helpers on Sunday serving coffee and tea.

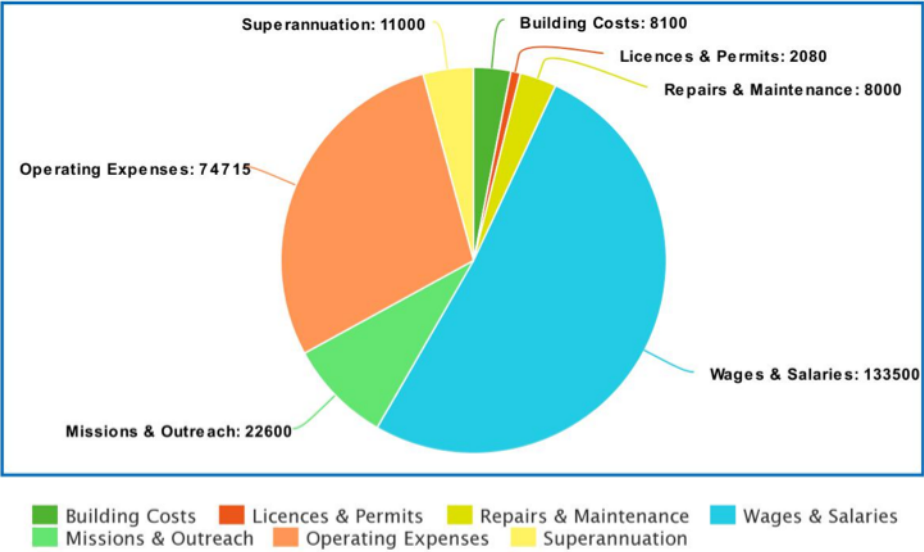
Thank you

Irma van Lieshout

FINANCES

We give thanks for God's provision through the generosity of His people at BRIBIE BAPTIST, so that we almost met our budget despite the pandemic and the suspension of regular services from the end of March. We give thanks too for the generosity of the Federal government, which saw us receive a \$10,000 grant.

Total expenditure for 2019/2020 was \$230,534 against a budget of \$239,886 which leaves a loss of 9, 351.





PROPERTY

A-massive big thank you to Bert Van Lieshout who keeps our church in good order. He has installed a new screen, built a Gaga Ball Court, fixed the toilets, fixed leaking roof, fixed a hole in the roof, repaired chairs, built an outdoor cupboard, and more.

Thank you also to Johan Sadie who made some beautiful planter boxes and built a bar counter outside. He also helped us with projectors and sound equipment.

Thank you to Danial Hansen (Tahlia's brother), who built our coffee bar for us.

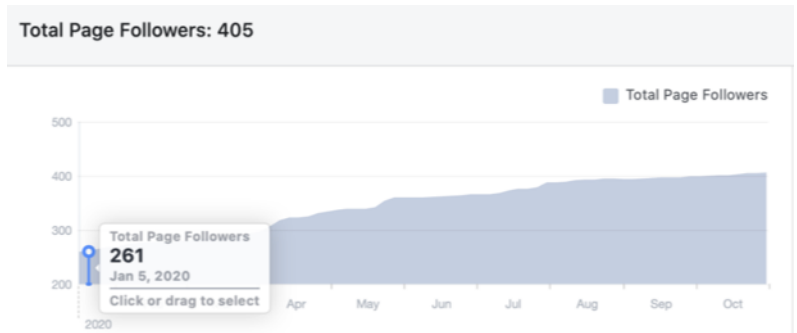
Thanks you to Urs Meier and James Anderson who always help with maintenance around the church.

We thank God for all these servants.

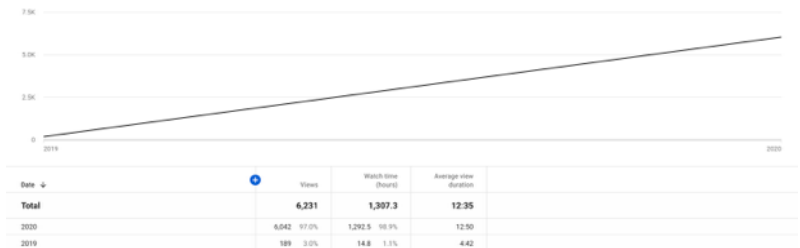
Please pray for Bert as he plans to lift the roof of the Youth Room to help with much needed space for our Kids.



MEDIA



We went from 261 followers in Jan 2020 to 405 in Oct 2020



We went from 189 views in 2019 to 6231 in 2020



On the night of 9 March 2020 we gathered with the leaders and churches across Bribie Island and its surrounds to commission our chappies and RI teachers. We were also blessed by [Endless Praise Christian Vocal Band](#) who performed for us and led us in worship. It was a great night of unity of mission and purpose for our churches.



A great night of singing Carols on Christmas eve. We took a walk through the Nativity story and relived the awesome story of Christmas.



A Prayer for Bribie Baptist

Almighty God, our Redeemer and our King,

We have been humbled and reminded this year that we are not the masters of our own destiny. Our lives, our church, our world, and our eternity are held in your merciful hands.

We do not know the future, but you know the end from the beginning. We cannot always discern truth, but you are the source of truth.

We are weak and frail, but you have conquered the grave.

May we always remember that you alone are our strength and our song.

You alone are our comfort and peace. You alone are our hope and salvation.

May Bribie Baptist Church be forever marked by a knowledge of these things.

We ask that you would give us all that is needed to draw us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus Christ.

We ask that, in times of blessing, Christ would be recognised as the giver of every good gift.

We ask that, in times of trial, Christ would be sought as the only true place of refuge.

We ask that, in our successes, Christ's power and wisdom would be savoured more deeply.

We ask that, in our failures, Christ's perfections would be seen more clearly.

No matter what else happens this year, please make Jesus bigger and more beautiful to us.

So Amen we pray, in Jesus' merciful and mighty name.

To Know Christ And To Make Him Known

