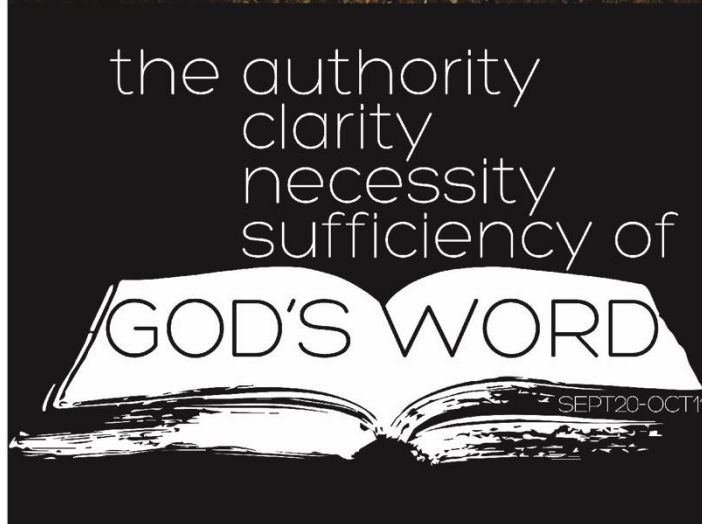


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## STATEMENT OF FAITH

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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



What an encouraging year we've had at Forward this past year. We've truly experienced God's favour with His provision of consistent teaching from the pulpit and the proclamation of the Gospel message. We've seen God's mercies to us in the continuity of programs and the deepening of our thirst to follow our Saviour.

The Elder's Board includes 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;
- 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, continue to petition God to be the centre of all aspects of our ministry here at Forward. We have asked for insight into the direction we need to lead the church. We also used our time together to appeal to our Heavenly Father on behalf of the sick and the lost.

The Elders have met regularly as an independent group on a monthly basis. We have used our time to discuss church matters that have arisen throughout this year. In addition to our elected Elders, we have also enjoyed the counsel of Pastor Aaron Woodhouse and Advisory Board Chair John Deinum who have served alongside us as we seek to serve you. Our time together was also used to pray over our congregants, ministries, missionaries and direction as the body of Christ.

One of the highlights of our year was when the Elders recommended to the Advisory Board that we move towards the ordination of Pastor Stephen Lambert. We had recognized his careful handling of God's word in his preaching as well as God's call on his life into vocational fulltime ministry.

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

*1 Peter 3:15 & 16 New International Version (NIV)*

*15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

Yours in Him,

Shawn Freer

Chairman - Board of Elders

Elders: Pastor Stephen Lambert, Ray Repo, Brian Taylor

As a church, in my opinion, we spent more time in prayer together during 2015 than we have for a few years. We began 2015 with added emphasis on a Sunday evening prayer meeting to seek God's direction and wisdom regarding pastoral staffing. The Sunday evening prayer time continued throughout the year, and we prayed together in a number of small groups including Wednesday evening Bible study, Women's Bible Study, Women's Missionary Fellowship, Sunday mornings, and in various home groups.

As we prayed, the search committee reviewed a number of candidates and recommended three for interview with the Advisory Board. At various stages of this process, all three candidates removed their names from consideration. Near the end of the year, we asked for your input in the form of a ballot with an opportunity to provide comments. A positive outcome of this process was a strong affirmation of Steve Lambert in the role of Pastor of Teaching and Small Groups and Aaron Woodhouse in the role of Pastor of Community Engagement. Conversely, as a congregation we continue to struggle with how the Pastoral team should look and be led; Senior Pastor or a Pastor of Congregational Care and Leadership Development together with our current staff. If you are like me, you may be asking yourself what God is trying to teach us through this time. Please continue to pray that He will lead us and we will follow His guidance obediently.

Despite these concerns, ministry at Forward Baptist Church continues. God has been faithful to us in providing excellent teaching from the pulpit, new members and visitors, strong finances, and drawing us together in unity and love. Thank you for serving our church and contributing unselfishly. Many of you are involved in a small group, serving in the nursery, helping with Kid's Zone, preparing the elements for communion, co-ordinating and providing refreshments after the morning service, serving neighbours of the church through the food bank, PA Days, and the Above the Beach drop in. Thank you.

In closing, I encourage you to grow in your faith and get connected with a small group within our church for prayer, fellowship and support in your life. May He increase and we decrease.

John Deinum,  
Chairman, Advisory Board



This year has been a good year for us. There have been some hard times and we've had some conflict, but God has been moving. And ultimately, that's what matters. I'm convinced that God is stirring up passion for Him in the hearts of the believers at Forward. I know that passion has always been there in some of us, but I'm seeing fresh passion beginning to show itself in God's people (including in myself!), and I'm excited!

Recently, God has really been laying Romans 1:16-17 on my heart:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

These verses have become a prayer for my own life and for our church: that God would convince us of the power of His gospel, its power to save those who come to Him by faith in Jesus Christ and that as a result, we would be unashamed of the gospel; that we would think about the good news of Jesus Christ all throughout our day, every day; that we would remind each other of it at church and at home; and that we would boldly proclaim it to our friends, family, co-workers, neighbours, and even fellow church attenders, who have not yet given their lives to Christ.

I've seen that happening, little by little at Forward, and I'm rejoicing over it! I hope you're rejoicing with me. Please, allow me to share with you some of the ways God has been moving at Forward, so you can continue to pray with us and hopefully be moved by the Holy Spirit to walk more and more with us in this endeavour.

### **Preaching Ministry**

As our church's time of transition continued this year, we have been very blessed in that we have been able to maintain a consistent and cohesive preaching ministry. God's Word is the foundation of God's Church, and the preaching of God's Word is a central component to our church life as we seek to be faithful to God and live gospel-centered lives.

We have been greatly blessed by men like Keith Edwards, Mark Lambert (my father), Shawn Freer, and Don Webster who were available and willing to preach God's Word for us on several occasions. Of course, Pastor Aaron Woodhouse and I were more than happy to preach regularly here too. With the help of these men, we were able to preach series on the books of 1 Timothy and Nehemiah, as well as preach a handful of topical series on spiritual disciplines, the attributes of God's Word, God's design for us as humans, and how the covenants of the Old Testament point us to Jesus. It is our hope that the gospel has permeated each and every sermon that was preached here this past year.

### **Prayer, Fasting, and Fellowship**

This year has seen an increase in emphasis on the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting. Our 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.

This past year, we also scheduled monthly fellowship meals (usually on a communion Sunday) in order to spur us on towards connecting better as a church. Our hope and prayer is that as we continue these meals, our church will grow as a community that encourages and challenges each other, and most of all, points each other to Christ.

### **Small Groups**

Our small group ministry continues to grow and flourish this year. 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 our 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, and Membership**

God is always faithful and we rejoice in how He is working in our church. This past year we had at least one salvation from a gentleman who lived in our community. We rejoice that God redeemed this man from his sins and began to change his life just several months before He took him home suddenly. God is continuing to work in our community through the witness of our church (each of you!) and we are seeing people considering and opening up to the message of the gospel.

Although we have had no baptisms this year, we have had the privilege of welcoming nine new members into our church. In an effort to keep our membership meaningful, we have spent some time looking through our membership lists and trying to reconnect with those that we have not seen in a while. As a result of this, some, sadly, have been removed as members (the clerks report will reflect this), and others have, thankfully, returned to us. We are seeking to meet with our membership three or four times a year through scheduled members meetings to give our members a chance to discuss issues in the life of the church and hear from the leadership on these issues. 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.

### **Youth Group**

Last winter and spring, our youth group went through the books of Joshua and Judges together. We learned about trusting and obeying God and the consequences of not doing so. This fall, we began the book of Colossians and are learning about what it means to be "in Christ".

Our youth group is currently very small. There are only four teenagers from grades seven to twelve who are a part of our church. There are also some friends who attend youth group, but overall, the group is still very small. However, we began a monthly ministry to "junior youth" (grades three to

six) this past year and we have had a really great group of children out to that ministry. We are hoping that this ministry will bolster our youth ministry as these children grow older.

God has been bringing families with young children into our church and as a result, our children's ministry is growing. Pray that God brings families with teenagers to our church. Pray that our youth would be sharing their faith. Pray that our youth ministry would be vibrant. Please pray for our youth that they would have points of connection with our church and would be excited about their relationship with Christ so that they can grow in their faith and knowledge of God. Also, please pray as we continue to search for a youth intern, now that my role at the church has changed.

### **College & Career**

Our C&C ministry has not been particularly active this past year, although our C&C students are very involved in the life of the church. This January, Brittany So took the initiative to start a monthly gathering for our college and careers. Please pray for this ministry as we seek to find ways to get our university students connected to each other. Pray as well for many of our students who are away at school. Pray that all of our students would be growing in their love for Christ and their confidence in the gospel.

### **Ordination & Seminary**

On a personal note, I am very thankful to Forward for supporting me in my ordination process this past year. I have felt very blessed by Forward over the past almost eight years, and this past year in particular. I am very thankful for each of 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 fourteen courses and been granted advanced standing in seven more, which puts me at 62 out of 90 credits, just over two thirds finished! I hope to finish my degree in 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's gospel is amazing and powerful and it has been producing fruit in our church. So as we continue on with 2016, let's commit to letting the power of the gospel soak into our lives and saturate us so much that it spills out of us wherever we go and whatever we do.

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Lambert  
Pastor of Teaching & Discipleship

It is clear to me that God has done great things at our church this year. As you read the annual report I trust you will recall not only the events and numbers of this past year, but also how God has challenged and changed you this year. To grow in faith, grace, love, and in sharing your faith. As a church we are made up of individuals who are forgiven because of the work of Jesus on the cross. Collectively, we come together as a community centered around the work of Jesus to proclaim who God is and what God is doing among us in our community, country, and world. Individually and collectively we are to proclaim Christ and point people to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. I trust that you have been blessed this year to be part of the Forward Baptist Church community.

One of the continued areas of importance and emphasis at our church in 2015 was a renewed dependency on prayer. Starting in Jan 2015 we began to meet every Sunday evening at 6:00pm for an hour of prayer. Some major prayer focuses have been continued church unity, staffing direction, eyes to see how God is working in individuals, our church and community, our sick, the salvation of others, the Beach Hill neighbourhood, and spiritual growth. Join with us in praying fervently in 2016, asking God to do amazing things this year in our church and the Beach Hill community.

Here are some of the ways we pray as a church, including opportunities for you to join us in prayer this year:

- Wednesdays at 7 pm - small group prayer and Bible study at the church
- Sundays at 9:30 am and 6 pm - prayer meetings at the church
- Congregational prayer times in our Sunday morning worship services
- Elders' meetings and Advisory Board meetings
- Bi-monthly prayer and fasting
- Weekly staff meetings
- Plus the many individuals, shut-ins, small groups, prayer groups and ministry teams that spend time praying!

I'm also thankful to our church leadership and membership that in Dec 2015 I was confirmed as Pastor of Community Engagement. I had been serving at Forward in a number of unofficial roles over the last almost 3 years and my family and I are thankful to continue to call Forward our home and are blessed to be able to serve among this church community.

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. 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 2016.

### **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 (more than 60% of the volunteers were from Forward). Many families from Forward attended and it was a huge success. Looking forward - Oasis Family Camp is already full for 2016, 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.

**Oasis Family Breakfast:** If you are between the ages of 0 - 100+, single, married, in high school, in university, with children, or without, you are invited to attend. This breakfast represents God's definition of the Family of God. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Oasis Family Breakfasts are intended to bring all generations of our church family together for a time of fellowship, worship, outreach and sharing a meal together. It is important to spend time together to grow as a church family in unity and in relationship with God. Continue to pray for this ministry also as an outreach or "next step" for people who attend some of our other church ministries (such as Above the Beach) and as individuals invite friends and coworkers to attend.

**PA Day Camps:** This ministry was started during the 2014/15 school year and has grown from 2 kids attending the first one to now over 30 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. Thanks to our great team of volunteers who help with each PA Day camp (each one requires 15+ volunteers)! Would you please consider volunteering for the day or for half the day to continue to reach our community and share the love of Christ with the kids that attend?

**Nursery and KidZone:** Our Nursery program is offered from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm each Sunday morning and our KidZone takes place approximately half way through the service from 11:00am - 11:45 am. We had about 3-6 kids attend each week in the Nursery and 6-15 kids in Kidzone. Forward Children's Ministry requires a lot of volunteers to serve and love all our kids. We have 20 - 25 volunteers on a rotating schedule that have served faithfully this past year. You all are amazing!

**Above the Beach Drop In:** This ministry has seen explosive growth in the past year. In 2014 we had 35-60 people attending weekly, in 2015 we had 70 -100 kids/parents/caregivers attending every week, on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am. Thanks to our wonderful friendly greeters, Bertha Sharpe and Erline Llamas, that welcome everyone with a smiling face and help them come in. Also a big thanks to Mary Deinum, Becky Lambert, Janet Theunissen, Christine Woodhouse and Tess Wickham 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. Also pray for more volunteers to be involved in this ministry - greeting, connecting with parents and caregivers, preparing snacks, cleaning up, all roles are vitally important in this ministry and we need more help.

**Forward Kids' Camp:** July 13-17, 2015 we held our Everest summer kids' camp. We had 27 kids attend, which is up from 12 kids in 2014! Our theme was Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Thanks to the 15+ volunteers who spent 5 half-days with all the kids. We could not have done this without you. We have planned an expansion of our summer camps in 2016. Please pray that these new endeavours would help us make connections, share the gospel and that lives will be changed forever.

**Halloween Outreach Event:** On October 31, 2015, for the first time in 4 years it did not rain during our Halloween outreach event. The rain held off until the very last items were cleaned up at 8:45pm. Thanks to the team that assembled to make the event a great success. More than any other single day of the year, Halloween night provides a unique opportunity for us to have a visible presence with families and children in the Beach Hill community. We set up a tent and offered free hot chocolate, tea, coffee, treats, info about church events, and glow sticks to the people that stopped by. The response was very positive with lots of thanks from the neighbours and also a continued acknowledgement that we are part of the Beach Hill community.

**Community Food bank:** On the 2nd 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 offer a free Bible to those interested - most months we will give away 2-5 Bibles. Following that time, people in groups of 3 head to the "food bank" to get food, while others continue to eat and talk in the Fellowship Hall. People are welcome to stay and talk, and we are usually done at about 11 am. Pray that we will continue to love, serve and share of ourselves with people that live in the Beach Hill community.

### **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 occasion 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 2015 - Opportunity to share about our Church.
- Beach Hill community cleanup day, Apr 2015 - Approximately 15+ people helped clean up the BHN following the Sunday morning service.
- Sportball Outreach event, Apr 2015
- Beach Hill Planting Day, May 2015
- Neighbourhood Street Sale with jumpy castle and popcorn, May 2015
- Community Christmas Carol Sing, Dec 2015
- Beach Hill Bake-A-Rama, Dec 2015
- A monthly fellowship meal following our Sunday services
- CHOIR! A community choir. First performance, Nov 2015
- Above the Beach, PA Day Camps, Food Bank, and more.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aaron Woodhouse  
Pastor of Community Engagement



This has been a rewarding year for me as I have served along with you here! It has been a joy...and a challenge. I can say with a full and grateful heart, that I have grown in so many ways! Thank you, church family, for supporting me as I learn and grow and for praying for me. But it is not only me who has grown. It has been a joy for me to see us also grow closer together and to Christ as a church family. I pray that we will continue to grow together in our love for and knowledge of Christ!

**Worship Services:** I am so thankful for each of you who are involved in the worship services. There are so many pieces to this and your participation and time is a blessing to our entire church family! One of the things we have done more intentionally this year is include times of congregational prayer in the services on a more regular basis. I pray we will continue to grow as a family as we spend time in community, worshipping through prayer, song, scripture, giving, and teaching!

**Worship Choir:** We met through the year to pray together, learn new skills related to music, and also learn songs to share in the Sunday morning worship services. It has been a joy for me to get to know each of the worship choir members on a deeper level. In December we also went to Ched's home and participated in their Christmas Program.

**CHOIR! outreach:** In the fall, my friend Damaris Schmucker and I started a community-based choir. The response from the community was fantastic! We held our first concert at the end of November. Please continue to pray for this outreach...and also pray about how you can join this ministry.

**Field Placement:** Randi Booker (a student at TBS) finished her field placement here, attending our services, participating in a music team, and helping during the week to prepare things for Sunday and to learn about service planning. It was a pleasure to mentor her in this way and to see her grow!

**Jam Nights:** We held a few Jam Nights. In the spring, participation was great! We shared one of the pieces we learned together in a Sunday morning service. The purpose of these evenings is to encourage musicians (of all skill levels!) to come out and play/sing together.

**Worship Committee:** The worship committee met last year to talk about the music we are singing and to bring forward suggestions for new songs that we should sing. In addition we talked about services during the seasons of Advent and Easter, and about ways we can be more intentional in encouraging the volunteers involved in worship ministries to grow.

**Worship God Conference:** I am thankful for the opportunity I had in the summer to attend a worship conference that is put on by Sovereign Grace Ministries. It was greatly encouraging for me to spend a few days together with other worship leaders talking about the Trinity and worshipping God together!

**Shut-Ins:** Bulletins and other relevant communications are sent out on a regular basis to the shut-ins. In addition, I send them hand-written cards or give them a phone call occasionally.

## **Communications/Publications:**

- **Bi-Monthly Bulletins:** In the fall I redesigned the concept we were using for bulletins and introduced the bi-monthly bulletin. This allows us to communicate in a more organized and comprehensive manner the events and ministries here at the church. It also allows us to move away from being primarily event-focus, to also include articles from our pastors and regular updates on ministries here at the church.
- **Sunday Bulletins:** In conjunction with the bi-monthly bulletin, the weekly bulletin was re-designed to have a more current look and be less redundant in its content.
- **Prayer Bulletins:** These are prepared each week to encourage you in prayer. Prayer is essential to our health as the body of Christ! You can find updates on congregation members, friends, and missionaries, as well as ways you can pray for our church, our community, and our world. In addition, each month there are calendars available to help you pray for the persecuted church and for our church Fellowship. I encourage each of you to interact with these resources! Also, please share your prayer and praise items with me so that we can pray together with you.
- **Study Guides, Reading Plan, and Discussion Questions:** The first half of the year, we printed study guides to go along with the sermon series and to encourage us to be reading scripture together and talking about it. In the fall we switched to a three year reading plan that will take us through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice. In addition, bi-weekly study questions are posted online for small groups to use.

To each of you who are involved in the worship services, choirs, administrative tasks, etc., your willingness to offer your abilities to God is a blessing to each of us! Thank you!

“To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.” Jude 24-25 (NIV)

In Christ,  
Sarah Quartel  
Worship & Communications

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

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I wish to pay tribute to Ruth Atkins, who for many years spent hours phoning, emailing, planning and worrying about the programmes. Now, due to health problems, Ruth has had to relinquish the helm and we will miss her. Thank you, Ruth, for all the years of pleasure you have provided us.

Chat 'n' Chew meets the 1st and 3rd Fridays from October to June, with two day-trips in the summer months. Our Fridays begin with an early coffee hour (tea/orange juice) at 9:30 am, with our programme from 10 am to 11 am. You don't have to wait until the 55+ category to come; we still feel youthful so you will feel at home.

A few of our programmes from the past year are...

- "Esther," an interactive drama written by Don Webster, challenging latent acting talent.
  - Evangel Hall Mission, highlighting their craft programme, directed by someone who never dreamt she, too, would be homeless. (At Christmas, buy some of their beeswax candles from Sal Repo, Mission advocate.)
  - Sandra Joyce, author, with her new book, "Belonging."
  - Sarah Quartel, a travelogue of her Israeli trip.
  - A summer day-trip to a large greenhouse complex in Holland Marsh, started 37 years ago as 2 or 3 greenhouses, now covers 5 acres.
  - Christmas special with Aliisandro Paonessa, (Don and Thelma Webster's granddaughter), the programme ending with her exquisite voice giving us a benediction with "O Holy Night."
- These Friday mornings are a way to get to know others as we sit around tables with good, challenging mental twisters and then, our guest speaker.

A committee of eight is involved in all aspects of the group; everyone having a specific role, but all jumping where needed. To cover our expenses, including our guests' honorariums, we appreciate a toonie if possible. Different people are asked to bring food so there is always a variety. With an anecdote or joke for a smile, a meditation for our spirits and a variety of speakers for our minds, our programmes touch all in different ways, for we are all different. You will feel quite at home with us. There will be someone just like you.

Submitted by  
Lorna Snelling

***“The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed”***

***Hudson Taylor***

Both the Old and New Testaments reveal 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.

The year 2015 was marked by organizational transition within our church community. However, the calendar year contained a continuous focus on missions. Highlighting our ‘Focus on Missions’ were the following missional events of sharing and rejoicing:

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, the focus was on *“Foreign Missions”*, particularly in the context of South – East Asia’s mission’s history. Our guest speaker was Rev. CY Yan, Ontario Regional Director, Overseas Missionary Fellowship – OMF International. We were favored by a presentation related to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of China Inland Mission (CIM) / today’s Overseas Missionary Fellowship, and of the life and ministry of James Hudson Taylor and his enduring legacy. Rev. Yan’s Sermon title *“The Hudson Taylor Legacy 150”*, was an encouraging dissertation of a life committed to Christ.

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> saw the church community gather for the *“Missions Dinner”*. A rich and wonderful time of fellowship was had by all, fuelled by the exotic taste and aroma of the foods representative of the cultures served by our missionaries. Brian and Elsabet Taylor were also honored for their nearly three decades of missionary service with Emmanuel International. We were blessed by the presence of Richard McGowan, Director, Emmanuel International, whose comments underscored the Taylor’s ministry. The Middleton family was also well represented in numbers. Mark Middleton shared delightful family memories, particularly as related to his sister Elsabet. A historical photo collection and memorable PowerPoint presentation of the Taylor’s ministry history, produced by Pastor Don Webster, was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we turned our focus on *“Home Missions”* and were encouraged by our guest speaker Rev. Nathan Fullerton, Associate Pastor of Liberty Grace Church, a developing urban ministry supported by Forward Baptist. Pastor Fullerton expressed a vision for more churches in our city, and encouraged us to elevate our outlook for our local community.

The contributions of Jerry and Denise Britton, John Tietze and Don Webster are appreciated for the selfless sharing of their talents and prayerful support.

***“Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works”.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray E. Repo, Chairman, Missions Committee

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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Let us remember and give thanks to God for His many blessings! We as a church have been blessed with great facilities that enable life-changing ministry to happen. This applies to not only our church, but also the 2 other evangelical churches (Korean Bible Baptist Church 10+ years, Rehoboth Evangelical Ethiopian Church) that use our facilities to proclaim Jesus as the only hope for individuals, families, our city, and the world.

Our prayer as a property committee is to maintain and improve our property so it can continue to be used in amazing ways for God's glory in the years to come. Our current property is aging and will require regular upgrading and fixing to ensure that it is useable for ministry in the future.

We thank our Custodian Team that worked hard in 2015 in maintaining and cleaning our facilities. We are thankful for all our part time custodians that work together to keep the facility ready for ministry: Llyod Sparks, Travis Camber, James Shuttleworth, Luke McNeill, Peter Gittings, Bichash Adera (Pastor Kassa Lamma's wife), Paul Bowles, and Eric Renaud.

Highlights from 2015:

- New windows were installed in the church Sanctuary (with money designated from 2014 Anniversary offering).
- Fixed the rusted-out door in the basement hallway heading towards the gym.
- Updated and improved the Fellowship Hall area with new windows, 8 ft rectangular tables and chairs.
- Better signage was created around the church by Liam Freer to direct members, adherents and guests around our labyrinth of a facility.
- Continued to de-clutter the church to make better use of spaces for ministry.
- Removed the back 3 rows of pews in the Sanctuary
- Relocated the church mailboxes so they are accessible.
- Outside property improvements included a new wood fence along the south side of our property for safety and security reasons, improved grading and access along the south side of our property.

Looking forward to the year ahead in 2016:

- Have already updated the sound system, added lighting and added assistive hearing devices and other improvements to the Sanctuary.
- Finish making plans to update the Fellowship Hall with updated window coverings, paint and storage solutions for all the chairs, tables, and various items that are all around the walls of the Fellowship Hall.
- Create a multi-step plan on how best to use the current main office and Pastor's office on the main floor.
- Create a master painting plan for a number of rooms in the church so we can begin painting the rooms as need, volunteers, time, and money permits.
- Finish the better signage initiative started in 2015.
- New metal benches in front of the church courtesy of the City of Toronto and the Beach Hill Neighbourhood Association.
- Put together a 5-year plan on facility repairs and upgrades that may be needed.

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.

We would also like to thank Steve Ashby for his work in looking after the Library. The new location has made it more accessible and we encourage all members to take advantage of the book resources we have.

May we continue to be good stewards of what God has entrusted us with in 2016 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



### **Women's Ministry**

Since the establishment of a small group ministry, the women's Bible studies transitioned into small groups and enjoyed the blessing of spending time along with the other small groups studying the sermons week by week. Our Wednesday evening Bible studies have continued this past year with different women joining us for a time as they were able. This past year we used the Sunday sermons as our focus for our discussion and study.

The long running Thursday noon hour women's Bible study continued to meet each week, enjoying a bag lunch together & then studying the scriptures. After discussing the sermons for the first half of the year, they have been going through the Psalms this past fall.

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.

The women's ministry continued our support of the Oasis Family breakfasts, desiring to see the church family become more unified and encouraging women and families to attend the events already in place and build relationships.

Respectfully submitted by the Women's ministry team

Debbie Michaud, Carol Bain, Denise Britton, Mary Deinum, Becky Lambert, Sarah Quartel, Christine Woodhouse

### **Women's Mission Fellowship Report**

The Fellowship has existed for six decades promoting interest of and support for missionaries. Our meetings consist of having a simple bag lunch and a cup of tea, held on the last Thursday of the month at 12 o'clock noon. We share in listening to a missions' report, having a time of prayer/praise for the needs of our missionaries and singing hymns together. Cards and notes are sent regularly to our missionaries.

Among our speakers this past year were leaders from Toronto City Mission, Evangel Hall Mission (who brought a supply of hand-made bees-wax candles which could be purchased to support their work). We also heard from Sanctuary Mission, Move-In Vision Team, and some of our own missionaries. We have been supporting a young student of Mully Children's Family in Kenya. We collect hundreds of bibles, Christian books and study guides for the Christian Salvage Mission. This literature is highly valued and is eventually distributed to pastors, people and Christian workers in third-world countries.

It is an awesome privilege to participate in God's work. "Let us not grow weary in doing good..."

Respectfully submitted,  
Salme Repo

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Forward continues to be blessed by God with members that provide gracious gifts to support the Church to continue to meet its objectives. We continued to have faith that God will provide the means to help Forward glorify His name and achieve His will. We are focussed to manage and utilize the monetary resources received to Glorify God, Grow in Christ and to go with the Gospel.

We are grateful and praise God that the 2015 giving's were more than sufficient to cover our operating expenses and special projects. The giving's have increased slightly when compared to 2014, and the church finances continue to be healthy. The planned expenditure for 2016 is expected to be in line with the level of the 2015 giving's. We believe and pray that God will provide through His children to support our church and missionary activities through 2016.

The 2015 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 and the addition of chairs and equipment.

Staffing and expenditures to maintain the building continue to represent a significant proportion of our annual expenditures and will continue to be for 2016 as it makes up the core of our church.

Available funds at the end of 2015 were \$215,013, compared to \$210,301 at the end of 2014. As presented in the budget during December, we plan to utilize excess funds accumulated from previous years to upgrade the sanctuary and sound system and for special needs as God lays these on our path. 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.

I would like to thank the members of the finance committee: Carol Bain, Charles Chaffey, and Allister Walsh for their assistance this past year. 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, 2015

	----- Year to date -----			2015
	2015	2014	2013	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Envelopes	\$29,508	\$19,760	\$35,614	20,000
Where Most Needed	137,988	162,332	233,346	195,000
Pre Authorized Gifts	84,000	79,075	56,635	80,000
Loose offerings	2,772	3,326	3,986	5,000
Anniversary offering	30,706	29,265	28,392	30,000
United Way	113,330	101,305	99,046	98,000
Other donations	222	237	271	400
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$398,526</b>	<b>\$395,300</b>	<b>\$457,290</b>	<b>\$428,400</b>
<b>MISSIONS INCOME</b>				
Envelopes	\$22,786	\$21,756	\$20,388	\$20,500
Special Mission Offering	23,443	20,937	27,210	30,000
Other Missions Donations	9	245	2,220	-
<b>TOTAL MISSIONS INCOME</b>	<b>\$46,238</b>	<b>\$42,938</b>	<b>\$49,818</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>
<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	300	1,800
Facility Rentals	11,665	7,118	7,503	7,000
Government Grants	248	1,693	2,733	1,700
Recoveries & Fees (mainly camp)	1,530	540	562	600
Interest Earned	880	1,419	1,353	1,500
Other receipts	162	914	500	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$35,285</b>	<b>\$32,484</b>	<b>\$33,151</b>	<b>\$32,800</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$480,049</b>	<b>\$470,722</b>	<b>\$540,259</b>	<b>\$511,700</b>

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
 STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE (Continued)  
 FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	----- Year to date -----			2015
	2015	2014	2013	Budget
<b>LOCAL EXPENDITURE</b>				
Staff and pastoral costs	\$218,127	\$211,817	\$285,938	289,500
Christian education	7,448	11,494	11,961	9,900
Worship	3,417	3,826	2,211	4,550
Communications and fellowship	7,645	7,500	7,822	7,450
Office and general	14,347	14,677	15,664	14,000
Building	96,401	115,623	98,357	106,000
Bus ministry	2,827	3,030	3,389	3,000
Capital Items	1,228	1,360	5,637	3,000
TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURE	\$351,440	\$369,327	\$430,979	\$437,400
<b>MISSIONS EXPENDITURE</b>				
Individuals	\$51,510	\$54,060	\$61,648	52,680
Mission Organizations	14,160	15,640	17,140	14,660
Other	6,746	5,788	6,229	8,250
TOTAL MISSIONS EXPENDITURE	\$72,416	\$75,488	\$85,017	\$75,590
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$423,856</b>	<b>\$444,815</b>	<b>\$515,996</b>	<b>\$512,990</b>
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE BEFORE				
SPECIAL ITEMS	56,193			(1,290)
2014 Deferred revenue	30,000			
Special projects	(51,482)			
BALANCE, Beginning of year	180,302			
<b>BALANCE, End of period</b>	<b>\$215,013</b>			

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE - LOCAL MINISTRY FUND  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	----- Year to date -----			
	2015	2014	2013	2015 Budget
<b>STAFF AND PASTORAL COSTS</b>				
Salaries	\$145,065	\$143,139	\$218,175	\$220,000
Employee benefits	22,419	27,144	32,278	30,000
Temporary help	38,802	32,478	27,315	26,500
Summer Career Placement	4,542	3,686	2,860	3,700
Book allowance (pastoral staff)	1,300	1,194	1,250	1,500
Work Clothes (custodial staff)	255	-	200	200
Staff Education & development	2,615	2,070	1,475	3,100
Travel	456	448	630	1,000
Pastoral costs	1,123	981	169	1,000
Conferences - conventions	1,550	677	1,586	2,500
	\$ 218,127	\$211,817	\$285,938	\$289,500
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>				
Department supplies	\$1,435	\$635	\$442	\$1,000
Bible school curriculum	-	158	1,063	500
Library/resource centre	349	436	360	500
Day camp	2,473	1,718	1,629	2,500
Developing Ministries	1,214	1,124	375	1,000
Men's Ministry	57	199	108	200
Family Ministry	1,703	563	110	200
Youth Ministry	(843)	5,973	6,306	2,000
Women's Ministry	1,060	688	1,568	2,000
	\$7,448	\$11,494	\$11,961	\$9,900
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Organ & piano maintenance	\$699	\$699	\$414	\$800
Adult choir music	585	647	9	1,000
Special speakers	1,437	1,647	1,017	1,500
Song License	696	733	665	1,100
Ordinance	-	100	106	150
	\$3,417	\$3,826	\$2,211	\$4,550
<b>COMMUNICATIONS AND FELLOWSHIP</b>				
Communications inc Advertising	\$947	\$1,908	\$1,844	\$2,000
Community Outreach	1,874	2,169	1,476	2,500
Catering	4,108	2,776	3,807	2,000
Flowers	340	475	695	800
Auditorium decorations	376	172	-	150
	\$7,645	\$7,500	\$7,822	\$7,450

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE - LOCAL MINISTRY FUND (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	----- Year to date -----			2015
	2015	2014	2013	Budget
<b>OFFICE AND GENERAL</b>				
Bank charges & interest	\$1,374	\$1,474	\$2,211	\$1,000
Cell Phones	1,311	2,037	1,599	2,000
Postage	904	633	600	500
Print stationery & office supplies	6,785	6,400	7,429	7,500
Telephone	3,973	4,133	3,825	3,000
	\$14,347	\$14,677	\$15,664	\$14,000
<b>BUILDING</b>				
Building maintenance, repairs and supplies	\$22,679	\$45,453	\$35,186	\$25,000
Gas	20,791	18,468	14,120	25,000
Hydro & Water	41,242	41,557	39,095	44,000
Insurance	6,003	5,726	5,249	6,000
P.A./ A.V. maintenance & supplies	1,959	743	1,164	1,000
Glenmore property	3,727	3,676	3,543	5,000
	\$96,401	\$115,623	\$98,357	\$106,000
<b>BUS MINISTRY</b>				
Bus insurance	\$1,776	\$1,558	\$1,738	\$2,000
Bus operating costs	464	412	842	500
Bus repairs & maintenance	587	1,060	809	500
	\$2,827	\$3,030	\$3,389	\$3,000
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>				
Capital Expenditures	\$1,228	\$1,360	\$5,637	\$3,000
	\$1,228	\$1,360	\$5,637	\$3,000



FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – MISSIONS FUND  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	----- Year to date -----			2015
	2015	2014	2013	Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Envelopes	22,786	21,756	20,388	20,500
Missions Offering	23,443	20,937	27,210	30,000
FAIR	-	60	720	-
Other income	9	185	1,500	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$46,238</b>	<b>\$42,938</b>	<b>\$49,818</b>	<b>\$50,500</b>
<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>				
El: Brian Taylor	\$13,700	\$16,450	\$16,440	\$10,970
EBM: Aaron and Anna Bowes	16,440	16,440	16,450	16,450
YWAM: Jacob and Rachel Kollar	7,920	7,920	7,920	8,710
GEM: Jaime Simpson	-	-	3,600	-
Trans World Radio: Ray and Sandra Alary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
BMFP: Daniel and Emily Ford	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
SEMBEQ: Gilles and Irène Lapierre	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
GCLA: Laurie Fliestra	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
David & Julie Boonstra	4,350	4,350	4,350	4,350
Beth Navarro	-	900	900	1,200
Jennifer Oates	1,200	900	900	1,200
Martha Oates	1,200	900	900	1,200
Jessica Breski	-	-	3,988	
Individuals – Other	500	-	-	2,400
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>\$51,510</b>	<b>\$54,060</b>	<b>\$61,648</b>	<b>\$52,680</b>

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH  
SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – MISSIONS FUND (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	----- Year to date -----			2015
	2015	2014	2013	Budget
<b>MISSION ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
FEBC: FAIR	\$720	\$500	\$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	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	500
Toronto City Mission	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
SAT-7 Canada	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Designated Gifts	-	-	1,500	-
TOTAL MISSION ORGANIZATIONS	\$14,160	\$15,640	\$17,140	\$14,660
<b>OTHER</b>				
Conference & Special Speakers	\$1,696	\$1,368	\$1,645	\$3,500
Short Term Missions	2,250	1,250	500	2,000
Gifts to missionaries & retirees	2,800	3,170	2,500	2,750
Special Projects/Events	-	-	1,584	-
TOTAL OTHER	\$6,746	\$5,788	\$6,229	\$8,250
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$72,416	\$75,488	\$85,017	\$75,590
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENSES)</b>	\$(26,178)	\$(32,550)	\$(35,199)	\$(25,090)

*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, 2015

	General Operating	Other Funds	Dec 31 2015	Dec. 31 2014	Dec. 31 2013
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$27,640		\$27,640	\$43,722	\$60,387
Investments (savings acct)	160,016		160,016	159,185	107,808
Petty Cash	200		200	200	700
Gov't Rebates	14,955		14,955	12,084	13,620
Prepaid Expenses	14,031		14,031	500	1,877
Capital assets	-	1	1	1	1
	\$216,842	\$1	\$216,843	\$215,691	\$184,393
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$429	-	\$429	\$4,044	\$3,952
Member loans payable	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Deferred revenue for special projects	-	-	-	30,000	-
Missions Fund	-	-	-	-	-
David Barr Fund	377		377	694	439
Friday Night Floor Hockey Fund	202		202	240	799
Forward Friendship Club	817		817	412	346
	\$1,825	\$20,000	\$21,825	\$55,390	\$25,536
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$215,017</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$195,018</b>	<b>\$160,302</b>	<b>\$158,857</b>

**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, 2015

	Missions Fund	David Barr Fund	Friday Night Floor Hockey	Forward Friendship Club	Total Missions Fund
Balance-Beginning of year	\$-	\$694	\$240	\$412	\$1,347
Receipts rec'd during year	\$46,238	\$375	\$-	\$1,175	\$47,788
Transfers from other funds	\$26,178	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$26,178
Disbursements during year	\$72,416	\$692	\$38	\$770	\$73,916
Balance-end of year	\$-	\$377	\$202	\$817	\$1,396

FORWARD BAPTIST CHURCH

**SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – BENEVOLENT FUND  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	2015	2014	2013
<b>INCOME</b>			
Regular givings	\$7,144	\$4,767	\$7,302
Food bank offerings	934	661	1,050
Transfer from bequest account	-	-	5,000
Interest	320	196	225
Pay back of funds	-	-	30
	<u>\$8,398</u>	<u>\$5,624</u>	<u>\$13,607</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Benevolence	\$6,855	\$3,694	\$5,741
Food Bank expenses	5,147	2,966	3,791
Bank service charges	29	24	38
Fee to print cheques	-	52	-
	<u>\$12,031</u>	<u>\$6,736</u>	<u>\$9,570</u>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<u>\$(3,633)</u>	<u>\$(1,112)</u>	<u>\$4,037</u>
<b>BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$5,300	\$6,412	\$2,375
<b>BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	\$1,667	\$5,300	\$6,412
<b>INVESTMENTS IN BEQUEST ACCT</b>	<u>\$19,703</u>	<u>\$19,766</u>	<u>\$19,605</u>

## CHURCH CLERK REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP 2015

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Total Membership as of December 31, 2015 141

Baptisms in 2015 0

New Members in 2015 9

Marien Breen	Liam Freer	Austin Paul
Travis Camber	Racquel Lahey	Geri Trainer-Cooper
Ched Cruz	Becky Lambert	Tess Wickham

Members Removed in 2015 43

<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Removed</u>	Michael Jobe	Monica Simpson
Ron Cameron	Dawn Bernasch	Michael McDermott	Smith Simpson
Jill Hunter	Michael Burgess	Brigitte McInnis	Barry Simpson
<u>Membership Transferred</u>	Catherine Cogan	W.R. McKay	Susan Simpson
John McNeill	Mike Deinum	Michael McNeill	Robert Simpson
Jean McDermid	Gary Ellis	Sarah McNeill	Diana Tustin
Richard Sampson	Cathy Ellis	Marjorie Monahan	Bruce Wilhelm
Nora Sampson	Tyler Ellis	Susan Monahan	Lynne Wilhelm
Ephraim Sampson	Jessie Fiddler	Linda Newell	Mark Wilhelm
Nida Sampson	Susan Frueh	Robert Nowogorski	Bryan Wilhelm
Ivor Sampson	Amanda Jobe	Wu Quing	Bud Wright
Hazel William	Alexander Jobe	Merv Simpson	

### Membership by Category

Active Members	105
Member Missionaries	4
Inactive Members	18
Shut in Members	14
Total Membership	141