



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday, October 24, 2021

at 12:30 pm

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome & Opening Prayer | John Attrell |
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ELDERS

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29:11-12

In Joshua 1, the Israelites were about to cross the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land. In order to claim the land, Israel still had to physically set foot on the land.

That is where Bramalea Baptist stands at the moment. We have grown physically and spiritually with Stephen Sheane being our Lead Pastor for nine years. The same holds true for children’s ministries under Beverley Deguire’s leadership for eleven years. The past year saw members of the South Asian congregation being welcomed into membership at Bramalea Baptist. The return to in-person service has resulted in good attendance but there are still many people who have not returned. Bramalea Baptist is fortunate to be in good financial circumstances because of the generosity of the congregation and we encourage you to continue to be faithful. Both Stephen Sheane and Beverley Deguire leave Bramalea Baptist with a good foundation but a foundation alone is not enough for a fully functioning building.

Just as the Israelites had to walk the Promised Land after crossing the Jordan River, Bramalea Baptist still has work to do. We cannot stand still. A very important part of this is our search for a new Lead Pastor and a new Children’s Pastor. While this is happening, we will continue to work on our focus of exalting God, embracing one another, equipping for service and extending the kingdom.

The Elders consist of myself as Chair, Atul Solanki as Vice-chair, Brad King as Secretary, Dovelin Hawthorne, Tim Iqbal, Orville Smith and Anthony Temple.

The Bramalea Baptist leadership teams will be working closely together with the Pastoral Search Team over the next few months to find a new Lead Pastor. At the same time, the Elders and Directors are working to fill the vacated Children’s Pastor position. Please continue to be in prayer for the church leadership and Pastoral Search Team in this process.

At Stephen Sheane’s final message, he encouraged us by saying: “Don’t hold back. Don’t fear. Keep moving forward.” That is our heartfelt desire for Bramalea Baptist Church in this next season.

On Behalf of the BBC Elders, Thank You!

Neville Ananthan
Chair of the Elders

DIRECTORS

***"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19, KJV***

Bramalea Baptist Church finished last year with almost 100% budget achievement and we are all thankful for how God has met all of our needs, and we know He will continue to do so!

We are so thankful to our God and His people at BBC for their generous giving over this trying time in our world as Covid19 has marched on, and affected so many.

Our team is made up of myself as Chair, Mike Lee as co-chair, Corrine van der Burg as Secretary, Clement Sukhu as Treasurer, Jean Adeyemo, Clare Miller, Paul Wilkinson, Ron Persaud, and Gerald Tan.

To this point in our budget year, we have achieved about 75% of our budget expectations for the General Fund. We need to look to improve this trend, and the Directors have a plan to do so as we move into the second quarter of our current fiscal year 2021/2022.

Our plan this fall is to ask you HIS servants to once again give a special offering from now until December 31, 2021 to help us get caught up, rather than doing a Mortgage reduction. We also plan to ask you to give to the General Fund with a year-end gift above and beyond your regular giving. The target of \$ 150,000 is approximately the same as we received last year in extra giving.

We are thankful for the strong teams we have in our Pastors, Staff, Elders and Directors to help guide us through this next season God has for us.

On Behalf of the Directors of BBC,

Thank You!

John Attrell
Chair of the Directors

EXECUTIVE PASTOR

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:23 - 24

This past year has once again been a year of change. The pandemic has continued to bring change to our world, our lives and to our church. Our mission as a church remains unchanged, to continue to bring the message of the Gospel to our community and to our world.

It has not been a simple task over the past 19 months to find balance in looking out for the safety and well-being of our church family, and continuing to provide vital ministry to our congregation and community. It is thanks to our incredible Staff Leadership Team and their ministry teams that we have not simply survived during this time, but have been able see growth and lives changed.

I must also extend thanks to you, our church family, as you have continued to faithfully support the ministry of BBC, and demonstrated grace as we have navigated lockdowns, re-openings and ever-changing protocols in recent months. It is a testament to unifying love and power of our Saviour.

Needless to say, God’s call for Pastor Steve and for Pastor Bev to move on to ministry in other churches has been a change that none of us anticipated. These changes did not catch God by surprise however.

In my role, one of my main areas of focus is to work alongside our Staff Leadership Team, the Elders and Directors, to carry out the vision and mission of BBC. The Core Leadership of our church is strong, and we are all committed to listening to God and working together in the power of the Holy Spirit to move BBC forward in accomplishing our mission. I am grateful to the men and women who serve on these teams for their cooperative spirit, commitment to unity and to see BBC continue to impact our community.

In the midst of all the turmoil and change that the past months have brought, we see a greater hunger in our world for meaning, and an increased openness to things of a spiritual nature. The focus of the leadership is to keep the mission of the Church front and centre, and to creatively move forward to come alongside those who are hurting, and to reach the lost with the love of Christ.

In closing, I want to encourage all of us to continue to pray for BBC. Prayer is vital in our relationship with God, and foundational to our strength as a church. And, in these times of uncertainty, let us not forget that God is sovereign and His plan for BBC will be revealed in His time. In the meantime, let us – as Hebrews reminds us – to “hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering”, and move forward together in the power of Christ to love and encourage one another, and to reach our community with the Gospel.

Peace,

Patrick Timney
Executive Pastor

CARE MINISTRIES

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

Pastor Shirley continues to give oversight to all Pastoral care of the church through various ministries.

Stephen Ministry - The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team (Vashti Mapp, Sherri Fish, Antonietta Barille, Linda Finn and Pastor Shirley Thomas) have had the privilege of training over 25 members of BBC as Stephen Ministers. They are equipped to care for people facing tough times. We are looking for more people to train for this year and would like to begin the process in November, 2021. The current Stephen Ministers are also involved with continued education and supervision twice a month. During this pandemic this ministry has been running virtually.

Grief Care - Pastor Shirley has started an individual grief support therapy program - “Healing your heart through grief resolution” (Cognitive behaviour therapy) for people undergoing and journeying through any kind of loss in their life including death of a loved one. Funeral Services are also officiated or coordinated by Pastor Shirley.

Widowed Life - The vision is to bring them to a place that they sing once again with joy. Yvonne Fraser leads this ministry with a team of six others and brings the vision of the ministry into fruition.

Visitation - Pastor Shirley Thomas is currently not actively involved with hospital visitation but continues to do home visits safely.

Benevolence - A team of people led by Pastor Shirley are actively involved with grocery assistance, when needed, to our members and community through our benevolence ministry. The Hospitality Team continues to be led by Lorraine McLaren.

Food Cupboard - Yvonne Fraser leads our food cupboard ministry and we are gearing up once again to help many people in our community and within our congregation. We also participate in three food drives annually at our church.

Prayer Team - Pastor Shirley is currently revamping the ministry due to changes that need to be made due to the pandemic.

In addition to these services, Care Ministries also liaises on BBC’s behalf with a three person on site counselling team made up of one psychologist (mental health and family therapy), one marriage and family therapist and an anxiety and depression group therapist.

The Care Ministries has formed a committee with lay leaders of the various care ministries in the church. The main purpose of this committee is to cast vision, plan, and support each other in order to bring the best care that we possibly can to our church and community.

Shirley Thomas
Care Ministries Pastor

EQUIPPING

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.” James 4:7–8a

I am thankful to our Almighty God for blessing me with such a God fearing family at BBC. What a privilege it is for me to serve Him with this team of godly men and women! I am humbled by God’s grace and the love we are experiencing at BBC. I am thankful to all the leaders for accepting me as I am, and for putting their trust in me.

Ministry highlights:

1. Equipping: Revision of class notes for 101, 301, and 401 is complete. Revision of 201 is in the process. I am still working on the BBC Discipleship Manual. The first part is “First Steps at BBC.” We continued with an online format for the classes in 2020-2021. Apart from our Discipleship Track (101–401) classes, we offered 12 Growth Track classes: 5 on Biblical books (Daniel, Romans, Galatians, 1–2 Timothy and Titus, 1–2 Peter), 1 on Jesus’ life (Jesus the God Who Knows your Name), 2 new courses on Biblical Characters (OT Characters and NT Characters), 1 on training in how to study the Bible, and 3 new courses on evangelism training (Workplace Grace, The Art of Neighbouring, Because We Care).
For this year (2021-2022) apart from our regular 101–401 classes, it is our plan to offer courses on **Bible Studies** (The Letter to the Romans, The Message of Isaiah, The End times in Book of Matthew), **Biblical Character Study** (Biblical Heroes OT and NT), **Doctrinal Teaching** (Know What We Believe), **Spiritual Practice** (Praying with Paul, Praying Like Jesus, Friend and Foes of Your Heart), **Witnessing** (Workplace Grace), **a course on Celebrating the Cross** (around Easter season). The BBC Equipping team is working on expanding discipleship beyond the classes.
2. BBC Jeevan Deep ministry has faced many challenges due to COVID restrictions. BUT the Spirit of God can’t be restricted! We praise God for giving great opportunities to our members to be vibrant witnesses. We have been able to do one–on–one ministry to Hindus and Sikhs. **Training:** A day of evangelism training was organized on June 12, 2021. **Prayers:** We meet every 3rd Thursday to specifically pray for our Hindu/Sikh contacts. **Resources:** we have started a small resource center for Bibles in multiple Indian languages and other Christian literature.
Future Ministry Focus: Thanksgiving with South Asian Friends, Christmas Celebration December 21, 2021; Continue one-on-one evangelism and discipleship, Park outreach and Special Festive outreaches (Summer 2022).
3. Frontline Ministry: By God’s grace, Gerry and I were able to motivate ushers and greeters to begin serving. Now two teams of ushers and two teams of greeters serve on Sundays.
4. I Continue to help our South Asian Congregation. They were recently welcomed as members.
5. I am thankful to the leadership teams for their encouragement and support during the tough time we went through as family in 2020-2021 ministry year.

To God be the Glory for the things he is doing in our midst.

Parimal Christian
Community & Discipleship Pastor

FAMILY LIFE - ADULTS

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.” Ephesians 3:14-15

This past year has certainly been a season of ups and downs with various protocols and uncertainty. Yet, God continued to remain faithful and steadfast throughout it all!

This is how the Lord has been working in Family Life:

Couples Ministry

Although a more low-key year due to the pandemic, we saw a number of couples married, and kept in contact with BBC couples by sharing online opportunities for them to grow. This fall, we are delighted to once again offer a Couples course, and look forward to seeing a great turnout!

Men’s Ministry

The BBC IronMen Team has had a year of bearing good fruit. In addition to laying the foundation to start up a mentoring track with a specific focus on young men at BBC, they have welcomed four new team members. Additionally, they engaged Peel Region Police in the community initiative of repairing and giving away almost one hundred bikes for our Love Knightsbridge mission led by Pastor Josh.

Seniors Ministry

Even though our regular in-person Sunday services have resumed, we are continuing to offer the Seniors Gathering on a monthly basis. Our first one in September was a great hit, and we look forward to more! As well, we are hoping to start up a low-impact fitness program in our gym for seniors at BBC and in our community...please pray for the right person to lead this.

Singles Ministry

Recognizing both the value of our singles at BBC in God’s sight, as well as the need for them to gather, we have started up a Singles Small Group for older singles. Additionally, we are looking to run an online course in the coming months.

Women’s Ministry

Even with the absence of our beloved morning Bible Study leader, the Women’s Bible Study remains an important staple of this ministry and is doing well. Our Women’s Ministry Team continues to thrive and seek the Lord’s leading. We are also looking forward to the upcoming Flourish Mentoring track, continued outreach, and some fun activities!

Natasha Benevides
Family Life & Small Groups Pastor

FAMILY LIFE - KIDS MINISTRIES

***“For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.”
Psalm 100:5***

This last year in Kids Ministry has been a season of Rebuilding, Reclaiming and Restoring. Here are some highlights:

Zone Out Online

Oct-Dec 2020 & Feb/March 2021: We switched up the format to meet the kids where they were at, safe at home, each week 50+ students and their leaders met up to create, connect and talk about God.

BBC Kids Church

Oct-Nov 2020: We were onsite for a brief period with our amazing leaders - socially distanced and spiritually connected

Oct 2020 - Dec 2021: We have offered an online kids worship service, with leaders teaching each week and sharing biblical truths through worship songs, teachings and Superbook stories, until December 26, 2021.

Dec 2020 - June 2021: Sunday Activity Packs and Bible rallies were the way we connected. Over 350 activity packs were made and used over the three units and up to 100 kids and leaders joining our Zoom rallies.

Current: This fall we are back onsite with students from JK-Grade 5/6 on Sunday mornings

Summer Ministries

Day Camps Onsite & Online July: 185 different students joined us for our summer camp experiences, including our CIT leadership camp. For older students we developed a NEW sports and arts focused camps and our younger campers thrived at Sonsational JR with our more traditional program. All students had many opportunities to hear and learn about Jesus and to grow in Faith, Friendships and have Fun doing it. Our Coaches and CIT's were amazing serving God and leading kid onsite and online.

VBS Onsite & Online: 140 students (104 onsite +36 online) joined us for Treasured VBS. Over 45 amazing leaders served and taught and connected with children. And impacted them with God's Love and the truth of who Jesus is!

Donations & Scholarships:

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$20,000 and provide over 150 scholarship spots, support leadership opportunities for Youth and Young Adults, and subsidize the cost of camps and VBS.

No matter what we have done, all of it is for the Glory of God. Lives are changed, challenged and encouraged. We saw leaders grow, try new things and deepen their spiritual maturity, and we saw God move in the hearts and lives of many children, with many decisions being made to follow Jesus, explore spiritual disciplines and how to apply them to our lives. At VBS we focused on how we are God's priceless treasure, irreplaceable, known by Him, Forgiven by Him, and chosen by Him to do great things for His Glory. Over 70 children, and some of our youth leaders made decisions to follow Jesus and asked Him into their lives and hearts.

Thank you to Amanda Sheane, Savannah Wilson and Sofia Majano for all their passion, joy and hard work in leading others on the BBC Kids Lead Team. Thank you to Melena Mowbray for leading our Summer Ministries team and the SM Lead team - Sarah Charisma and Julian Brown. Our summer and year round Dream teams of coaches and coaches-in-training - you are a blessing to so many. Keep on serving God with all that you have and all that you are. Our new recruits to the 2021/22 Lead Team of Bethany Smith and Sawmtei Vualnam, God has amazing things in store as you lead others and trust Him!

Thank you for the honour and privilege of serving and leading these ministries over the last 11 years. As I conclude my time at BBC thank you so much for being such a great church family to lead, serve, guide and encourage. Together we have impacted a generation and their families with the love of Jesus.

Beverley Deguire
Children's Ministries Pastor

FAMILY LIFE – YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

“I waited patiently for the Lord, He turned to me and heard my cry.” Psalm 40:1

As the world shut down we saw God move in new and fresh ways in the midst of our youth and young adults. Thanks for continued prayer, encouragement, support and serving these amazing students. Here is a brief recap for Junior High Rooted (grades 6 – 8), Senior High Starting Line (grades 9 – 12) and Young Adult THRIVE (ages 18 – 30) through the eyes of the calendar:

July 2020

- Summer Camp teams of youth and young adults grew with devotions each morning for the month of July
- Summer leadership studied 1 & 2 Timothy and then led their peers through these books
- Saw two young adult weddings come together
- Brampton Youth Network (BYN) connections were strengthened through meeting and prayer
- Celebrated with birthday drive bys, pizza delivery and blessings bags
- REMIX lead team revamped for new realities to meet the new needs

August 2020

- Transitioned youth interns from Ciara Poku to Nathan Budge and Shyanne Ocray
- VBS leadership team of youth and young adults were prayed for, supported and encouraged
- Sports and Creative camps were executed for our youth, raising up internal young adult and youth leadership
- Amazing compilation video made for Brampton Youth Network at creative camp

September 2020

- Celebrated being back in person with outh and young adults
- Young Adult Thrive Coffee House welcomed back old and new alike
- Worship Together nights started in person
- ECHO The Story of God series started playing Sunday mornings
- JH & SH started the year long journey of learning to “follow” Christ with the 30 discipleship lessons
- Brampton Youth Network gathered online for our prayer night
- Small groups started for our JH & SH
- Started the fall course at Heritage on Philosophy of Youth Ministry and Youth Culture

October 2020

- Online Change Conference helped students learn to reach out
- Young Adult Evangelism Training offered
- Outreach held around Halloween with youth

November 2020

- Students participated in Operation Christmas Child
- Offered the Managing Screens in Pandemic Times seminar for parents

December 2020

- Young Adults took part in the Knightsbridge food drop
- Leader packs delivered to our team
- Unique Christmas celebrations for all three of our groups

January 2021

- Said good bye to our amazing youth intern Nathan Budge
- Disciple making series continued Friday nights and ECHO series Sunday mornings for our youth
- Open Mic Night for young adults
- Weekly leader meetings continue online
- Asked to teach an extra course at Heritage on Outreach & Disciple making

February 2021

- Young adult outreach with Uber Eats
- Young adult Lebanon short term mission trip preparations

March 2021

- Another COVID young adult wedding
- Young Adult Lebanon short term mission trip preparations

April 2021

- Paint night outreach for youth
- Privileged to share at the Good Friday service

May 2021

- Young adult Lebanon short term mission trip takes place
- Another young adult COVID wedding
- Said good bye to Sydney Klassen

June 2021

- Graduation celebrations for JH & SH in person
- recruited and prepared teams for all the summer ministry
- Prepared for REMIX in person
- Young adults start summer ministry through tennis
- Started to identify young adult men for mentoring.

Looking forward to new and great adventures with the Lord in the days ahead!

Mark Mowbray
Youth & Young Adults Pastor

GLOBAL & LOCAL OUTREACH

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.” Isaiah 43:19

Despite the uncertainty and the instability of the COVID season, our God has His own plans that not even a pandemic can hinder.

Global Outreach Developments

Lebanon Virtual Short-term Mission Trip

In May, six BBC young adults joined six TBC (Trinity Baptist Church) young adults to run our first ever Virtual Short-term Mission trip (VSTM). The teams got together virtually through WhatsApp as the Lebanon team ministered to Syrian refugee families. Team TBC had a schedule prepared and team BBC prepared accordingly with songs, games, testimonies, and cultural introductions. The Syrian refugee families were overjoyed to think that “strangers” from Canada would take time for them! The TBC team had opportunities to directly tell the families about Jesus through the testimonies shared by team BBC – these were very rare and precious opportunities for them.

The trip did not only bless and serve the refugee families, but it also created a new level of partnership with our focus area (MENA). The TBC team members are actually the first batch of students of the Mission Academy – a missionary training program that we, in partnership with Bechara Karkafi, just launched recently. The Mission Academy will train, equip, and prepare young missionaries and church planters who will be sent out into the MENA region.

Japan Virtual Short-term Mission Trip

In August, a team of five BBC’ers also conducted a VSTM for our contact churches in Japan. Three churches participated from the Keisen Church Network in the trip as our team conducted virtual English classes that included songs, games, and cultural introductions for people of all ages. The churches were extremely blessed and thankful for the dedication and commitment of our team who had to run these events very early in the morning because of the time difference. Please pray as we look to running similar VSTMs in the near future.

Local Outreach Developments

Additional “Hands”

The Lord has added to our team a part-time Local Outreach Worker (Shamim Rohail) and a part-time Local Missionary (Richard Silvester). Both Richard and Shamim are excellent additions to facilitate our local mission, outreach, and evangelism in the Knightsbridge and Lisa communities. Please continue to pray as God expands our local outreach influence. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

KINs Club

KINs club was online for the past year and a half but are now ready to kick back into in-person meetings. We are excited to be able to bring the kids into the gym for the first time as we start this new semester of KINs. Please pray for this growing ministry as we seek to embrace these families into our church community.

Joshua Bautista
Mission Pastor

SMALL GROUPS

“And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25

This past year our Small Group Leaders have been stretched in unexpected ways. They have had to learn to navigate technology in leading online meetings. They have wrestled with group members who were struggling with this new dynamic – some to a successful resolution, and some not so much.

Through it all, they have steadfastly remained devoted to God, to BBC, and to their Small Groups. I was overjoyed to see many of them at the Small Group Leaders Appreciation Barbecue at the end of August! Such a delight to reconnect with these wonderful brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Yet, that wasn't the only cause for celebration. In the last year, we saw a number of people sign up to join a Small Group, and four new groups were birthed in much needed areas as new leaders stepped up to serve.

If you are reading this and belong to a Small Group, please take a moment to thank and pray for your Small Group Leader. He or she has put way more thought and heart into your group than you may realize!

If you aren't yet in a Small Group, know that this is a great way to connect with new friends and grow in your discipleship journey. Sign up is on the BBC website under Ministries/Small Groups.

And if you are a Small Group Leader, please know that you are highly regarded and greatly appreciated! Your ministry is a foundational part of how we honour the Lord here at BBC, and we are so glad to be journeying with you.

In the year to come, I ask for prayers that we will continue to grow our Small Groups Ministry, as well as pour into our current Leaders so that they can continue to pour in to others.

Natasha Benevides
Family Life & Small Groups Pastor

BRAMALEA BAPTIST ARABIC CONGREGATION (BBAC)

***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”
2 Timothy 1:7***

I would like to praise God Almighty for all His goodness and faithfulness upon our lives and church family. His blessings are countless in the past year, and I would love to share it with you so that you will keep praying for us:

1. By the Grace of God, we are back to worship the Lord at the church building and this is a blessing for us all. “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1
2. We thank God that despite all the challenges, we are still facing some obstacles due to age and other issues. Some families who used to attend the church before this pandemic are still hesitant to return because of fear. We are praying for them because we believe that God did not give us a spirit of fear, but the spirit of power and love.
3. Praise God that we have more than three new families who did not come to the church before the pandemic, that are coming now regularly, and we are following up with them and their families as well.
4. Our virtual meetings are still going on. Every Tuesday we have a prayer meeting and Thursday there is a Bible study on Zoom and the Lord is blessing us abundantly. Also Sunday service is broadcasted on Facebook too. Many are attending online and sending comments and are blessed.
5. Visitation and follow up ministry for all the families, new and old to pray and encourage them.
6. Helping needy families, with the assistance of Pastor Josh, we have delivered 30 school bags to families in need. With the help of the Beloved Women organization we have helped widows and Syrian refugees in Brampton that need our support. We show them the love of Christ by visiting them and trying as much as we can to support them.
7. Hopefully our next event will be a Christmas dinner if the government pandemic measures change or a virtual event for all the family with the support of BBC, BBAC and Beloved Women.

Please continue praying for us to be encouraged, have wisdom, guidance, and to be faithful and always ready to do the work of the Lord, led by His Holy Spirit to reach out and serve the Arabic community by God’s grace. To God only be the glory.

Together in His name and service.

Joseph Massaad
BBAC Pastor

BRAMALEA BAPTIST SOUTH ASIAN CONGREGATION (BBSAC)

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.” 2 Corinthians 2:14

Sunday Services

Though last year, and this year, the COVID-19 situation hindered us from physically gathering regularly in the church, we thank God that since June 13, 2021 we are again meeting in the North Auditorium every Sunday at 11:00am to worship as a community.

Daily Zoom Services

Due to the COVID-19 situation we started meeting daily from 8:30-9:30pm for worship via the social media app Zoom, and also streaming our meetings live through Facebook. We have not stopped our practice of gathering daily and worshipping God virtually. It has helped our congregation on the one hand to spend time with God, and on the other it has helped several other South Asians from Brampton, other parts of Canada and the world to join, worship, and know about our ministry and mission.

BBSAC Membership

We had a joint service with the English and Arabic Congregations on September 19, 2021 in the Main Auditorium where 82 adult, baptized members were officially accepted and welcomed in the BBC family.

Helping a persecuted family to relocate in Canada

Before joining BBC, we as EAC (Evangelical Asian Church) were sponsoring Pakistani persecuted families to come to Canada. AS EAC we sponsored eight Pakistani persecuted families (50 people) to come out of Thailand/Malaysia and settle in Canada. We continue this tradition as BBSAC, and will be welcoming a persecuted Pakistani family of 10 people who are in Malaysia now. Their process to come to Canada is almost done and within a few months this family will arrive in Canada.

Programs for Future

Though the COVID-19 situation previously restricted us from holding any public gathering events, there now seems to be an easing up.

We hope to have Special Sundays to give emphasis to our Young Adults and Youth, Mission, and Family.

We hope to do quarterly outreach through open air worship nights, outreach in parks, picnics, Christmas on the Hill, Christmas events, Palm Sunday Procession at Queens Park, and Easter related Programs.

Emis Daniel
BBSAC Pastor

TECH / MEDIA MINISTRIES

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. . . . If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” – 1 Peter 4:10-11

This past year has been a blessing as we’ve seen our church grow through COVID. Creating a stronger online presence has proven not only to be a side project to our evangelical presence, but a vital step in extending the gospel.

BBC Online (Sunday morning live stream) saw a steady amount of viewers even after we opened our doors to in-person services. To continue to embrace our online viewers, we started the BBC Online Pre-Show, which was a half hour segment interviewing pastors and leaders in our church. We ended our first season in the summer after 16 episodes, which are still viewable on Youtube. We plan to start our second season live in the fall.

Though we were required to close our doors for Sunday services, and ministries weren’t able to use the building, we are still planning on several technical changes throughout BBC. New stage designs are needed in all our auditoriums, as well as A/V upgrades. These changes are vital to foster a useable environment for ministry.

The tech/production team was blessed to have intern Joel Majano taking a leadership position from the summer of 2020 to the spring of 2021. Joel helped develop our live stream both technically and interpersonally as he led the training of our new and existing volunteers.

To create and sustain an engaging Sunday morning service both online and in-person, it requires a large team of devoted volunteers. Please pray for this team throughout the next year.

Tech/Production Volunteers:

Joel Majano, Vince Parreno, Wonu Adisa, Neil Alexander, Joshua Charles, Nathan Cromie, Charles Cromie, Sherry Innocent, Sannath Kumar, Keith Littlewood, Kylene Madill, Marion Manzo, Sundeep Motru, Bala Panchanathan, Augustine Ratnarha, Sarah Sailor, Kumar Shanmugam, Dion Smith, Julian Brown, Peter Tuason, Chakky Gudagunti, Venu Gopal, Nathan Budge

This year has been a huge growing experience for me personally, not just in my technical skills but in my trust in God to provide me with the strength to continue to build His Kingdom. With all that’s happened in the past year, I’m excited to see what God has in store in the future.

Calvin Persaud
Tech & Media Director

WORSHIP LIFE

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” Jeremiah 17:7

What a season of growing and faith this has been!

Every week I am reminded of just how blessed we are in Worship ministry here at BBC. I am so thankful for the extremely hard work and dedication that Marta put into this ministry while I was on maternity leave, along with Caleb Martin and Calvin Persaud.

I have been praying a lot that God will use our team to bless and encourage our congregation. That it won't be our will on a Sunday morning, but His will. It's a constant reminder that we are not on the platform to look good, show off, or sound cool, but that we are up there to lead in the ways that God desires.

This team has grown in incredible ways over this past year. We have walked through many changes, challenges, and blessings together. I am beyond thankful and grateful for each member of worship ministry and blessed to know each one of them. Pray that God will continue to grow and shape this team into what He wants it to be!

We have seen many changes this year as I have come back from maternity leave, going from online to in person, and changes in team members. This team continues to amaze me with just how adaptable and willing they are to step up and serve, no matter the situation.

I won't lie, coming back from maternity leave in the midst of a pandemic to lead in a way I hadn't before (online services), I was scared. I didn't know how it would be, or if I would feel comfortable doing it. How would I lead my team this way? God is so good! He continues to take away every single worry, fear, and concern. I quickly adapted to the changes that had been made, and I am more grateful now than ever that we have the freedom to come into this Church building on Sunday mornings and worship together. God has taught me so much in the six months I have been back, and I really felt God challenging me to step out of my comfort zones. I pray that He will continue to help me grow in the ways that He wants, so that I can lead not only this team well, but also our church.

I am so excited to see where God will take this ministry in the year to come. I am excited to watch this team grow and flourish in ways that only He can make happen! Please pray for continued protection, strength and growth over our team.

Brittany Roberts
Worship Director

Annual Meeting Minutes

25 October 2020

Present: Adeyemo, J.; Allen, W.; Attrell, J.; Lee, M.; Miller, C.; Persaud, R.; Sukhu, C.; Tan, G.; van der Burg, C.

1. **Welcome / Prayer / Introduction – John Attrell**

2. **Elders' Report – Neville Ananthan**

In addition to the report, Neville noted that we can have a profound impact in this unprecedented time. God does not want us to cocoon. We are to make the most of this opportunity. Yesterday we had a seminar to help us to reach unbelievers. We are well positioned financially to continue to reach out to our community. Neville asked us to pray that God provides courageous leadership that acts according to His will.

3. **Lead Pastor's Report – Stephen Sheane**

In addition to the report, Steve spoke on how God has been so good to us this past year. We have seen great positive things happen. We were able to adapt quickly as the pandemic hit. We went online with our Sunday services quickly. Steve thanked Calvin for being part of allowing this to happen.

4. **Minutes from 2019 AGM – John Attrell**

Motion to approve 2019 AGM Minutes, as presented, made by Natasha Benevides; Seconded by Atul Solanki; Passed unanimously.

5. **2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements Presentation & Approval – Clement Sukhu**

Motion to approve audited financial report, as presented, made by Clement Sukhu; Seconded by Rob Fish; Passed unanimously.

6. **Director's Report – John Attrell**

In addition to the report, John mentioned that we will continue to use prudent fiscal policies. We are behind at this time on our fiscal target, but have faith that we will meet our fiscal target. John encouraged us to give generously to meet the fiscal needs of our ministries.

John gave thanks to the nominating team lead by Bob Fraser. They vet candidates for us. He also encouraged people to consider serving as a director or an elder.

7. **Question and Answer**

- **Question:** Has the Board considered returning the government subsidy money we received?
- John answered that it is a good question. I would say that this has nothing to do with financial integrity. We did have a shortfall at the beginning of the pandemic and the money we received through fair and legal means according to the government guidelines was in response to that shortfall. The fact that we ended the year with a surplus speaks to the fact that we radically cut expenses, not that our income was above expectations. We will be keeping these funds.

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- **Question by Bob Fraser:** Were there any conditions attached to the government funding?
- **Question by Wayne Matthews:** Our surplus was large – any plans for it?
- Steve indicated that the net, once capital expenditures are taken into account, resulted in a loss.
- Natasha noted that the subsidy applies to the children’s ministry summer programs.

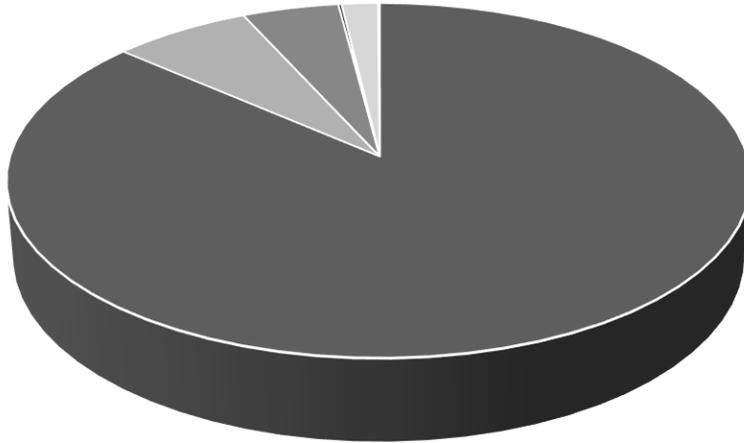
8. Closing Prayer – Stephen Sheane

Adjournment

BRAMALEA BAPTIST CHURCH: 2020-21 GENERAL FUND ACTIVITIES

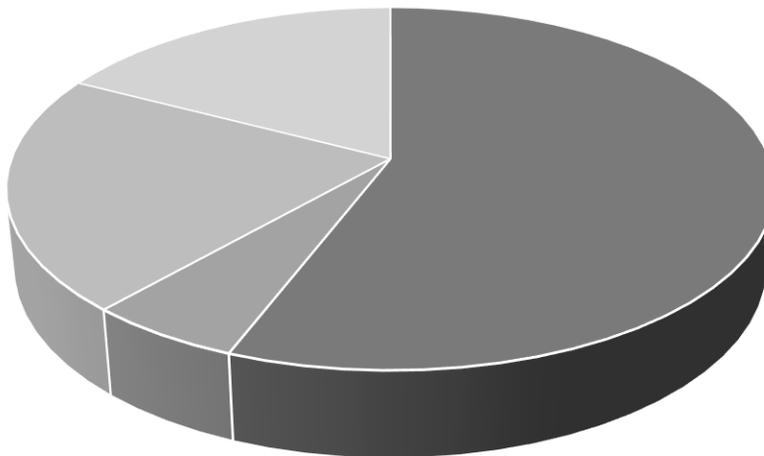
(data from June 30, 2021 Financial Statements as audited by Grant Thornton LLP)

General Fund – Income \$2,091,826



- General Offerings: \$1,807,001
- Anniversary Offerings: \$142,774
- Designated Contributions: \$99,441
- Rental Income: \$3,413
- Government Payroll Subsidy: \$37,342
- Interest: \$1,855

General Fund – Expenses \$1,760,105



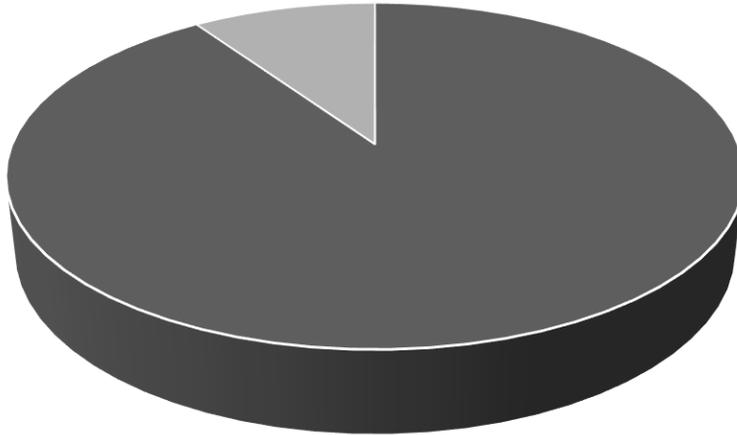
- Ministries: \$983,379
- Designated Expenses: \$99,441
- Administration: \$372,009
- Property: \$305,276

= \$331,721	Revenue over Expenses
+ \$614,418	Last Year's Surplus
- \$554,135	<u>Interfund Transfers</u>
= \$392,004	SURPLUS for 2020-21

BRAMALEA BAPTIST CHURCH: 2020-21 MISSION FUND ACTIVITIES

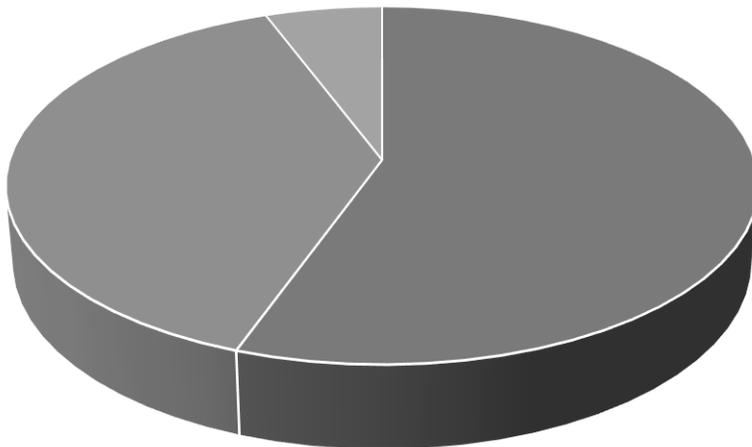
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Missions – Income \$307,753



- Mission Offerings: \$278,248
- Special Mission Offerings: \$29,505

Missions – Expenses \$295,403



- Missionary Support: \$163,944
- Short Term Missions & Other: \$114,459
- Global Projects: \$17,000

= \$ 12,350	Revenue over Expenses
+ \$151,654	Last Year's Surplus
= \$164,004	SURPLUS for 2020-21

Bramalea Baptist Church

Statement of Financial Position

As at June 30	2021	2020
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 953,595	\$ 863,810
Amounts receivable (Note 3)	15,371	123,540
Prepaid expenses	<u>82,056</u>	<u>99,285</u>
	1,051,022	1,086,635
Property and equipment (Note 4)	<u>6,162,566</u>	<u>6,373,267</u>
	<u>\$ 7,213,588</u>	<u>\$ 7,459,902</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 113,756	\$ 87,439
Deferred revenue	27,361	3,003
Deferred designated contributions (Note 5)	126,877	79,727
Long term debt (Note 6)	<u>187,815</u>	<u>174,188</u>
	455,809	344,357
Long term debt (Note 6)	<u>2,928,161</u>	<u>3,261,613</u>
	<u>3,383,970</u>	<u>3,605,970</u>
Fund balances		
Unrestricted general fund	392,004	614,418
Internally restricted		
Mission fund	164,004	151,654
Property fund		
Internally restricted auditorium renovation fund	227,020	-
Externally restricted building expansion fund	-	150,394
Invested in property and equipment	<u>3,046,590</u>	<u>2,937,466</u>
	<u>3,829,618</u>	<u>3,853,932</u>
	<u>\$ 7,213,588</u>	<u>\$ 7,459,902</u>

A full copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request.

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Statement of Activities – General Fund

Year ended June 30	Budget (Unaudited)	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
	(Note 10)		
Revenue			
General offerings	\$ 1,780,350	\$ 1,807,001	\$ 1,675,150
Anniversary offerings (Note 6)	175,000	142,774	-
Designated contributions (Note 5)	80,000	99,441	143,029
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (“CEWS”)	-	37,342	107,712
Rental income	5,000	3,413	5,038
Interest	-	1,855	6,267
	<u>2,040,350</u>	<u>2,091,826</u>	<u>1,937,196</u>
Expenditures (Note 7)			
Ministries			
Family life – Children & Youth (Note 8)	303,399	295,349	305,435
Leadership ministries	157,557	145,238	141,827
Worship life	147,392	137,524	125,462
Missional life	123,178	122,188	128,157
Learning and support	132,866	116,921	105,572
Community life	110,893	102,425	93,232
Designated expenditures (Note 5)	80,000	99,441	143,029
Family life – Adults (Note 8)	76,043	55,725	72,629
Media and technology	9,500	8,009	7,981
Anniversary project (Note 6)	175,000	-	-
	<u>1,315,828</u>	<u>1,082,820</u>	<u>1,123,324</u>
Administration	382,692	372,009	309,624
Property	<u>340,280</u>	<u>305,276</u>	<u>341,941</u>
	<u>2,038,800</u>	<u>1,760,105</u>	<u>1,774,889</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ 1,550</u>	<u>\$ 331,721</u>	<u>\$ 162,307</u>

Statement of Activities – Mission Fund

Year ended June 30	Budget (Unaudited)	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
	(Note 10)		
Revenue			
Offerings	\$ 367,000	\$ 278,248	\$ 329,061
Missionary conference offerings	<u>20,000</u>	<u>29,505</u>	<u>11,180</u>
	<u>387,000</u>	<u>307,753</u>	<u>340,241</u>
Expenditures			
Missionaries and mission organizations	235,000	163,944	189,907
Short-term missions and other expenditures	142,000	114,459	109,776
Global projects	<u>10,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>387,000</u>	<u>295,403</u>	<u>309,683</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,350</u>	<u>\$ 30,558</u>

Statement of Activities – Property Fund

Year ended June 30	Budget (Unaudited)	2021 Actual	2020 Actual
	(Note 10)		
Revenue			
Building expansion donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,119
Expenditures			
Amortization	<u>-</u>	<u>368,385</u>	<u>364,921</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (368,385)</u>	<u>\$ (305,802)</u>

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Statement of Changes in Fund Balances

	Fund balances July 1, 2020	Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	Transfer for the purchase of property and equipment	Fund balances June 30, 2021
Unrestricted				
General fund	\$ 614,418	\$ 331,721	\$ (554,135)	\$ 392,004
Internally restricted				
Mission fund	151,654	12,350	-	164,004
Property fund				
Internally restricted				
Auditorium renovation fund	-	-	227,020	227,020
Externally restricted				
Building expansion fund	150,394	-	(150,394)	-
Invested in property and equipment	<u>2,937,466</u>	<u>(368,385)</u>	<u>477,509</u>	<u>3,046,590</u>
	<u>\$ 3,853,932</u>	<u>\$ (24,314)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,829,618</u>