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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

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### **Bible:**

We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God; that the sixty six books, as originally written, comprising the Old and New Testaments were verbally inspired by the Spirit of God and were entirely free from error; that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice and the true basis of Christian union.

### **God:**

We believe in One God, Creator of all, Holy Sovereign, Eternal, Existing in three equal persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

### **Christ:**

We believe in the absolute and essential deity of Jesus Christ, in His eternal existence with the Father in pre-incarnate glory, in His essential humanity, in His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, mediatory ministry and personal return.

### **Holy Spirit:**

We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, Who convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; Who regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates, comforts and gives gifts to those who believe in Jesus Christ.

### **Satan:**

We believe that Satan is a spirit being who is an evil personality, the originator of sin, the archenemy of God and man, whose eternal destiny in hell is certain.

### **Man:**

We believe that man was divinely created in the image of God; that he sinned, resulting in the fact that every aspect of his total being is depraved. Man thereby incurred the condemnation of God, resulting in physical, spiritual and eternal death.

### **Salvation:**

We believe that salvation is by the sovereign, electing grace of God; that Christ voluntarily suffered a substitutionary death for sinners that completely satisfied God's righteous demands; that justification is by faith alone in the all-sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that those whom God has saved shall be divinely preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord.

**Future Things:**

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the just and unjust; in the eternal blessedness in heaven of the redeemed and in the judgment and conscious, eternal punishment in hell of the wicked.

**The Local Church:**

We believe that the church is a company of immersed believers, voluntarily associated for worship, instruction, fellowship, edification, evangelism and the observance of the ordinances. We believe it is an autonomous, independent body under the Lordship of Christ, the Great Head of the Church. Its pastors and officers are elected by the membership.

**Ordinances:**

We believe there are only two ordinances for the church regularly observed in the New Testament and commanded by Christ:

Baptism which is the immersion in water, whereby a person publicly identifies with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

The Lord's Supper which is the memorial wherein the believer partakes of the two elements, the bread and the cup, which symbolize the Lord's body and shed blood proclaiming His death until He comes.

**The Church and State:**

We believe in the entire separation of church and state.

**Religious Liberty:**

We believe in religious liberty; that every man has the right to practice and propagate his beliefs.

**The Lord's Day:**

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day and that, in a special sense, it is the divinely appointed day for worship and spiritual exercise.

**Civil Government:**

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honoured and obeyed, except only in the things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.



# Forward Baptist Church

## Our Mission



glorify God



grow in Christ



go with the gospel

## Our Vision

### *Loving God*

with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength,  
ready to serve Him in the Church — the Body of  
Christ, under the guidance of our Leaders

### *Loving Others*

as we love ourselves with Christ-like love for all

### *Share the Truth*

by communicating redemption in Christ; personally  
by word and action; corporately through our Church  
in local and worldwide missions

These are exciting times for us at Forward Baptist Church. We enjoy God's favour as we continue to grow as a church family. We rejoice with those who decided to follow Jesus this past year and with those who have also attested to their newness of life through the waters of baptism.

We as a church have enjoyed the friendships that have developed over the past year as we reach out to the community around us. We hold forth the Word of Truth with gentleness and respect to a world that so desperately needs the hope of the gospel message.

The Elder's Board at Forward is comprised of pastors and laymen elected by the congregation. The responsibility of the Elders is the spiritual oversight of the church, including:

- overseeing all aspects of spiritual leadership;
- the teaching of sound doctrine and the refuting of error (Titus 1:9);
- interviewing applicants for membership;
- attending ordinations and conventions as Forward's messengers;
- visiting the sick (James 5:14);
- participating in exercising church discipline as necessary;
- overseeing others gifted to share in the above-mentioned ministries;
- serving Communion at the Lord's Supper along with the deacons.

The Elders have continued to join with the Advisory Board for periods of discussion and prayer during their monthly meetings. We, as your church leadership, petition God on a regular basis to be the centre of all aspects of our ministry here at Forward. We seek His insight as to where we need to lead the church. The Elders have continued to meet as a group on a monthly basis. Our meetings are used as a time of edification but also as an opportunity to intercede for our church family and missionaries. We discuss preaching, ministry direction and the various church matters that have arisen throughout the year.

In addition to our elected Elders, we have also enjoyed the counsel of Pastor Aaron Woodhouse as well as Advisory Board Chairman John Deinum who have both served alongside us as we seek to serve you. This past year, with regret, we accepted Elder Ray Repo's decision to retire from the Elder's Board after many years of service with us. Conversely, we had the opportunity to welcome Pastor Ron Farr to our number late in the year.

We would ask that you continue to pray for our Church as we continue to do the Lord's work. The ministries each of us have been entrusted with have eternal ramifications. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

2 Timothy 1:12 (ESV)

...But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Yours in Him,  
Shawn Freer,  
Chairman - Board of Elders  
Elders: Pastor Stephen Lambert, Brian Taylor

We praise God for His faithfulness and continued guidance during the past year. As I write this report early in 2017 we have a full complement of pastoral staff and are working together to seek what God would have us do at Forward. God has been leading us over the past few years, and although at times it has been difficult, frustrating and seemingly impossible, He has brought together our pastoral team and other staff positions for His purposes. Near the end of 2016 we welcomed Pastor Ron Farr whose gifts and experience complement our current staff. We look forward to God's continued guidance and His Spirit moving in us to work together as a pastoral team, leadership team, staff and congregation. I would encourage you to continue to join us and pray together for God's leading in our church life and personal lives.

In a very real way, I believe our church is beginning to connect with the surrounding community. God continues to be faithful and we have seen a great response to some of the programs that are designed to serve our community such as the food bank, Junior Youth events, PA Day Camps, summer camps, and CHOIR!. Many of you have served in these outreach ministries and we thank you. We also continue to pray that through these connections we will have the opportunity to build relationships and earn the right to share the gospel.

Many of you have also served in other areas of the church such as in the nursery, helping with Kid's Zone, preparing the elements for communion, coordinating and providing refreshments after the morning service, greeting people before our service, counting offerings or serving as an usher. Thank you.

In closing, I encourage you to pray together with us as we share Christ with those we meet and seek to disciple one another.

John Deinum,  
Chairman, Advisory Board

### **Pastor's Report: Steve Lambert - Pastor of Teaching & Discipleship**

Every year when I sit down to write my annual report, I struggle to know how to start. It's a difficult task to think back over the past year and summarize what has happened at our church in that time. It's a difficult task, but a healthy one. Every year when I sit down to write my annual report, to remember the past year at Forward, I end up overwhelmed by God's kindness and sovereign grace to us. God has been with us in 2016, as He is every year. He has blessed us in amazing ways, and He has shown again that He is in control.

Among the many blessings that Forward has received from God this past year are the two additional staff members that He brought to us. We are so delighted that Mark Memije joined us in May as a youth intern and that Pastor Ron Farr came on in November as one of the pastoral team. We praise God for His provision and providence in bringing Mark, Ron, and Ron's wife Linda to us.

When I reflect on God's blessings, it gives me new confidence; it helps me through the times that are difficult when they come. And they do come. This year has had its share of difficulty and pain. There has been sickness and death in our church family and other struggles that we have walked through together. But our God is good and He is in control, and so we put our hope in these truths and encourage one another.

In Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV, God's Word says,

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

I am so thankful to God that I have been able to spend another year walking together with each of you, as we have encouraged and spurred one another on to love and good deeds, holding on to the hope of Christ together. And I look forward to what 2017 holds for us.

### **Preaching Ministry**



In 2016, our main preaching focus was the Gospel of Mark. We spent 32 weeks going through Mark together and exploring the truth of who Jesus is, what He came to accomplish by dying for our sins, and how we should respond as disciples. I am thankful for Pastor Aaron, Pastor Ron, Shawn Freer, Keith Edwards, and Mark Lambert (my dad) who helped with this series.

It was a delight to have the President of FEB Central, Bob Flemming, preach on our 97th Anniversary Sunday. Pastor Flemming is a former youth pastor from Forward so it was wonderful to have him with us. We also had a number of other guest speakers and missionary speakers throughout the year who encouraged and ministered to us.



In the summer, we spent a number of weeks in the Psalms, and during this time, we heard sermons from my two favourite guest speakers of the year: Mark Memije our youth intern and Sam Deinum who served with us as one of our summer interns. It was such a privilege to work with these young men and help them develop a sermon and then hear them preach God's Word to our church. They both did an amazing job

and God used them greatly.

### **Prayer, Fasting, & Fellowship**

This year we have continued our emphasis on the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting. Our Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening prayer meetings are an important part of the life of our church and we want to see more members of our church making corporate prayer a priority. This past year, we also assigned a number of Sundays as days of fasting and prayer. These times have been a blessing to our church as we have sought God's will together and sought to grow together into Christ, who is our head.

We have also continued our monthly fellowship meals (usually on a communion Sunday) in order to spur us on towards connecting better as a church. Our continued hope and prayer is that these meals will help facilitate our church's growth as a community that encourages and challenges each other, and most of all, points each other to Christ.

### **Small Groups**

Likewise, our small group ministry exists to encourage community, accountability, and mutual growth. Some of these groups meet together to further discuss the sermons that are preached on Sundays and work through together how to apply the truths of God's word to their lives. Other groups have opted to study different material. The groups also have provided a way for our church to connect with each other more deeply - applying the truth of the gospel to real life, building relationships, praying together, and serving together. We are grateful to God for all of our small group leaders who invest in the lives of those in their groups.

### **Salvation, Baptism, & Membership**

We began 2016 by praying that God would use us to see 10 people turn their lives over to Christ and be saved. It's hard to know if God said yes to that specific number, but He certainly honoured our prayer and our efforts. Our youth intern, Mark Memije, has had the privilege of leading a number of youth to Christ. Many of these decisions happened before he joined us in May, but these youth have followed him to Forward and they continue to be disciplined by Mark and others. Please be in prayer that these youth prove to be good soil and that the seed of the gospel grows in them so that they may continue in faith. Also, three adults have made professions of faith in the death and resurrection of Christ for their sins this year. Two of them have been baptized since (the clerk's report has full details of the baptisms this year).

Our members' meetings have been a helpful time for our members to discuss issues in the life of the church, hear from the leadership on these issues, and vote in ten new members (the clerk's report has full details of the membership numbers this year). We are so excited to see God working in the lives of believers who are seeking to follow Him and be committed to the local congregation of His church here at Forward.

### **Ordination & Seminary**

I mentioned this in last year's report, since it happened in January, but I will mention it again. I am incredibly grateful to my Forward family for walking with me and affirming me in my ordination last January. It is an enormous privilege to serve as one of your pastors and I am thankful to have your affirmation in God's calling and gifting in my life. Thank you!

Thank you, as well, for allowing me to develop myself as a pastor as I continue my education this year. In May 2012, I began taking courses part time at Heritage Seminary in Cambridge and working

towards my MDiv. So far I have taken eighteen courses and been granted advanced standing in seven more, which puts me at 74 out of 90 credits, I'm getting there! I hope to finish my degree within the next couple of years. I am very grateful to this church for being so generous to me as I seek to learn and grow as a pastor.

God has been good to us and He will continue to do so. I am thankful that we get to be part of His plan, as we work together for His glory and His kingdom in 2017.

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Lambert  
Pastor of Teaching & Discipleship

For Linda and I, these past few months has been a time of transition from our work in the inner city to our new roles at Forward. In a large sense, it has been a homecoming for us as we have renewed old friendships and become caught up on the history that we have missed since we were members here some fifteen years ago. It has been a delight to connect with new faces and to see the changes that have taken place over the years in everyone's lives. God has been faithful and continues to work in our little corner of his Kingdom.

In the midst of pastoral visits, various meetings and the day to day workings of pastoral work, I have spent my days transitioning into the pastoral team, understanding the existing vision and seeking to understand my role in ministry here at Forward. I see great days ahead as God continues to open doors in preparation for the future.

I am delighted to see the beginnings of new ministry opportunities. It has been exciting to see our Christ based twelve step program begin with seventeen in attendance, and I look forward to seeing it blossom over the coming months. In February the Adult Sunday School class saw a new beginning as we began to study, "The Pursuit of God", by A. W. Tozer.

I look forward with anticipation to seeing additional growth in our ministry both in the community and within the walls of the church. Please pray for me and for the other members of leadership as we seek to invigorate our common mission and clarify our polity. Most importantly pray for us that we would along with you see ways to build the Kingdom for Christ.

*I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word, and have not denied my name.*  
Rev 3:8 NIV

Yours in Christ,  
Ron Farr  
Pastor of Congregational Care & Leadership Development

The apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 2:8 says, “Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.” This verse continues to summarize what I strive for in life and ministry while serving at Forward. It is a real joy for me to serve the Forward Baptist Church Community. It is not only a joy for me but also for Christine my wife, Thomas (7) Elijah (5) and Colette (2) to be part of the Forward community. We receive so much love, prayers and encouragement. It is also so exciting that my children have a Church they love with so many generations of Christians around them. This past year has been a great opportunity to share not only the gospel, but also our entire lives together. I pray that we would continue to be a church community that is unified, loves God, loves people, and shares the gospel in 2017.

These are exciting days in the life and history of Forward Baptist Church. I have great faith and I’m optimistic that God will continue to do amazing things in and through his Church at Forward. It is exciting to look back over the year and remember the ways that God has answered my prayers and the prayers of our church family, how he has provided peace in the midst of challenging times and how he has provided for all our needs as a Church. It is also an exciting time as we look ahead not just to our 98th year anniversary in 2017 but to our 100th year anniversary in 2019.

As we look ahead to celebrating 100 years of ministry as a Church I’m immediately reminded of all the thousands of faithful Christians that have come before me at Forward, all the faithful prayer warriors, all those that sacrificed financially, and those that served fervently and shared the gospel with passion and zeal. These are exciting days at Forward and God has great plans to make his name great and known among the people of Toronto. Let us continue to love, serve, grow, give and share the gospel together for his glory. Let us consider how we can continue to have an impact for the gospel for 100 years to come.

One of the continued areas of importance and emphasis at our church in 2016 was a dependency on prayer. Our church meets Sundays at 9:30 am and 6 pm, Wednesdays at 7 pm, we have bi-monthly Church prayer and fasting, individuals and small groups were praying, and our Elders, Deacons and Staff meet and spend time in prayer. Some major prayer focuses in 2016 were continued church unity, staffing direction, eyes to see how God is working in individuals, our church and community, our sick, the salvation of 10 people, the Beach Hill neighbourhood, and spiritual growth. Join with us in praying fervently in 2017, asking God to do amazing things this year in our church and the Beach Hill community.

### **Outreach, Family, and Children’s Ministry**

We have seen many exciting things happening in the Outreach, Family, and Children’s ministries at Forward Baptist Church this past year. Some of the initiatives included:

**Oasis Family Camp at Beacon Bible Camp:** John and Mary Deinum and Aaron and Christine Woodhouse directed the camp with the help of 15+ volunteers, many from Forward Baptist Church. Many families from Forward attended and it was a huge success. We are looking forward to Oasis Family Camp 2017, please pray for it this summer. Pray that as we spend a week in the beauty of God's creation and in authentic community with others, families and individuals will be changed, come to know Jesus as Saviour and King, and grow in grace and love.

**PA Day Camps:** This ministry was started during the 2014/15 school year and has grown from 2 kids attending to now up to 55 kids at each camp. We have had a great time building connection points with kids and families in our community. The hope is that we will make connections with families around the church and have opportunity to model Christ and share the gospel. We have a great team of volunteers who help with each PA Day camp; each camp day requires 20+ volunteers. To all those who have volunteered, thanks for serving so faithfully and well, it has been a really fun year at PA DAY Camps.

**Nursery and KidZone:** Our Nursery program is offered from 10:30 am - 12 pm each Sunday morning and our KidZone takes place approximately half way through the service from 11 - 11:45 am. We had about 3-6 kids attend each week in the Nursery and 8-14 kids in KidZone. Forward Children's Ministry requires a lot of volunteers to serve and love all our kids. We have 18 - 22 volunteers on a rotating schedule that have served faithfully this past year. You all are amazing!

**Above the Beach Drop In:** We continue to see 60 - 100 kids/parents/caregivers each Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11:30am at this outreach ministry. Thanks to our wonderful friendly greeters, Bertha Sharpe and Erline Llamas, who welcome everyone with a smiling face and help them come in. Also a big thanks to Mary Deinum, Becky Lambert, Janet Theunissen, Christine Woodhouse, Terry Donaldson, and Lisa Hodge for serving in this ministry. We are meeting a need in the neighbourhood. Pray that we would be able to meet the spiritual needs of people who come and connect with us.

**Community Food Bank:** On the 2nd Wednesday of each month around 30 people gather together in our Fellowship Hall to participate in the food bank. Our time starts at 9:30 am with some tea, coffee, and light food. Around 9:45 am someone shares a gospel message or testimony, calling others to know God personally, see God at work in their lives and life situations and follow him in repentance and faith. We close with prayer, give an invitation to join the Forward Baptist Church community on Sundays, and offer a free Bible to those interested - most months we give away 2-5 Bibles. Pray that we will continue to love, serve and share of ourselves with people that live in the Beach Hill community.

#### **Summer Interns:**

This past summer we had 3 interns working at Forward: Rachel Deinum, Katelyn Moyer, and Sam Deinum. Our summer interns worked hard from May - August serving in a variety of different ways and in different ministries. They planned and led the Oasis family breakfast in June as well as planned, led and recruited leaders for our summer camps. They participated in the May 28 street sale with a bouncy castle and a community survey about feelings about religion, the May 28 BHNA spring fling and planting day, the Bowmore school fundraiser (June 17), Backyard Bible Camps, Kitchen Camp, a testimony video project entitled Forward Untold, Oasis Family Camp, the food bank, and a variety of other awesome things. They were also involved in most aspects of the life of the Church. I want to thank Rachel Deinum, Katelyn Moyer and Sam Deinum: without your dedicated and talented work we would not have been able to do all that we accomplished in the summer of 2016 - you were amazing.

#### **Forward Summer Camps:**

In the 2015 annual report I asked for prayer as we proposed an expansion to our Summer Camps.

The expansion of camps was made possible by our summer interns and dedicated church volunteers. We have seen an increase in our summer camp attendance year after year and trust that summer 2017 will have more kids attending that we can share the gospel with and disciple.

Our camps continue to grow year after year for a number of reasons; we consistently offer great, gospel focused and fun camps with amazing leaders. Also our summer camps are just one part of our larger outreach into the neighbourhood. Many of our programs feed into each other and help to build momentum. Our Above the Beach, Jr Youth, and PA Day Camps have been instrumental in building the summer camps and all other programs. I believe that you need many connection points over many years to gain an opportunity, respect and a platform to share the gospel so neighbours will listen. Pray for those connection points in all our outreach programs.

This summer our half-day Kids' Camp for kids JK to grade 6 had 45 kids attend and 25 different volunteers help. Our Kitchen Camp had 7 kids attend. Teen Camp had 8 kids attend. Our 2 backyard Bible Camps had approx. 15 - 20 kids attend in total.

Please remember to pray for our summer camps 2017: pray for the volunteers, summer interns, kids, and families. Please ask God that we would clearly share the gospel and see kids come to understand that Jesus loves them, and that we would effectively disciple Christian kids to grow in their faith.

### Community Engagement

As a Church we are engaged in loving, serving and sharing the love of Christ with the people that live in the Beach Hill and East York neighbourhoods. We have done this by making connection points with various people and groups. We have also called our church to engage in participating in these various "connection points." This past year our church was involved in a number of opportunities to connect, which were used as an opportunity for us to be engaged with what the community is doing and also to engage those who live in the BHN area with what we are doing. Some quick highlights:

- Beach Hill Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting, Mar 2016 - Opportunity to share about our Church.
- Beach Hill Community Clean-Up Day, Apr 2016 - Approximately 15+ people helped clean up the neighbourhood following the Sunday morning service.
- Beach Hill Planting Day, May 2016
- Neighbourhood Street Sale with jumpy castle and popcorn, May 2016
- Halloween Outreach Event - Oct 2016
- Community Christmas Carol Sing, Dec 2016
- A monthly fellowship meal following our Sunday services
- CHOIR! A community choir.
- Summer Camps
- Above the Beach, PA Day Camps, Food Bank, and more
- 2017 - 12 Step program started Sunday evenings @ 6:00pm

Aaron Woodhouse  
Pastor of Community Engagement

Ministering at Forward Baptist Church has been a joy for me. I have most certainly been challenged to grow in areas I have been weak in. But God has given me a strong support system, as well as a faithful cast of leaders who have co-laboured with me in ministry (some of these leaders are involved in multiple ministries). God has been good to cause growth in several of the ministries.

### **Youth Group**

Steve handed the youth program to me. By this time most of the youth had already transitioned to college or university, so it started very much as a rebuilding phase. However, many of the kids that were part of my program at Scott Mission transferred to the youth group. I met most of these kids when I volunteered at their school; I then invited them to a Christian camp (I got in trouble for this). None of them came from a Christian background, but at that camp they all decided to profess faith in Christ, and to this day they attend the youth group. The youth group has grown to an average of 10-12 kids, one half being raised in Christian homes, the other half coming from broken homes. The contrast could not be exaggerated, and initially the tension was present. This was something the youth leaders poured into prayer about. But thankfully we have reaped benefits of blessings because of it. The youth coming from broken homes, we're able to witness what proper behaviour is like (if you think your Christian kids are not behaved you haven't met these kids). On the flipside, the youth coming from a Christian background have learned that the church isn't only for those raised in the church, but people on the outside need and desire to hear the message of Christ too. Because of this, both groups have been learning from each other, as well as learning to get along.

We have come a long way in terms of growth, sometimes I don't see it on the week-to-week basis. But I can recall a time when I tried to pray aloud for a certain youth and he flat out said don't pray for me, we had times that as the lesson began the kids would leave. Two weeks ago, that same kid offered to open up in prayer for the lesson. I've had a non-churched youth tell me about his readings in Matthew, summarize, and ask questions about what he read. So I've seen growth in the kids not raised in church. Moreover, I've also seen growth in the churched kids, they are much more subtle in their growth, but I've seen some take steps to represent their faith. When I get the chance with them, they always ask good questions, and listen intently. Every Wednesday, our heart is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ until we are blue in the face, it is the most important truth; it's the only thing that can change broken or bored hearts.

Truly all good things come from God. But I take pride that we have faithful youth leaders who have been by my side. None of the growth that occurred in the Forward youth ministry would be possible if God had not put such people to co-labour with me. They have such hearts for God, and very often take initiative where I haven't, and have carried the weight where I was weak. They have counseled me and encouraged me all the way through. The Youth Leaders are; Sam Deinum, Becky Lambert, Shawn Freer, Liam Freer, and Micah Akol. All in all, God has been incredibly good in this ministry.

### **Young Adults**

I run a young adults group every Monday. This group started only because God determined to have like-minded leaders gather at the right time. The YA leaders are Brittany So, Austin Paul, Sam Deinum and Rachel Deinum. From the start, our vision was to create a culture of young adults excited about Jesus, and excited about each other, about church. With a few speed bumps initially on the road, this vision has quickly caught on. There has been such intentionality with reaching

fringe young adult attendees of the church, and the norm has been at least one new person attending each week. At the moment we have grown to an average of 12-14 members each week, and there really has been an atmosphere of friendship.

At the moment we are committed to reading and learning Scripture, breaking out into prayer and accountability groups, worshiping Jesus, and preparing others for leadership roles. I've been honoured to watch people lead, and to see the younger ones in the group begin to take their faith more seriously. Whenever I think about the people in this group, I can't help but get excited and thank God for them (Phil 1:4).

### **Jr. Youth**

Aaron handed me this program shortly after my tenure here, but he has been guiding and assisting me in programming since. We run program once a month. The program has seen growth, as we're averaging about 12 kids during program. The highest we've had was 15. This program goes hand-in-hand with PA Day Camps, because the transition for kids from PA Day Camp to Jr. Youth is a smooth one.

We've been able to make friendships with the kids there, but to be honest I have not seen much spiritual depth with kids. This isn't because the kids are too young (a more likely factor is we just need to keep building relationships). So in the future I feel this is something we should be more intentional about.

The program is centered on a fun game. We've had a Nerf Gun war, a glow party, and a Minute To Win It extravaganza. We spend 15-20 minutes on a Bible lesson. The reaction is mixed. However, the kids are very excited to learn Bible stories. I've taught a few lessons, but Jr. Youth has also served to give teaching opportunities to the Jr. Youth Leaders.

Finally I appreciate the leaders coming out and helping in this program, and leading the lessons. The Jr. Youth Leaders are; Aaron Woodhouse, Liam Freer, Brittany So, Nick Freer, Randi Booker, Sam Deinum, Anna Deinum, and Danny Cartwright.

### **Misc.**

Apart from the ministries I run, I have been participating in other ministries regularly. I am part of the Food Bank where I have spoken several times. I'm part of PA Day Camp where I usually teach. I have done various visitations from a wide demographic, from youth group kids to food bank attendees. I have helped out in community outreach events. Moreover, for the first few months I did door-to-door evangelism before programs kept my hands full. Through this I was able to make good connections with people in the neighbourhood and share the gospel with anyone who had ears to hear. In conclusion, my time ministering here has been marked by two things: the providence of God and the presence of strong support.

In Christ,  
Mark Memije  
Youth Intern of Student Ministries

Greetings! 2016 was full of great moments...and exhausted attempts to serve faithfully. As I felt overwhelmed with weariness and frustration, God has faithfully sent me back to himself to cling to him in prayer for strength, wisdom, and joy. In Ecclesiastes, Solomon talks about his struggle with understanding life. Part way through the book, he points out: *[God] has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end* (Ecc. 3:11 NIV). It is so easy to be overwhelmed with the things that frustrate us, or our weariness, or our desire for good things to happen. But in learning to be humble before our amazing Saviour, we need to be reminded that we see only a glimpse of reality – a microscopic fragment – and that God in his sovereignty can see the entire picture of time and reality. As many of the church leadership have started 2017 with weariness, I pray we will continue to learn to view our lives in humility before God and the greater picture that he is creating. I pray also that we will remember to faithfully rest and to allow God to refresh both our bodies and souls. So what has been happening? So many things! Below is a sampling of some of the things I have been working on in the past year.

### **Worship Services**

We have so much to praise God for! Planning and leading Sunday morning worship services is a joy for me. Through scripture, prayer, song, testimony, preaching, etc. we are able to worship as a community. As we sing, speak, and listen together I pray that we will learn to do so with a keen awareness of the people around us, and that the joys and pains of the reality of our lives and of the gospel will be used to encourage and challenge each other.

### **Tech Systems**

This year we did extensive updates and repairs to the tech systems in the sanctuary. It has been a joy to have some of the challenges removed as volunteers learn to run sound and projection! In addition, the new (and repaired) stage lights have brought a much warmer feeling to the giant stage space. When you see any of the tech volunteers, take a moment to encourage them and to let them know you appreciate the work they have done and the time they continue to put into learning and improving their skills!

### **Training Days**

Beginning Fall 2016, the music and tech teams are participating in training days twice a year. These days will provide space for us to learn about worshipping together, to pray, to learn new music, and to learn new skills or improve existing ones. I look forward to growing together!

### **Advent/Christmas Season**

This year, the Advent season took a musical turn. First Advent was spent in prayer together, and the following three featured music from the kids, young adults, and a special advent choir. Along the way we enjoyed a Carol Sing and saw a good number of community members out to join us. Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning services were well attended and were a great time spent together in song, scripture, and communion.

### **CHOIR!**

The engagement of the local community with the choir continues to astound me. It is such a joy to be able to learn music together and to start to build relationships with people whom we likely

would never have met outside of the choir. This fall we began a kids' chapter of the choir and had a very brave 7 girls join us. So much fun was had...and they are all coming back for the next session! At the Dec. 3 concert, we had 60 people participate in the concert. Among them were 9 people from our congregation. Please pray with me that God will continue to use this choir to build friendships with community members, and that we will have opportunities to talk about Christ as we get to know them more.

#### **T4G Conference**

In April I attended the Together for the Gospel conference along with Steve and Becky. It was so encouraging to spend three days together in the scriptures under great teachers!

#### **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee meets about twice each year to discuss and plan for the future as we plan worship together. Thanks to each of the committee members for their involvement: Karin Freer, Denise Britton, Gerald Britton, Eunice Chaffey, and John Tietze.

#### **Congregational Care**

Every season is unique, but here is a taste of some of the ways I participate in congregational care.

- Shut-ins – bulletins, congregational letters, etc. are mailed out regularly.
- Coffee/tea with new congregation members or members in need of conversation, prayer, or encouragement.
- Drop-in conversations with community members who need prayer, etc.
- Encouragement cards and phone calls.
- Ongoing phone/email answering and addressing needs as they come up.

#### **Communications/Publications**

Again, ministry in all forms is always full of surprises. Here is some of the activity in this category.

- Bulletins: bi-monthly (with memory verses), weekly Sunday, and weekly prayer.
- Posters/Slides/postcards as needed.
- Mass Emails – as needed emails are sent out to keep you updated and connected.
- Communications with BHNA and other neighbourhood connections to mention our events in their email blasts and help raise awareness of our presence in the community.
- Website – ongoing updates and changes.
- Calendar – continual updating to make sure it reflects the events at the church correctly.

And finally:

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.*

Phil 1:9-11 NIV

In Christ,  
Sarah Quartel  
Worship & Communications

## FORWARD FRIENDSHIP CLUB (CHAT 'N' CHEW)

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This year Chat 'n' Chew has a slightly different format as we now meet on the 2nd Friday of the month (except for April 2017 when it is the 1st Friday). Our attendance averages about 30 and anyone 55+ is welcome to come. If you are younger, you'll find our spirits are young. Our white hair is a facade.

Our summer 2016 began with a visit of 15 to Edwards Gardens on a glorious day. There are gardens on the north side of the parking lot, and, nearer the building, a man-made mound which we dutifully walked up the circular path and down again. Not only kids can enjoy life's challenges! There was the valley to wander into and benches to sit on, absorbing nature's greenery. As we were leaving, a deluge descended. A few Girl Guide types unfurled umbrellas, covering our heads as we squeezed into the thick hedges.

August was a walk along the boardwalk at The Beaches, eating lunch under the trees.

Fall started with *Let's Sing* with Shelley Faulkner as pianist and Charity Chan as our guest soloist. In November, Tom Hayes gave one of his memorable Biblical slide presentations entitled "Questions in the Bible," depicted in paintings by master artists.

Christmas came to us early in December with Laurie Atkins' beautiful, moving musical on the life of Mary: all composed and written by Laurie.

The New Year opened with *10,000 Villages* (362 Danforth Ave.), a Mennonite project with handmade items crafted in Fair Trade projects in 27 countries. Its genesis was a woman going to Puerto Rico in 1946, bringing home crafts that she sold. People wanted more; more trips and many years later, there are stores in many cities throughout Canada, sustained by over 1200 volunteers.

We functioned with a Committee of seven plus volunteers in the kitchen and cleanup stalwarts. Everyone contributes in their own way, making our programmes varied and possible.

Do join us if you are free on the 2nd Friday of the month, October to June. WELCOME!

Submitted by  
Lorna Snelling

God's Purpose in Missions is:

For His glory in Global worship –  
God purposes to overcome evil by redeeming a people  
Who will love and obey Him within every people. (Steven c. Hawthorn – Perspectives)

Psalm 67 NIV

*(1) May God be gracious to us and bless us,  
And make His face shine upon us.  
(2) That your ways may be known on the earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.....  
(6) Then the land will yield its harvest,  
And God, our God, will bless us. (7) God will bless us,  
And all the ends of the earth will fear Him.*

The year, 2016, saw the congregation and membership of Forward Baptist Church endeavor to advance the purposes of God, and worship the Lord of Missions.

- March 13, 2016: We were visited by Mr. Rolf Nanninga, Director – Power to Change, who introduced us to the ministry's outreach and shared from the Word.
- June 26, 2016: The congregation joined in a "Farewell" for Laurie Flietstra, Missionary to Portugal.
- July 10, 2016: Forward was favored by a visit by Mr. David Addison, Director – Toronto City Mission. He opened our mind's eyes to the ministry and the needs within our City Community.
- August 14, 2016: We were introduced to mission efforts to the Arab Communities in Canada, and more particularly to the FEBC Outreach. We were ministered to by Hisham Morgan and Bechara Karkafi.
- August 21, 2016: Rev. Keith Edwards revisited us in his capacity as a 'Teaching Missionary' under a program called "Training Harvesters in West Bengal".
- October 16 & 23, 2016: The 'Annual Mission's Week' occurred with a focus on elements of Mid-East and North African ministries.
- October 16<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Fadi Sharaiha, Executive Director, SAT-7 Canada presented the Word and re-introduced the satellite broadcast ministry of SAT-7.
- Oct. 22nd: The traditional "Missions Dinner" was enjoyed by all. Joining us for the occasion was Mr. Michael Lodge, Member Care Director – Pioneers Canada who shared facets of the ministry's global work. David and Julie Boonstra were specifically recognized as Pioneers missionaries. Musically we were favored by the 'Steel-Pan Artistry' of Joy Lapps.
- Oct 23rd: Mr. James M. Kim, Executive Director – Pioneers Canada, presented the Word and exhorted the congregation to be true to God's purposes for the people of the earth. Concluding the celebrations and focus on missions was the raising of the 'Annual Missions Offering'. We were once again blessed by the generosity of our people.

The commitment of all those who have contributed to this labor of love is very much appreciated. Particular commendations for the work undertaken by **Gerald and Denise Britton, John Tietze** and **Don Webster** are emphasized.

We would welcome your involvement as we seek to glorify God by responding to His call to be involved in ministering to a lost and needy world. Continue to pray and support missions and our missionaries who labor afar on our behalf, and for the purposes of God.

Ray and Sandra Alary – Transworld Radio

Aaron and Annegret Bowes – Germany

Daniel and Emily Ford – Moldova

Gilles and Irene Lapierre – Province of Quebec

Don and Erin Longworth – New Brunswick

Jennifer Oates - Thailand

Martha Oates – Taiwan

*Glorify God.....Grow in Christ..... Go with the Gospel*

*Loving God..... Loving Others..... Sharing the Truth*

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray E. Repo

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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Our role and responsibility as a property committee is to maintain and improve the amazing facilities and physical properties that God has entrusted to us as a Church community. We are also entrusted with ensuring that the facilities are used to further God's Kingdom and bring glory to Him. We have so much to be thankful for when it comes to our facilities, the building is built well, has been maintained and is presentable. Still, it is an aging building and will require regular upgrading and fixing to ensure that it is useable for many years of fruitful ministry to come. A large part of ensuring you have good facilities is the ongoing, consistent maintenance and upgrading. By doing this it ensures the building does not become run down or to fall into disrepair.

We thank our Custodian Team that worked hard in 2016 in maintaining and cleaning our facilities. We are thankful for all our part time custodians and volunteers that work together to keep the facility ready for ministry. Jacob O'Brien, Jim Sleep, Llyod Sparks, James Shuttleworth, Ken Chan, Luke McNeill, Peter Gittings, Bichash Adera (Pastor Kassa Lamma's wife), and Paul Bowles.

Highlights from 2016:

- Updated the sound system, added stage lighting, added assistive hearing devices, and made other improvements to the Sanctuary.
- Started to create a plan for painting a number of rooms in the church so we can begin painting and updating the rooms in 2017
- Received 4 new metal benches in front of the church courtesy of the City of Toronto and the Beach Hill Neighbourhood Association.

Looking forward to the year ahead in 2017:

- Update our outside signage - this will help in the overall presentation of our Church and the programs that we run in order to reach out and share the love of Christ with the Beach Hill Community
- Finish the inside better signage initiative started in 2015
- Paint rooms that have paint peeling and in need of some freshening up
- The property committee will also look at other needed repairs, updates and renovations that will help us continue to best use our facility for ministry purposes to the glory of God .

We would also like to thank Steve Ashby for his work in looking after the Library. Having the Library located on the main floor has made it more accessible and I encourage all members to take advantage of the books and resources available inside.

May we continue to be good stewards of what God has entrusted us with in 2017 and may we make bold plans for how our facility and material possessions can be used to further God's kingdom and proclaim the gospel in the Beach Hill Neighbourhood, East York, and Toronto.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aaron Woodhouse, Property Committee  
Property Committee Members: David Power, Aaron Woodhouse

Our Wednesday evening Bible studies have continued this past year with different women joining us for a time as they were able. Spring 2016 we used the study materials written by Beth Moore titled "Jesus the One and Only" which is about the pursuit of knowing Jesus deeper. In the fall we used Kay Arthur's study materials titled "Lord I Want to Know You," a study focusing on the names of God.

The long running Thursday noon hour women's Bible study continued to meet each week, enjoying a bag lunch together & then studying the scriptures. The studies were based on the Psalms of Ascents: Psalm 120-134.

If you are not currently part of a Bible study group, consider joining one of these 2 studies, or one of the other small groups that meets weekly or bi weekly. It's a great way to get to know the family of God here at Forward, as well as to grow closer to our great God.

The Women's Mission Fellowship continued to meet once a month to focus on encouraging our missionaries with cards and letters, hearing reports from our missionaries and having speakers from various missions groups explain their work. We give thanks to God for Sal Repo whose leadership, enthusiasm for missions and encouragement to pray has inspired us over the years. We will miss her dearly.

We held 2 Ladies' Coffee gatherings during the year. In the spring Becky Lambert shared her passion for memorizing scripture and shared some of her tips and blessings received. Liam and Nick Freer spoke at the fall coffee time about their experiences at Camp Widjiitiwin this past summer and spoke of their passion to follow Christ.

We continue to look for one or two people who would be willing to look after our Crisis Meals program. The heart behind this initiative is to show love for each other in the Church in a practical way, having ready-made meals to take to families and individuals who are experiencing a temporary "crisis", such as going through a time of transition (i.e. moving, new baby) or experiencing sickness or injury. If you are interested in exploring this, please speak to one of the Women's Ministry team members.

Respectfully submitted by the Women's Ministry team,  
Debbie Michaud, Carol Bain, Denise Britton, Mary Deinum, Becky Lambert, Sarah Quartel, Christine Woodhouse

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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We are privileged to see God's work at Forward, and 2016 was another amazing year where the members at Forward continued to give graciously resulting in sufficient financial means to support the Church to continue to Glorify God, Grow in Christ and to go with the Gospel.

We are grateful and praise God that the 2016 giving's were sufficient to cover our operating expenses. The giving's have increased when compared to 2015, and the church finances continue to be healthy.

The 2016 expenditure mainly supported the following activities:

- Staff and Pastoral costs;
- Maintain the church activities;
- Maintain the building;
- Maintain the current support of missionaries; and
- Improvements to the church facilities, including the replacement of the sound equipment in the Sanctuary.

Available funds at the end of 2016 were \$198,889, compared to \$215,013 at the end of 2015.

As noted in the 2017 budget, we believe that God has placed us on a path where we invest in people. As a result of the increase in staff in 2016, as well as some planned maintenance and capital expenditure, the expenditure of our Church is expected to exceed the levels experienced in 2016, resulting in an expected shortfall for the 2017 year; however, we have sufficient funds available in our treasury to cover the shortfall. We mentioned that we see the shortfall as part of our faith budget, specifically relating to "what we must depend on God to do". We ask the Church to include this in your prayer and consideration when giving to our Church, and thank everyone who is already giving in abundance. With this in mind, please continue to pray that as a congregation, together we would discern how God would direct us to use the resources He has given.

Staffing and expenditures to maintain the building continue to represent a significant proportion of our annual expenditures and will continue to be for 2017 as it makes up the core of our Church.

I would like to thank the members of the finance committee: Carol Bain, Charles Chaffey, and Allister Walsh for their assistance and prayer. I also want to thank our regular tellers: Charles Chaffey, Allister Walsh, Marianne Potter and Richard Rawlins, our head teller, who faithfully count the money and prepare the deposits each week.

We are once again thankful for the way God's people have supported the work at Forward. May God bless you as you give cheerfully to the work of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maarten Theunissen  
Chair, Finance Committee

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	----- Year to date -----			2016
	2016	2015	2014	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Envelopes	25,238	29,508	19,760	31,000
Where Most Needed	115,185	137,988	162,332	152,200
Pre Authorized Gifts	102,910	84,000	79,075	84,000
Loose offerings	2,616	2,772	3,326	3,000
Anniversary offering	38,795	30,706	29,265	30,000
United Way	115,370	113,330	101,305	113,000
Other donations	868	222	237	-
TOTAL INCOME	400,982	398,526	395,300	413,200
<b>MISSIONS INCOME</b>				
Envelopes	21,816	22,786	21,756	25,500
Special Mission Offering	22,864	23,443	20,937	25,000
Other Missions Donations	1,554	9	245	-
TOTAL MISSIONS INCOME	46,234	46,238	42,938	50,500
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
Rent - Glenmore	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200
Rent - Korean Bible Baptist Church	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Rent - Rehoboth Baptist Church	-	600	600	1,800
Facility Rentals	4,715	11,665	7,118	7,000
Government Grants	10,042	248	-	1,700
Recoveries & Fees (mainly camp)	4,929	1,530	-	1,200
Interest Earned	529	880	1,419	1,500
Other receipts	1,349	162	914	-
TOTAL INCOME	41,764	35,285	30,251	33,400
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	488,980	480,049	468,489	497,100

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (Continued)  
 FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	----- Year to date -----			2016
	2016	2015	2014	Budget
<b>LOCAL EXPENDITURE</b>				
Staff and pastoral costs	263,613	218,127	211,817	274,700
Christian education	15,983	7,448	11,494	12,700
Worship	5,121	3,417	3,826	4,150
Communications and fellowship	8,931	7,645	7,500	8,900
Office and general	16,050	14,347	14,677	15,300
Building	98,048	96,401	115,623	105,400
Bus ministry	2,122	2,827	3,030	3,050
Capital Items	1,109	1,228	1,360	48,900
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURE	410,977	351,440	369,327	473,100
<b>MISSIONS EXPENDITURE</b>				
Individuals	36,580	51,510	54,060	35,845
Mission Organizations	18,500	14,160	15,640	17,460
Other	19,414	6,746	5,788	16,550
TOTAL MISSIONS EXPENDITURE	74,494	72,416	75,488	69,855
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	485,471	423,856	442,582	542,955
 INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS	3,509	56,193		
Special projects	(19,963)	(51,482)		
Bequest	325	-		
BALANCE, Beginning of year	215,018	210,302		
<b>BALANCE, End of period</b>	198,889	215,013		

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE - LOCAL MINISTRY FUND  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	----- Year to date -----			2016
	2016	2015	2014	Budget
<b>STAFF AND PASTORAL COSTS</b>				
Salaries	169,336	145,065	143,139	187,100
Employee benefits	30,317	22,419	27,144	38,000
Temporary help	32,621	38,802	32,478	36,000
Summer Career Placement	21,180	4,542	3,686	4,600
Book allowance (pastoral staff)	1,383	1,300	1,194	2,000
Work Clothes (custodial staff)	0	255	-	400
Staff Education & development	2,924	2,615	2,070	3,100
Travel	619	456	448	500
Pastoral costs	1,170	1,123	981	1,000
Conferences - conventions	4,063	1,550	677	2,000
	263,613	218,127	211,817	274,700
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>				
Department supplies	2,047	1,435	635	2,100
Bible school curriculum	619	-	158	0
Library/resource centre	10	349	436	500
Day camp	6,371	2,473	1,718	2,500
Developing Ministries	2,053	1,214	1,124	2,000
Men's Ministry	0	57	199	200
Family Ministry	2,111	1,703	563	1,400
Youth Ministry	1,988	(843)	5,973	2,000
Women's Ministry	784	1,060	688	2,000
	15,983	7,448	11,494	12,700
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Organ & piano maintenance	1,800	699	699	800
Worship expenses	287	585	647	500
Special speakers	2,360	1,437	1,647	2,000
Song License	638	696	733	700
Ordinance	36	-	100	150
	5,121	3,417	3,826	4,150
<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND FELLOWSHIP</b>				
Communications inc. Advertising	1,267	947	1,908	1,300
Community Outreach	2,643	1,874	2,169	2,500
Catering	3,689	4,108	2,776	4,500
Flowers	663	340	475	350
Auditorium decorations	669	376	172	250
	8,931	7,645	7,500	8,900

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE - LOCAL MINISTRY FUND (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	----- Year to date -----			2016
	2016	2015	2014	Budget
<b>OFFICE AND GENERAL</b>				
Bank charges & interest	1,441	1,374	1,474	1,400
Cell Phones	1,809	1,311	2,037	2,000
Postage	1,132	904	633	600
Print stationery & office supplies	7,113	6,785	6,400	7,500
Telephone	4,555	3,973	4,133	3,800
	16,050	14,347	14,677	15,300
<b>BUILDING</b>				
Building maintenance, repairs and supplies	23,818	22,679	45,453	25,000
Gas	14,337	20,791	18,468	25,000
Hydro & Water	48,006	41,242	41,557	42,000
Insurance	6,156	6,003	5,726	6,000
P.A./ A.V. maintenance & supplies	571	1,959	743	2,400
Glenmore property	5,160	3,727	3,676	5,000
	98,048	96,401	115,623	105,400
<b>BUS MINISTRY</b>				
Bus insurance	1,600	1,776	1,558	1,800
Bus operating costs	522	464	412	500
Bus repairs & maintenance	-	587	1,060	750
	2,122	2,827	3,030	3,050
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>				
Capital Expenditures	1,109	1,228	1,360	48,900
	1,109	1,228	1,360	48,900

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – MISSIONS  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	----- Year to date -----			2016
	2016	2015	2014	Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Envelopes	21,816	22,786	21,756	25,500
Missions Offering	22,864	23,443	20,937	25,000
FAIR	-	-	60	-
Other income	1,554	9	185	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>46,234</b>	<b>46,238</b>	<b>42,938</b>	<b>50,500</b>
<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>				
El: Brian Taylor	3,600	13,700	16,450	3,600
EBM: Aaron and Anna Bowes	18,095	16,440	16,440	18,095
YWAM: Jacob and Rachel Kollar	660	7,920	7,920	-
SIM: Don and Erin Longworth	1,200	-	-	1,200
Trans World Radio: Ray and Sandra Alary	2,000	1,500	1,500	2,000
BMFP: Daniel and Emily Ford	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
SEMBEQ: Gilles and Irène Lapierre	2,000	1,500	1,500	2,000
GCLA: Laurie Fliestra	500	1,200	1,200	1,200
David & Julie Boonstra	3,625	4,350	4,350	2,350
Beth Navarro	-	-	900	-
Jennifer Oates	1,200	1,200	900	1,200
Martha Oates	1,200	1,200	900	1,200
Individuals - Other	-	-	-	1,000
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>36,080</b>	<b>51,010</b>	<b>54,060</b>	<b>35,845</b>

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – MISSIONS FUND (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	----- Year to date -----			2016
	2016	2015	2014	Budget
<b>MISSION ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
FEBC: FAIR	720	720	500	720
FEBC: General fund	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
FEBC: Fellowship Network Project	720	720	720	720
FEBC: FEB Central Church Planting Program	720	720	720	720
El: Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi	-	-	1,200	-
FLC: Myanmar	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Liberty Grace Church	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Heritage College & Seminary	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
MissionFest Toronto	-	-	500	500
Toronto City Mission	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
SAT-7 Canada	2,000	1,200	1,200	2,000
MAARIFA - Pioneers	2,000	-	-	2,000
Designated Gifts	1,540	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL MISSION ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>14,160</b>	<b>15,640</b>	<b>17,460</b>
<b>OTHER</b>				
Conference & Special Speakers	3,519	1,696	1,368	3,500
Short Term Missions	12,995	2,250	1,250	10,000
Gifts to missionaries & retirees	2,400	2,800	3,170	3,050
Special Projects/Events	500	-	-	0
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>19,414</b>	<b>6,746</b>	<b>5,788</b>	<b>16,550</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>73,994</b>	<b>71,916</b>	<b>75,448</b>	<b>69,855</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>(27,760)</b>	<b>(25,678)</b>	<b>(32,550)</b>	<b>(19,355)</b>

*Abbreviations:*

BMFP - Baptist Mission to Forgotten Peoples

FLC - Frontier Laborers for Christ

GLCA - Greater Lisbon Christian Academy (Div. of ABWE)

YWAM - Youth With A Mission

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016

	General Operating	Other Funds	Dec. 31 2016	Dec. 31 2015	Dec. 31 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	57,431	-	57,431	27,640	43,722
Investments (savings acct)	130,492	-	130,492	160,016	159,185
Petty Cash	93	-	93	200	200
Gov't Rebates	11,527	-	11,527	14,955	12,084
Accounts Receivable	2,188	-	2,188	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	5,085	-	5,085	14,031	500
Capital assets	-	1	1	1	1
	206,816	1	206,817	216,843	215,692
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	6,962	-	6,962	429	4,044
Member loans payable	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
David Barr Fund	214	-	214	377	694
Friday Night Floor Hockey Fund	-	-	-	202	240
Women's Missionary Fellowship	235	-	235		
Forward Friendship Club	519	-	519	817	412
	7,930	20,000	27,930	21,825	25,390
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	198,886	(19,999)	178,887	195,018	190,302

**NOTE 1:**

**CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS**

Member loans, renewable annually at the lenders option, on October 31, with interest payable at the prevailing Canada Savings Bond rate.

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MISSIONS FUND  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016

	David Barr Fund	Friday Night Floor Hockey	Women's Missionary Fellowship	Forward Friendship Club	Total Fund Balances
Balance-Beginning of year	377	202	300	817	1,696
Receipts rec'd during year	1,060	-	730	721	2,511
Disbursements during year	1,223	202	795	1,019	3,239
Balance-end of year	214	-	235	519	968

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – BENEVOLENT FUND  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	2016	2015	2014
<b>INCOME</b>			
Regular givings	8,528	7,144	4,767
Food bank offerings	1,767	934	661
Transfer from bequest account	5,261	-	-
Interest	146	320	196
Pay back of funds	-	-	-
	15,702	8,398	5,624
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Benevolence	5,925	6,855	3,694
Food Bank expenses	6,476	5,147	2,966
Bank service charges	34	29	24
Fee to print cheques	-	-	52
	12,435	12,031	6,736
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>		(3,633)	(1,112)
<b>BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	1,667	5,300	6,412
<b>BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	4,934	1,667	5,300
<b>INVESTMENTS IN BEQUEST ACCT</b>	14,508	19,703	19,766

## CHURCH CLERK REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP 2016

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Total Membership as of December 31, 2016 144

Baptisms in 2016 4

New Members in 2016 10

Eddie Fleury	Shane Madden	David Green
Cheryl Green	Ron Farr	Linda Farr
Mark Memije	Austin Paul	
Liam Freer	Katelyn Moyer	

Members Removed in 2016 5

<u>Deceased</u>	Membership Transferred	<u>Removed</u>
Dr. W. Hal MacBain		Tess Wickham
Eva Cromwell		
Fred Abellera		
Joseph Navarro		

### Membership by Category

Active Members	111
Member Missionaries	4
Inactive Members	15
Shut-in Members	14
Total Membership	144