



Annual Report 2017

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

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 convinces 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.

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT



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

ELDER REPORT

What love the Father has lavished upon us once again this year. We truly continue to experience His blessing and favour as a local assembly of believers. While we mourned the loss of some of our dear church family in 2017, we rejoice in God's faithfulness as we have seen more people added to the body.

We have been praying for the salvation of the lost and have witnessed people amongst us be transformed by the power of the gospel. We see God at work amongst us as we continue to hold forth the message of the gospel and emphasize its singular hope for the world.

The Elder's Board consists of both pastors and laymen, all being elected by the congregation.

The responsibility of the Elders is the spiritual oversight of the church, including:

- Overseeing all aspects of spiritual leadership;
- Teaching sound doctrine and refuting 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 and Advisory Boards consistently meet together for periods of discussion and prayer during our monthly meetings. We, as your church leadership, entreat God to be the focal point of our ministry here at Forward. We seek His direction as we lead the church. We also use our time together to appeal to our Heavenly Father on behalf of the sick and the lost.

The Elders also meet regularly as an independent group. We have used our time to encourage and develop each other as we share what God is doing in each of our lives. We pray through the prayer requests submitted to the church. Additionally, we pray for the needs of the church body known to us and update each other on the visitation we have undertaken.

We continue to discuss the vision and direction of our church as we try to understand how best to glorify God, grow in Christ and go with the gospel to a broken and hurting

world. As Elders, we discuss church matters that have arisen throughout this year to decide how best to address or resolve them.

We had the pleasure this year of formally recognizing Pastor Aaron Woodhouse as an Elder. He has graciously served alongside us for many years, but it was good for the congregation to endorse his Eldership officially.

In addition to our elected Elders, we have also enjoyed the counsel of Advisory Board Chair John Deinum and our Youth Intern Pastor Mark Memije, who have both served alongside us as we seek to serve you.

We desire your prayers as we endeavor to make the proclamation of the gospel our critical priority as a church.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9 NIV).

Yours in Him,

Shawn Freer

Chair, Board of Elders

Elders: Pastor Stephen Lambert, Pastor Aaron Woodhouse, Brian Taylor

ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

*The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.
All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,
but the Lord weighs the spirit.
Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established (Proverbs 16:1-3 ESV).*

We started 2017 at Forward Baptist Church with a full complement of pastoral staff and, if you were like me, you may have thought the Lord had established our plans. However, soon after preparing my annual report for 2016, one of our pastors resigned very suddenly. Once again we were reminded of our need to trust God, commit our plans to the Lord, and look for His answers. Despite these circumstances, I believe God has led us to this place and now looks for us to move forward together.

Throughout 2017, we have seen God continue to provide opportunities for our pastors and staff to grow and develop in their ministries and we continue to see connections made in the neighbourhood. As you read about some of the connection highlights in this report, I ask that you pray for our church congregation, pastors, staff and leadership team. More specifically, be in prayer for unity as a congregation: that our love would grow even more for one another and for others, that individuals would step forward to serve and to consider being involved in church leadership, and that each of us would consider how we can be involved in service. Furthermore, please continue to pray that we, as Christ's representatives, would connect in meaningful ways with the surrounding community, our neighbours, friends and families.

Thank you to all who have given time and resources to serve in our outreach ministries and in other areas of the church such as in the nursery, 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.

May you be encouraged as we continue to meet together and serve Christ as His church.

John Deinum

Chair, Advisory Board

Advisory Board: Maarten Theunissen, Karin Freer, Deborah Michaud, Katelyn Moyer

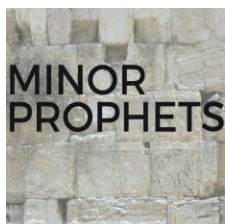
PASTOR OF TEACHING AND DISCIPLESHIP

In January I decided to memorize Philippians. I've been working my way slowly through it and am about halfway through chapter 2 at the moment. One of the things I like about memorizing Scripture is that it forces me to stop and mull over all the details of a passage. When I read the Bible, it's easy to skip some of the little details and move on to the things that seem more weighty, but when I'm trying to memorize a big passage I have to spend time going over each and every word and phrase. One of the little details that I have zoomed over in the past is right at the start of the letter. After Paul addresses the letter, he says, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3-5 NIV). Have you ever spent much time thinking about those verses? I hadn't, but I'm glad I have now. Because of these verses, I have been thinking a lot about how thankful I am for all of you in our Forward family. It is really encouraging to see how God is working in your lives and how you are partnering in the gospel. In the past year, I have heard so many of you talk about sharing the gospel with the people around you in your life. I have seen you love each other and grow together in Christ. I have seen you take your calling as a servant of Christ seriously. And I'm thankful for all of you. It is a joy to be one of your pastors.

None of us are perfect and we don't walk with Christ perfectly. We are sinners who have been forgiven and made new by Christ, who are trying to serve Him out of gratitude for His grace and mercy. We limp along and fail, but the Holy Spirit is working in us to make us more like Christ moment by moment and day by day. That's why Paul follows up his words of joy and thanks with this encouragement in Phil. 1:6: "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

I'm so thankful that I get to be a part of your lives and see God carry to completion the good work of salvation that He started in you!

Preaching Ministry



*hope
and
holiness*

In 2017, we explored some less well known parts of the Bible by diving into the minor prophets together. In 19 weeks, we covered 8 of the 12 minor prophets and learned about God's passion for justice and His mercy to sinners. In the New Testament we went through 1 Thessalonians together and learned about the hope we have in Christ and how it motivates us towards holiness.

We also spent several weeks together in a topical series we called “One Body” in which we explored some of the key things we do when we gather as a church (membership, communion, baptism, church discipline, etc.) and why we do them.



We enjoyed having Pastor David Bell preach on our 98th Anniversary Sunday in May. Pastor Bell was the Senior Pastor at Forward from 1982-1993, so it was a really special treat to have him in our pulpit again. I’m also really thankful that he was able to fill in for Aaron and me during the summer and preach at Forward twice more.

In the summer, we also had the exciting privilege of having one of our young men, Liam Freer, preach for us. Liam grew up at Forward and served as a summer intern with us this year. It was so encouraging to be able to work with him as he developed his sermon and then to hear him preach it. I’m also grateful for all the other men who stepped into our pulpit and preached God’s Word to us this year - Pastor Ron Farr, Pastor Aaron Woodhouse, Mark Memije, and Shawn Freer, as well as our two missionary guest speakers, Valera Strugoff (who serves with MoveIn) and Dan Shurr (the director of Fellowship Aid & International Relief for FEB International).

Discipleship & Small Groups

This year, we re-launched our men’s discipleship ministry. John Deinum took charge of this important ministry and got it going in the fall. I’m really thankful for his efforts and passion to see men grow in Christ and develop as leaders in the church. I’m also thankful to Pastor Aaron, Mark Memije, and Don Webster who are leading Bible study and discipleship groups for men.

Our women’s Bible studies and discipleship groups continue to flourish and be effective. I’m very thankful for all the hard work Carol Bain, Deborah Michaud, Eunice Chaffey, and Patricia Overholt put into leading these groups.

These discipleship groups have taken the place of some of our small groups this year. Some of the small groups have disbanded and the members have become involved in the men’s and women’s Bible studies that already existed or have newly started. I continue to lead one small group at my home on Tuesdays as well as the Wednesday night prayer meeting at the church. Both these groups are “co-ed.” Whether they are called Bible studies, discipleship groups, small groups, or prayer meeting, I am so pleased to see the way our people are gathering together to study God’s Word, pray, and fellowship.

Salvation, Baptism, and Membership

We began 2017 by praying again that God would use us to see 10 people turn their lives over to Christ and be saved. As far as we know, God did not give us the ten we asked for, but I do know of at least four people who made professions of faith this year after hearing the gospel either through church ministries or as attendees of the church. I praise God that He used our church to bring these four - and perhaps more - into His family!

None of these new Christians have been baptized yet but I know they are keen to do so! However, this year we did baptize four others who had been Christians for some time. See the church clerk's report for full details on baptisms this year.

We were very glad to welcome two new members into our church this year. We were also very happy to welcome Pastor John McNeill back as a member of Forward this year. Pastor John served as the senior pastor of Forward from 1994-2014.

Seminary

Thank you once again 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. I am currently taking my last two classes and, Lord willing, I will graduate this April. 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

PASTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In Colossians 1:18-20 (NIV), the Apostle Paul says,

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

This year was another exciting year of ministry. As I look back, I remember all the ways that the Lord has worked: the answered prayer, seeing people grow in following Jesus, watching our local body grow in serving in the areas that God has given them spiritual gifts, and watching as we go into the community around us and make connections and proclaim Christ. In these great times I'm reminded that Christ is the head of our church and He is sovereign and holds it all together. To God be the glory great things He has done.

It has also been a very hard year as we have lost many faithful and amazing brothers and sisters in Christ, close friends, husbands, wives, and fellow servants of the Most High. We mourned many times together this year as a church body. Because of the many funerals and memorial services we had the opportunity to give God glory and praise. We did this by sharing how it was the work of Christ that transformed people. We proclaimed how the gospel and the work of Jesus on the cross reconciled our dearly loved saints to Himself for eternity. At each funeral we had the opportunity to boldly proclaim the hope of Jesus to the friends, coworkers and families of those who passed away. We are reminded in Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (NIV). Let us continue to remember the many promises and assurances in scripture that we have now and in eternity because of Jesus.

In 2018, we are celebrating 99 years of God's faithfulness and are already anticipating the 100 year celebration in 2019. These are exciting days in the life and history of Forward Baptist Church as we remember God's faithfulness for almost 100 years. We will spend some time looking back in the "rearview mirror" at our history as a church. But we must remember when we are driving a car down the road, we must be looking out the "front windshield" the majority of the time, not the in the "rearview mirror" if we are to arrive at the correct destination. Let us spend time this year in scripture, prayer and planning as we look forward to how we can boldly move forward as a church in

making disciples and sharing the gospel with the community that God has graciously planted us in.

Let us continue to Glorify God, Grow in Christ, and Go with the Gospel. Let us consider how we can continue to have an impact for the gospel for 100 years to come.

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: For the fourth summer, John and Mary Deinum and Aaron and Christine Woodhouse directed this camp with the help of 15+ amazing volunteers - many from Forward Baptist Church. We had some families from Forward attend and it was a huge success. As we look forward to Oasis Family Camp 2018, 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 to almost 60 kids at each camp. This past year we had over 30 different people volunteer for anywhere from four hours to 50 hours. At each camp, we have the opportunity to share the gospel, serve families by caring for their kids, and represent Christ to the kids that attend the 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 the opportunity to model Christ and share the gospel. 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: This year we started using new curriculum called "The Gospel Project." It is a three year chronological Christ-centered Bible study for kids, that examines how all Scripture gives testimony to Jesus Christ. 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 am - 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 50-75 kids/parents/caregivers each Tuesday morning between 9:30 and 11:30 am at this outreach ministry. Thanks to our wonderful, friendly greeter, Bertha Sharpe, as she welcomes everyone with a smiling face and help getting in. Also a big thanks to Mary Deinum, Becky Lambert, Janet Theunissen, Christine Woodhouse, and Terry Donaldson 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 those who come and connect with us.

Community Food Bank: On the second Tuesday 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 and give an invitation to join the Forward Baptist Church Community on Sundays and at our various events. We also offer a free Bible to those interested - most months we will 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 4 interns working at Forward for 6-16 weeks. A big thank you to our amazing summer intern team this year. We had Claire Zacharias, James Power, Justine Cudao, and Liam Freer as our summer interns. Our summer interns worked hard from May-August serving in a variety of different ways and in different ministries. They were involved in many weekly ministries like A/V, Children's Ministry, Above the Beach and had many weekly responsibilities. They were also responsible for planning, implementing and running many events and projects during the summer. Some quick highlights: Community Street Sale and connection event (May), Volunteer Gala (June), Bowmore School Fundraiser (June), four Summer Camps, two Backyard Bible Camps, Food Bank, and a variety of other awesome things. I want to thank Claire Zacharias, James Power, Justine Cudao, and Liam Freer. Without their dedicated and talented work we would not have been able to do all that we accomplished in the summer of 2017. They were outstanding!

Forward Summer Camps: Our camps continue to grow year after year for a number of reasons. We consistently offer a great, gospel focused, and fun camps, with fantastic leaders. 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. Above the Beach, Jr. Youth, and PA Day Camps have been instrumental in building the summer camps and other programs. I believe that we need many connection points over many years to gain opportunity, respect and a platform to share the gospel with neighbours who will listen. Pray for those connection points.

This summer, our half-day kids camp for kids in JK to grade 6 had 58 kids attend, which is up from 45 kids in 2016. We also had over 30 different volunteers help. We welcomed approximately 18 people from the Chapel Street Church Youth Group from Chicago. They served alongside us at our half-day camp. Our Cooking Camp had about 8 kids attend, Youth Camp had about 7 kids attend, and our two Backyard Bible Camps had 15 - 20 kids attend in total.

Please remember to pray for our Summer Camps in 2018. Pray for the volunteers, summer interns, kids, and families. Please ask God to help us 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.

Christ Centered Twelve Step Program: In January of 2017, Forward had the privilege of inviting an existing Twelve Step Bible Study group to move from the home where they had been meeting for several years, into the church. This would allow the group to grow & also be less of a burden on the home that had been hosting them for all that time.

A Twelve Step group is based on the set of guiding principles originally developed by Alcoholics Anonymous for recovery from addictive, compulsive, or other behavioural problems. These principles have been used for over eighty years to help people recover from addictions and brokenness.

The Twelve Step Bible Study uses the Life Recovery Bible to study the twelve steps in relation to how our amazing God has set out to recover a broken people and redeem them for Himself.

When hearing of addiction, many people think of alcoholics, drug addicts, perhaps gambling or even food addicts, but working the twelve steps can also lead to recovery from any and all of the brokenness of life because the steps get to the root problems of that hurt.

Our Twelve Step Bible Study meets here at the church every Sunday at 6 pm for a meal and then holds a Bible study from 7-8:30 pm. It doesn't close down for the summer or for holidays, because addiction doesn't take holidays.

Please pray for those coming into the church who are seeking help and recovery. Also consider whether you have anything that you need healing from and might benefit from a loving support group.

~This Twelve Step report was respectfully submitted by an anonymous member of the group!

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 opportunities for us to be engaged with what the community is doing and also to invite those who live in the Beach Hill area to be involved with what we are doing. Some quick highlights:

- Beach Hill Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting, March 2017 – an opportunity to share about our church.
- Beach Hill Community Cleanup Day, April 2017 - Forward co-hosted this event and approximately 40+ people helped clean up the neighbourhood on a Saturday morning.
- Neighbourhood Street Sale with jumpy castle and popcorn, May 2017
- Bowmore School Fundraiser, June 2017
- Halloween Outreach Event, October 2017
- Community Christmas Carol Sing, December 2017
- Toronto City Mission Christmas Meal, December 2017
- Monthly fellowship meals following our Sunday services
- Beach Hill Choir - a community choir
- Multiple Summer Camps
- Twelve Step Bible Study, Sunday evenings @ 6:00 pm
- Good Food Box Program, bi-weekly
- Above the Beach, PA Day Camps, Food Bank, and more

In Christ,

Aaron Woodhouse

Pastor of Community Engagement

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgements, and his paths beyond tracing out!
“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?
Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen (Romans 11:33-36 NIV).*

We are a people who have been created to worship God. This is such a remarkable thing: that people who are broken and sinful have been called by God who is holy and without fault to worship Him! Through Christ we are made holy and can stand before God with fearful boldness as His children. This should both drive us to our knees in humble, broken gratitude and pull us to our feet in a dance of exquisite, soul-quenching delight! As we continue to gather together to worship God, I pray that we will grow deeply in response to God’s work in our lives and in our world.

Worship Services: Each week we gather together to worship. I am continually grateful for the many people who participate in music, tech, scripture reading, prayer, preaching, etc. As we all participate together in the many parts of our gathered worship, I pray that we will continue to 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 one another. Some of these moments will be joyful or comfortable and others will be painful or frustrating. Let us thank God together for each of these moments and the people who are a part of them.

Training Days: In February I met together with the music and tech teams for a focused morning of music, prayer, and skill-building. In July we met together for a BBQ and to enjoy each other’s company. And then in September we kicked off the year with another training morning for music teams, kids’ ministry, and those involved in greeting and coffee time. I look forward to these becoming a tradition as we grow together in our abilities.

Easter/Advent/Christmas Seasons: Each year these seasons in the church calendar are a delight to me. The depth with which they are rooted in both our daily lives and our faith gives a special weight to these seasons that helps us to focus intently on what Christ accomplished for us in His coming and in His dying. To each of you who took the time to help prepare music, readings, join the Advent Choir, etc., thank you!

Summer Interns: Each summer it is a joy to have the summer interns join us. This gives me the opportunity to assign some of my weekly tasks to them and focus on bigger projects on my list that I don't usually have time to tackle. It also gives me the honour of intentionally mentoring someone. This year it was my cousin Claire. She shared my office and we were able to have many good conversations together about the practical connections between faith and daily life and ministry.

Beach Hill Choir: Early in the year we invited choir members to contribute name ideas for the choir. They participated with many great ideas and we chose a name for the choir! We are now Beach Hill Choir. Our spring concert theme was pop music through the decades, and the fall concert theme was musicals. We finished the year with a healthy 70 adults and 12 kids in the choirs. I am continually thankful for the participation of church members in the choir! I encourage you to be praying for the choir members. It is fantastic to see how the community engages with music and we desire to see deep relationships formed that lead people to Christ.

Worship God Conference: Human & Holy: In July I had the opportunity to attend a worship conference that explored healthy tensions that should exist in our gathered worship. It was a refreshing and highly encouraging time for me as I attended the sessions, got to know people from our larger church family, and gained new ideas and tools to use in my role here at Forward.

Singspiration: Each year a group of the Fellowship Churches in Toronto meet together for 2-3 shared evenings of worship. 2017 was a rewarding year to be part of organizing and leading these evenings because I had the joy of inviting musicians from all the churches to participate in a joint worship band. In cooperation with the host church, this band led the congregational worship. It was a delight to begin getting to know other people involved in leading music in our Toronto Fellowship Churches.

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.
- Discipleship with a few young women in the church who are keen to grow.

Communications/Publications: Ministry in all forms is full of surprises. Here are some of the ongoing tasks in this category.

- Bulletins: bi-monthly, weekly Sunday, and weekly prayer.
- Graphic design for posters/slides/postcards as needed.
- Mass emails – are sent out weekly/as needed 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 updates to make sure it reflects the events at the church correctly.

Thank you to each of the Worship Committee Members who faithfully served in 2017: Karin Freer, Jerry & Denise Britton, John Tietze, Eunice Chaffey.

In Christ,

Sarah Quartel
Director of Worship & Communications

YOUTH INTERN

I sat beside them in a local tea shop by the beaches and noticed the mother could not get her eight-year-old daughter interested in cross-stitching. The mother, noting my philosophy textbook, said, "She's been having those, 'what's the meaning of life questions' again."

"What's the point?" the daughter chimed in, then spun around to let the adults do the talking.

"You just make it up. I've accepted there's no real point in life... I think I'm okay with that."

"And is your daughter okay with that?" I asked.

She hesitated, "No... but she's young, she thinks in binary, she's still immature... she thinks simply."

I replied, "Perhaps it's because she thinks sincerely... I try not to underestimate the insight of a child."

The mother conceded, and the daughter grinned. And as they were walking out, I bowed my head to pray for them.

The daughter paused by the door to thoughtfully say, "It's nice to meet you."

This happened last week, and this isn't an isolated case. A recurring trend I find is that in this post-modern, post-Christian neighbourhood in the Upper Beach area, the sincere inquiry for the meaning of life cannot be so easily snuffed out in the heart of a child because God put it there to begin with. In one instance, when I was door knocking, I met an atheistic couple who, with embarrassed looks on their faces, admitted their two children were fervently Christian and the curious children happily agreed. Some adults admitted entertaining conversations with me only because their children won't stop asking the "questions."

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14 NIV). These are the words of the Good Teacher. There is an essential ministry to share the Good News to young people. Before the world smothers their aspirations to know God, it is crucial we share the Good News to them. North Americans can't pretend we live in the land of Christendom anymore. We must do something. Children are being force-fed a postmodern curriculum, which dictates that there is no actual meaning to life, "just make it up." The Barna website states, "Nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour do so before reaching the age of 13 (43%)... less than one of every four born again Christians (23%) embraced Christ after their twenty-first birthday." Here at Forward Baptist Church, God has sovereignly placed us in this community to be a

strategic outpost of heaven. It is my privilege and joy to share how God has been using Forward Baptist Church. I have been a small cog in the big wheel, along with many other cogs I gladly call co-labourers of Christ, as we minister and are a light, a city built on a hill.

Jr. Youth: This is a program that meets once a month for children grades 3-6. It's a free program of games, snacks and a Bible story. This is a crucial age when children are beginning to think for themselves and are asking those big questions. I estimate 30% come from Christian homes and the rest come because parents are just happy to have a peaceful Friday night. The group here has grown considerably. We've doubled since 2016, averaging about twenty plus kids. Here are a few anecdotes I'd like to mention:

- Getting feedback from one of two siblings, I asked if they believed in Jesus. He responded, "Of course." Since when? "Since coming here."
- One boy, when hearing the story of Moses, jumped out of his chair to sit cross-legged on the ground, with animated interest.
- Once when we shared the story of the birth of Jesus, the children irregularly and without prompting applauded afterwards.
- For many, these are new ideas. A concerned girl shared with me that her father told her, "God isn't real."
- Already kids are beginning to form their own opinions. There are twin brothers and one twin constantly interrupted by yelling, 'fake'. The other twin scolded him and was curious to learn about Jesus more. As it is, only one of the twins still consistently attends.

I would like to also use this time to recognize the leaders involved in making this program happen. Without them sacrificing their Friday nights to invest in these children, the program couldn't happen. Leaders who have helped at least once include Aaron Woodhouse, Jamie Cudao, Brittany So, Randi Booker, Danny Cartwright, Rebecca Kabiseba, Zaida Andrea, Nick Freer, Liam Freer, Sarah Hembruff, Micah Akol, David Green, Claire Zacharias, Rachel Deinum, and Anna Deinum.

Youth Group: The youth group has had some rough goings. For much of the year, we were wrestling with the vision of the program, whether this was an outreach program or a place of discipleship. If catered to the whims of troubled youth, the more behaved kids would be neglected. But we didn't want this program to be some holy huddle either. We ended up putting our foot down. We wanted to encourage the people who wanted to grow in their faith. Currently, we have a smaller youth group of about 5-6 kids. Those who do come, don't come for a robust program, but for discipleship. I remain optimistic about the future of this group; we're starting to build a solid foundation of young people who are there for Jesus—from there that's where healthy growth will occur. The goal for

us is not to be successful, but to be faithful. We will teach the Word, encourage the disheartened, live by example, and admonish when need be and God in His time will make the group grow.

One youth was telling me how his friends were consistently puzzled he doesn't go to parties with them. "Youth group," was his response—he's sharing his faith through his example. Another youth was in tears the first time we prayed. Nowadays he consistently raises objections, but for some reason comes back week after week. In our newly implemented Bible reading, he's several weeks ahead. "Is it hard?" was the question asked by one youth during our one-on-one discipleship. (He hails from a non-Christian home.) He was asking if it was hard to transform his school by sharing the Gospel. We told him, "Yes, it is hard, but nothing is impossible with God."

As for our curriculum, we started the book of James in the beginning of the year, then stopped in the spring to speak on various key subjects like prayer, reading the Bible, and the Great Commission. We resumed the book of James again in the fall. One of the blessings we've had is strong leadership with a passion to go above and beyond to minister to this group of kids. The leaders who helped throughout the year were: Sam Deinum, David Nunn, Becky Lambert, Jamie Cudao, Kathryn House, Liam Freer, and Claire Zacharias. We had about 3-4 leaders on any given night.

Act II: College and Career: Young adults, like any demographic, need spiritual camaraderie to spur them on in their faith, yet this is a neglected age group in many churches. Many Christians in this age group can fall by the wayside, often because entering a secular school or work environment can easily dishearten a believer. Through our ministry, we've been able to reach out to people who would otherwise slip through the cracks. It's been a joy watching this group flourish. There's really been a culture of friendship and like-mindedness. Our program has four parts: we begin with announcements & an icebreaker, transition to songs, have a Bible study, and finally break out into small groups for prayer.

In our this program, we've had young adults coming and going. This is indeed the nature of young adults, who live in a period of transition. At our highest, we were averaging in the mid-20s. But near the end of the year we dropped to around low-10s. I want to thank the leaders for their dedication and support of this ministry. These leaders include Brittany So, Sam Deinum, and Nick Freer.

Other Involvements: I attended the Twelve Step Bible study group and connected with a few people from there. I met up bi-weekly with some young men from Act II for discipleship. I led the Bible Station for most P.A Camps. I occasionally did beach

evangelism along with a couple of young adults and I led an evangelism excursion with missionaries from Chicago. I also did some door-to-door evangelism.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9 NIV).

In Christ,

Mark Memije
Youth Intern

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

May we always adhere to the lesson and admonition of Apostle Paul and the prophetic words of Isaiah; “They who had no news of Him shall see, and they who have not heard shall understand (Romans 15:21 NIV).

We are regularly reminded that a story worth telling was also a story worth repeating. Is there a match for the obligating story and message begun twenty centuries ago? What of us as storytellers? Are we determined to keep the story alive?

The Bible reveals to us, in both the Old and New Testaments, God’s love for the whole world and His plan to gather for Himself a people from every nation, tribe and language to worship Him. Furthermore, Christ has specifically commissioned us (His church) to preach the gospel to the entire world (Mark 16:15) and to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). He has called us to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13) and the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). He has commissioned us (His redeemed people) to be His instruments in advancing His great global redemptive agenda in the world.

In addition to being committed to fulfilling Christ’s “Great Commission,” we are also committed to fulfilling His “Great Commandment” (Matthew 22:39) – to love God above all, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Christ told the story of the Good Samaritan to illustrate what this means. In short it means we must be involved in working to alleviate human suffering in this world – thus, demonstrating God’s love for the world in practical ways. Our involvement in missions should not be an either-or proposition. Christ’s love compels us to do both – to both evangelize and alleviate human suffering.

***Our Mission is to: Glorify God... Grow in Christ... Go with the Gospel...
Our Vision for Ministry is to: Love God... Love Others... Share the Truth...***

During 2017 we were blessed, encouraged, informed and built-up in faith by the following missionary servants of the Lord.

Missional reports were presented respectively by **Jennifer Oates – OMF – Thailand**, and **Katelyn Moyer – Power to Change – Peru** as integral elements of our Annual Missions Conference celebrated on October 15th and 22nd.

Sunday, October 15th **Mr. Valera Strugov, Director of Global Development – MoveIn Vision Team**, shared the Word and introduced a new localized ministry concept and a uniquely personal form of a developing mission strategy.

Sunday, October 22nd **Rev. Dan Shurr, Director, FAIR – FEB International** shared an update on FAIR's global charitable activities in the greater international landscape. Rev. Shurr also related our personal roles to those outlined in the scriptures.

In this era of diminishing resources, the Forward Baptist Community has once again demonstrated God's grace through a generous financial commitment to missions. May the Lord richly reward you for your generosity and missions' spirit.

Please remember our missionaries, named below, in continuous prayer.

Ray and Sandra Alary – Transworld Radio
Aaron and Annegret Bowes – Germany
Daniel and Emily Ford – Moldova
Bechara and Roula Karkafi – FEB International
Gilles and Irene Lapierre – Quebec
Don and Erin Longworth – New Brunswick
Jennifer Oates – Thailand
Martha Oates – Taiwan
Valera and Laura Strugov – MoveIn

The faithfulness of **Jerry Britton, Don Webster** and **John Tietze** has been much appreciated. Their unique individual gifts, talents and experience have contributed extensively to the whole.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Missions Committee,

Ray E. Repo
Chair, Missions Committee
Mission Committee: Jerry Britton, Don Webster, John Tietze

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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 functional for many years of fruitful ministry to come. A large part of ensuring we have good facilities is the ongoing, consistent maintenance and upgrading. By doing this, it ensures the building does not become run down or too far in disrepair.

We thank our Custodian Team, including volunteers, that worked hard in 2017 in maintaining and cleaning our facilities: Jacob O'Brien, Jim Sleep, Lloyd Sparks, Ken Chan, Luke McNeill, Peter Gittings, Paul Bowles and Randy Hembruff.

We would also like to thank Arnold Visser and David Power for their extensive advice and hands-on work as we upgraded the church network and server.

Highlights from 2017:

- Professional cleaning of sanctuary carpets
- Painted young adults room (basement) and Jr hall (2nd floor)
- Numerous elevator repairs
- Relocation of church photocopy room/office upstairs to second floor
- Full upgrade of the network hardware in the church, with improved wifi coverage in most areas

Looking to the year ahead in 2018:

- 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
- Elevator retrofit project
- Leaks in the CE building roof need repairing
- Finish the inside better signage initiative started in 2015
- Continue to paint rooms that have paint peeling and are in need of some freshening up
- The property committee will also look at other needed repairs, updates and renovations that will help us to continue to best use our facility to the glory of God and that will enable us to best utilize our church facility for ministry purposes.

- Identify and implement ways to reduce utility costs in the church.

Library Resource Center: The church library is located on the main floor by the sanctuary and is readily accessible to all people on Sundays and throughout the week. We would encourage you to take advantage of the books and resources available inside. One of the great new resources in 2017 is a digital video library offered through Right Now Media which has 1,000's of video resources available for streaming online. You can request access by contacting the church office.

We would like to thank Steve Ashby who has faithfully been our church librarian for the past 13 years. Steve helped to take the library from the basement of the church to the main floor and spent countless hours over the years in the library assisting people, cataloguing books, making displays and creating a wonderful environment for reading. Steve Ashby stepped down in 2017 as our librarian. We are grateful to him for his many years of faithful service.

We would also like to thank the following people for their contributions in the library in 2017: Stephanie Taylor, Pam Kahloo, David Iggulden, and Harry Legris.

May we continue to be good stewards of what God has entrusted us with in 2018 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: David Power, Aaron Woodhouse

WOMEN'S MINISTRY & WOMEN'S MISSION FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Our Wednesday evening Bible studies have continued this past year with between 8 and 12 women attending as they were able. Last spring we studied the Book of Galatians using a study guide written by Tim Keller. Through this study we were challenged to see how we understand and apply the gospel and how that affects our whole walk with Christ. In the fall we used Peter Lord's book entitled, "Hearing God," a study focusing on building our relationship with God, learning not just to pray to Him, but also learning the ways in which He speaks to us personally and how to hear His voice.

Over the years we have used various types of meetings to give women the opportunity to get together for fellowship. In 2017, we organized an informal coffee time on a Saturday morning in February. These informal times allow women to get to know each other better, yet do not cause a lot of organizing work for our team. One of our church ladies gives a short devotional talk about something that is on their heart and our hope is that it will stimulate deeper conversations at our tables. Our February 2017 speaker was Carol Bain who shared with us the importance of self-care if we are to have the energy to reach out with God's love to others.

In the fall, eight women gathered at a cottage in Haliburton for a weekend Retreat. We had a wonderful time of mental, physical and spiritual refreshment and enjoyed a time to get to know each other better over good food, rousing Dutch blitz games and walks around the Lake.

A couple of times this year some of our women met to prepare food to freeze so that it would be ready when someone in our community was sick or had an emergency or need. These women also met to bake cookies for the Christmas meal that Forward prepared for the Toronto City Mission Saint James Town site.

Our women's ministry at Forward is a vital part of our Forward community. Please prayerfully consider how you might get involved!

Respectfully submitted,

Women's Ministry Team: Deborah Michaud, Carol Bain, Denise Britton, Mary Deinum, Becky Lambert, Sarah Quartel

Thursday Noon Hour Study & Women's Mission Fellowship

The Thursday Noon Hour Women's Study continues to meet each week for prayer and Bible study. Recognizing that our world is changing, we did a study of Elijah, a prophet who showed us how to live in a threatening world and about God who can help us to live courageously and confidently. Our fellowship time over lunch and tea is very enjoyable and all women are welcome.

The Women's Mission Fellowship continued to meet on the last Thursday of every month, January to November, with a break in the summer. At Christmas time we sent Christmas cards to 14 missionaries, some overseas and others in Canada. Our special Christmas giving was for the Christmas Toy Market at Yonge Street Mission. During 2017 we invited the following speakers to tell us about their missionary work: Cathie Phillips, Lorilee MacLean, Jen Oates and Anne Noble. It was a blessing to hear what God is doing as a result of these women's testimonies.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Chaffey

FORWARD FRIENDSHIP CLUB (CHAT 'N' CHEW)

Chat 'n' Chew, Forward's Friendship Club, exists to address spiritual, social, mental, and physical needs of the 55-Plus. The one-and-a half hour program consists of a time for refreshments, a quiz, a morning smile, mediation and a speaker. We meet on the second Friday of the month from October to June and have two summer outings. The average meeting attendance in 2017 was 30 persons.

During the year there was a variety of topics and speakers – sometimes guest speakers, at other times our own people. Some took us on adventures (arm-chair ones, that is), such as a Climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, a visit to Iceland, a journey with an architect/engineer to view water fountains he had constructed. A travel agent urged us to leave our armchairs and join a tour group. Other speakers focused on biblical topics: a study in the Book of Revelation and a Christmas special. One very practical session dealt with wills and powers of attorney. A different note was struck with a "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" program. After our June meeting, 14 of the group plus the speaker and his wife enjoyed lunch at the nearby Budapest Restaurant. Riverdale Farm was the destination for July's outing and The Royal Ontario Museum for August's outing. At the ROM we were particularly interested in the Blue Whale exhibit. The ROM's volunteer, Charles Chaffey, added much to our enjoyment of the day with his assistance.

We were sorry in June to lose Coordinator Lorna Snelling, now attending a church closer to home and in the Fall, for health reasons, Committee member Lolita Penaranda. Many thanks to each of them for their contribution to Chat 'n' Chew over many years.

I would like to express my appreciation to current committee members: Terry Donaldson, Doreen Huard, David Iggulden, Cathy Little-Semple and Allister Walsh.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guntra Zarins

Coordinator

Forward Friendship Club Committee: Terry Donaldson, Doreen Huard, David Iggulden, Cathy Little-Semple, Allister Walsh, Lolita Penaranda, Lorna Snelling

FINANCE COMMITTEE

God continued to bless Forward in 2017 through the answering of our prayers, providing a committed and God fearing pastoral staff team and by providing amazing members who give graciously. This once again ensured that the church had sufficient financial means to support our mission to continue to Glorify God, Grow in Christ and Go with the Gospel.

We are grateful and praise God that the 2017 givings are the highest since 2014, and 4% higher when compared to 2016. The 2017 expenditure was 7% higher than 2016, resulting in a deficit of \$15,465 for 2017, compared to the budgeted deficit of \$96,580. Available funds at the end of 2017 were \$181,904 compared to \$198,889 at the end of 2016 and the church finances continue to be healthy.

The 2017 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.

As a church family, we believe that God has provided the staff members who serve at Forward. We believe that God wants us to reach out to the neighbourhood. We believe that God wants us to be united, a church that takes care of its members, young and old, near and far, and to support our missionaries. These are not all of our activities or goals, but summarize what we as the Advisory Board, and hopefully the whole congregation, believe God wants to do through us. 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 2018 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

Finance Committee: Carol Bain, Charles Chaffey, Allister Walsh

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2017 Budget
INCOME				
Envelopes	20,068	25,238	29,508	22,500
Where Most Needed	179,083	115,185	137,988	122,000
Pre Authorized Gifts	116,250	102,910	84,000	95,000
Loose offerings	4,913	2,616	2,772	2,500
Anniversary offering	27,728	38,795	30,706	30,000
United Way	77,788	115,370	113,330	115,370
Other donations	188	868	222	-
TOTAL INCOME	426,018	400,982	398,526	387,370
MISSIONS INCOME				
Envelopes	18,885	21,816	22,786	21,500
Special Mission Offering	20,850	22,864	23,443	25,000
Other Missions Donations	10	1,554	9	1,500
TOTAL MISSIONS INCOME	39,745	46,234	46,238	48,000
OTHER INCOME				
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	-
Facility Rentals	2,196	4,715	11,665	7,000
Government Grants	3,023	10,042	248	10,000
Recoveries & Fees (mainly camp)	15,080	4,929	1,530	5,100
Interest Earned	166	529	880	500
Other receipts	150	1,349	162	-
TOTAL INCOME	40,815	41,764	35,285	42,800
TOTAL INCOME	506,578	488,980	480,049	478,170

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (Continued)

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2017 Budget
LOCAL EXPENDITURE				
Staff and pastoral costs	305,136	263,613	218,127	346,141
Christian education	21,059	15,983	7,448	18,301
Worship	7,252	5,121	3,417	4,550
Communications and fellowship	9,566	8,931	7,645	7,401
Office and general	17,762	16,050	14,347	17,202
Building	98,820	98,048	96,401	100,900
Bus ministry	1,628	2,122	2,827	3,050
Capital Items	-	1,109	1,228	7,500
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURE	461,223	410,977	351,440	505,045
MISSIONS EXPENDITURE				
Individuals	30,120	36,580	51,510	30,095
Mission Organizations	16,970	18,500	14,160	16,960
Other	13,730	19,414	6,746	22,650
TOTAL MISSIONS EXPENDITURE	60,820	74,494	72,416	69,705
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	522,043	485,471	423,856	574,750
 INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS	(15,465)	3,509	56,193	(96,580)
Special projects	(2,520)	(19,963)	(51,482)	(30,000)
Bequest	1,000	325	-	-
BALANCE, Beginning of year	198,889	215,018	210,302	200,387
BALANCE, End of period	181,904	198,889	215,013	73,807

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE – LOCAL MINISTRY FUND

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2017 Budget
STAFF AND PASTORAL COSTS				
Salaries	194,717	169,336	145,065	232,000
Employee benefits	39,170	30,317	22,419	40,401
Temporary help	34,136	32,621	38,802	41,240
Summer Career Placement	24,189	21,180	4,542	21,000
Book allowance (pastoral staff)	2,000	1,383	1,300	2,000
Work Clothes (custodial staff)	-	-	255	400
Staff Education & development	3,961	2,924	2,615	3,100
Travel	1,059	619	456	1,000
Pastoral costs	2,168	1,170	1,123	1,500
Conferences	3,736	4,063	1,550	3,500
	305,136	263,613	218,127	346,141
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				
Department supplies	2,609	2,047	1,435	1,600
Bible school curriculum	892	619	-	-
Library/resource centre	75	10	349	500
Day camp	8,586	6,371	2,473	6,000
Developing Ministries	4,368	2,053	1,214	2,000
Men's Ministry	-	-	57	200
Family Ministry	2,059	2,111	1,703	2,000
Youth Ministry	2,207	1,988	(843)	5,000
Women's Ministry	263	784	1,060	1,001
	21,059	15,983	7,448	18,301
WORSHIP				
Organ & piano maintenance	1,104	1,800	699	900
Worship expenses	4,880	287	585	800
Special speakers	600	2,360	1,437	2,000
Song License	640	638	696	700
Ordinance	28	36	-	150
	7,252	5,121	3,417	4,550
COMMUNICATIONS AND FELLOWSHIP				
Communications inc Advertising	1,574	1,267	947	1,300
Community Outreach	3,627	2,643	1,874	2,500
Church fellowship	3,441	3,689	4,108	3,001
Flowers	924	663	340	350
Auditorium decorations	-	669	376	250
	9,566	8,931	7,645	7,401

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE - LOCAL MINISTRY FUND (CONTINUED)

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2017 Budget
OFFICE AND GENERAL				
Bank charges & interest	1,703	1,441	1,374	1,401
Cell Phones	2,208	1,809	1,311	3,000
Postage	685	1,132	904	801
Printing, stationery & office supplies	9,307	7,113	6,785	7,500
Telephone	3,885	4,555	3,973	4,500
	17,788	16,050	14,347	17,202
BUILDING				
Building maintenance, repairs and supplies	23,576	23,818	22,679	20,000
Gas	15,505	14,337	20,791	20,000
Hydro & Water	43,218	48,006	41,242	47,500
Insurance	6,344	6,156	6,003	6,000
P.A./ A.V. maintenance & supplies	3,573	571	1,959	2,400
Glenmore property	6,604	5,160	3,727	5,000
	98,820	98,048	96,401	100,900
BUS MINISTRY				
Bus insurance	1,396	1,600	1,776	1,800
Bus operating costs	232	522	464	500
Bus repairs & maintenance	-	-	587	750
	1,628	2,122	2,827	3,050
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				
Capital Expenditures	-	1,109	1,228	7,500
	-	1,109	1,228	7,500

SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – MISSIONS

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2017 Budget
REVENUE				
Envelopes	18,885	21,816	22,786	21,500
Missions Offering	20,850	22,864	23,443	25,000
Other income	10	1,554	9	1,500
TOTAL REVENUE	39,745	46,234	46,238	48,000
INDIVIDUALS				
El: Brian Taylor	-	3,600	13,700	-
EBM: Aaron and Anna Bowes	18,120	18,095	16,440	18,095
YWAM: Jacob and Rachel Kollar	-	660	7,920	-
SIM: Don and Erin Longworth	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
Trans World Radio: Ray and Sandra Alary	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,000
BMFP: Daniel and Emily Ford	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
SEMBEQ: Gilles and Irène Lapierre	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,000
GCLA: Laurie Fliestra	-	500	1,200	-
David & Julie Boonstra	-	3,625	4,350	-
Jennifer Oates	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Martha Oates	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Valera & Laura Strugov (Movein)	1,200			1,200
Bechera & Roula Karkafi (FEBI)	1,200			1,200
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	30,120	36,080	51,010	30,095

SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – MISSIONS FUND (CONTINUED)

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015	2017 Budget
MISSION ORGANIZATIONS				
FAIR (FBC Int)	720	720	720	720
FEBC: General fund	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Fellowship Network Project (Feb Int)	720	720	720	720
FEB Central Church Planting Program	720	720	720	720
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
Toronto City Mission	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
SAT-7 Canada	2,000	2,000	1,200	2,000
MAARIFA - Pioneers	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Designated Gifts	-	1,540	-	-
TOTAL MISSION ORGANIZATIONS	16,960	18,500	14,160	16,960
OTHER				
Conference & Special Speakers	1,262	3,519	1,696	3,500
Short Term Missions	10,000	12,995	2,250	16,100
Gifts to missionaries & retirees	2,400	2,400	2,800	3,050
Special Projects/Events	0	500	-	0
TOTAL OTHER	13,662	19,414	6,746	22,650
TOTAL EXPENSES	60,742	73,994	71,916	69,705
NET INCOME (EXPENSES)	(20,997)	(27,760)	(25,678)	(21,705)

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Operating	Other Funds	Dec. 31 2017	Dec. 31 2016	Dec. 31 2015
ASSETS					
Cash	61,059	-	61,059	63,865	27,640
Investments (savings acct/GIC)	115,747	-	115,747	145,000	160,016
Petty Cash	197	-	197	93	200
Gov't Rebates	21,148	-	21,148	11,527	14,955
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	2,188	-
Prepaid Expenses	3,791	-	3,791	5,085	14,031
Capital assets	-	1	1	1	1
	201,942	1	201,943	227,759	216,843
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	1,702	-	1,702	6,961	429
Member loans payable	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Benevolent Fund	16,772	-	16,772	19,442	
David Barr Fund	742	-	742	214	377
Friday Night Floor Hockey Fund	-	-	-	-	202
Women's Missionary Fellowship	145	-	145	235	
Forward Friendship Club	667	-	667	519	817
	20,028	20,000	40,028	47,372	21,826
FUND BALANCES	181,914	(19,999)	161,915	180,387	195,018

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.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Benevolent Fund	David Barr Fund	Women's Missionary Fellowship	Forward Friendship Club	Total Fund Balances
Balance-Beginning of year	19,442	214	235	519	20,410
Receipts rec'd during year	18,621	795	676	453	20,545
Disbursements during year	21,291	267	766	305	22,629
Balance-end of year	16,772	742	145	667	18,326

SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – BENEVOLENT FUND

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016	2015
INCOME			
Regular giving's	9,753	8,528	7,144
Special benevolent offering for FEBC fund	7,043	-	-
Food bank offerings	1,539	1,767	934
Transfer from bequest account	4,371	5,261	
Interest	286	146	320
	22,992	15,702	8,398
EXPENDITURES			
Benevolence	8,401	5,925	6,855
Special benevolence sent to FEBC fund	7,050	-	-
Food Bank expenses	5,813	6,476	5,147
Bank service charges	27	34	29
	21,291	12,435	12,031
NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	1,701	3,267	(1,112)
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,934	1,667	5,300
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	6,635	4,934	1,667
INVESTMENTS IN BEQUEST ACCT	10,137	14,508	19,703

CHURCH CLERK REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP 2017

Baptisms in 2017

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Sarah Hembruff	Gabriela Holland
James Surjanac	Shawn Taylor

New Members in 2017

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David Iggulden	John McNeill	Byron Scott
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Members Removed in 2017

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<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Membership Transferred</u>	<u>Removed</u>
Sheila McBride	Ron Farr	Lorna Snelling
Salme Repo	Linda Farr	
Douglas McArthur		
Erline V. Llamas		
Richard Larabee		
Cliff Atkins		

Membership by Category 2017

	2017	2016
Active Members	103	111
Member Missionaries	2	4
Inactive Members	19	15
Shut in Members	13	14
Total Membership	137	144

*Total Membership as of December 31, 2017















